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Epiphany Sunday

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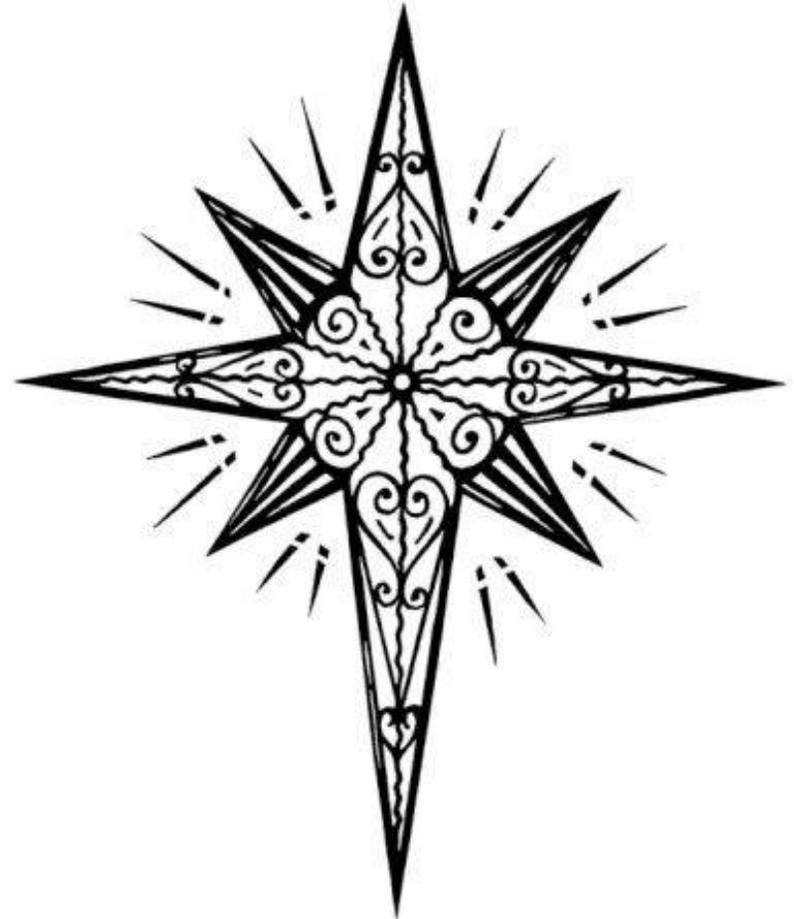
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Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim
Accompanist: Evelyn Roden
Children's Song Leader: Jake & Barb Ens
Greeter: Anne Klaassen
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp

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Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship **God is Here Among Us** HWB No. 16  
Prayer  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
Children's Time/Song **Clap de Hands** insert  
*Child care is provided for young children*  
Offering and Offertory StS No. 140  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Hymn **Christ, Whose Glory** HWB No. 216  
Meditation **Following the Star** Anita Retzlaff  
Communion  
Benediction  
Sending Hymn **As With Gladness** HWB No. 218

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Spotlight on Mennonite Church Canada (MC Canada)

The MC Canada Assembly will be held in Saskatoon this summer. Planning is well underway and many local volunteers will be called upon to assist in hosting this biennial national assembly.

This Week

Today 11:00 am Worship and communion; Anita Retzlaff speaking.
Friday/Saturday **Rosthern Junior College Tournament of Memories.** Phone Denelda at 306-221-2846 or the RJC office at 306-232-4222.

Coming Up

Next Sun. 8:55 am Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *The Ultimate Homework of Life: Holding Hands with our Mortality.*
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Jan. 11 2:00 pm **Ecumenical Bible Study.**
Jan. 12 1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation** time; lounge
Jan. 14 7:00 pm **Intergenerational Activity** at church -- peacemaking session with Mennonite Central Committee.
Jan. 15 7:30 pm **Musical Jam Session;** lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
Jan. 17 2:00 pm, **Rosthern Junior College Winter Theatre;** for tickets
7:30 pm (\$10) phone January 4--306-232-4222 ; office@rjc.sk.ca
Jan. 19 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study.**
6:30 pm **School of Discipleship** course on poetry, held at NPMC. Facilitator is Edna Froese. See the description on the bulletin board.
Jan. 21 7:00 pm **Intergenerational Activity** at church -- peacemaking session with Mennonite Central Committee.

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried

on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod secretly

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called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Announcements

Conflict is a part of all our lives, from disagreements with siblings, neighbours, friends, dealing with bullies at school, play or work... How do we confront and settle differences in a way that does not create conflict?? MCC Saskatchewan will join NPMC for a two part series on peacemaking in January 2016. We will tackle some of the challenges around being active peacemakers in our families, churches and wider community. The two hour sessions will hopefully provide children, youth and adults with skills around how to address conflict in a way that is accessible and easy to put into practice. For more information please contact the Community Engagement Team at MCCS, Kaytee Edwards Buhler and Carlie Heagy, 306-665-2555.

Dates: Thursdays, January 14 and 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone age 6 and over is welcome. Indicate your intention to participate via email, telephone, or on the bulletin board sign-up sheet by January 3.

If you have suggestions for things you would like to do in the intergenerational activity time in February or March, please email your suggestions to Renata Klassen. ar.klassen@shaw.ca or phone 306-373-2260.

MCC Connects: MCC Canada welcomes applications for Executive Director--MCC Saskatchewan. Please to go the MCC website at mcccanada.ca for more information or contact Karen Grace-Pankratz at karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca or (204)261-6381.

Clap de Hands

Refrain:

Clap de hands, stomp de feet,
Spread the love of Jesus to every one you meet. Oh,
Clap de hands, stomp de feet,
Spread a little love around.

The love of Jesus is a sweet, sweet song,
That you can give to others as you walk along.
With a smile on your face and His love in your heart,
You spread the love of Jesus, now everybody start to:
Refrain: Clap de hands, etc.

The love of Jesus is a miracle,
That God has given every boy and girl.
His Son came to earth because He loves us so,
And now it's up to us to let his miracle show. So,
Refrain: Clap de hands, etc.

“Creative Church” is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, income, education, ability, and other factors that give rise to discrimination and marginalization.