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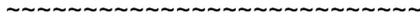
**January 10, 2016**  
**Journey Through the Bible – Gospel of Mark**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

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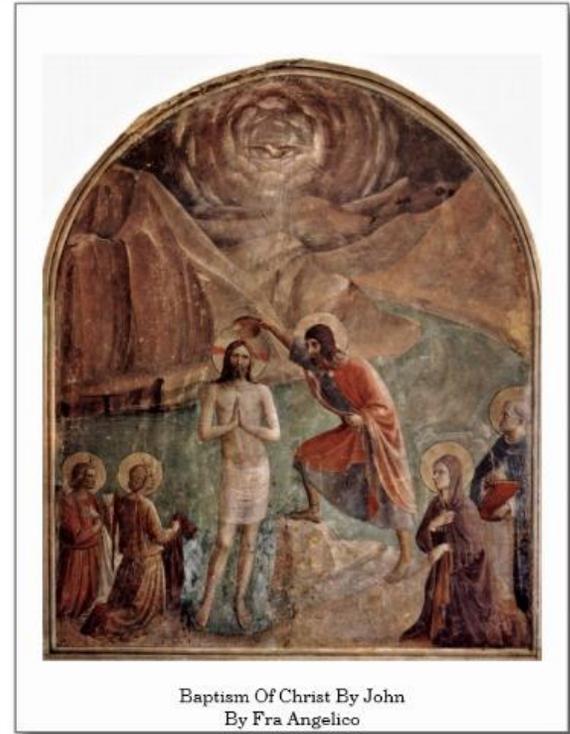
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Worship Leader: Lorraine Harder  
Accompanists: Fern Stockdale-Winder, Jenna Zee  
Song Leaders: Lynn Driedger, Jake & Barb Ens  
Greeter: Audrey Kampen  
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp



Call to Worship		Isaiah 43
Hymn	<b>I Sought the Lord</b>	HWB No. 506
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	<b>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</b>	HWB No. 29
Scripture		Mark 1:9-20
Children's Time/Song	<b>Clap de Hands</b>	insert
	<i>Child care is provided for young children</i>	
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	<b>Spirit of God</b>	HWB No. 502
Sermon	<b>Baptisms</b>	Patrick Preheim
Hymn	<b>God, Who Touches Earth</b>	HWB No. 511
Offering		
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	<b>Go, My Friends, In Grace</b>	StS No. 57



Baptism Of Christ By John  
By Fra Angelico



### Spotlight on Community Life

Building on What You've Been Given  
2 Peter 1:3-9

We have been given the gift of Christ's love once again. Now we are taken into a life of pleasing God. This is our invitation from God through his miracle. Peter talks about "basic faith" complimented with character building traits. The first we want is "generous love". Let's always remember to love generously.

### Spotlight on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year's theme emphasizes the calling shared by all the baptised to give testimony to what God has done, is doing, and will do. In Saskatoon, the Week will be observed with services of ecumenical prayer, a speaker series, a choral service, and a new event: an Ecumenical Ceilidh. All events are free-of-charge. See the bulletin board in the education wing for more information.

### This Week

- Today**      **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.  
                  Creative church activity is creative dance – "Dancing the Baptism".
- Monday**      **2:00 pm** Ecumenical Bible Study.
- Tuesday**     **1:30 pm** Women's Coffee & Conversation time; lounge.
- Wed.**         **7:30 am** Men's Breakfast; Jerry's Food Emporium, 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Thursday**    **7:00 pm** Intergenerational Activity at church – *Learning to be Peacemakers.*
- Friday**       **7:30 pm** Musical Jam Session; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

### 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; Doha and Arnie Nickel speaking.  
                  **Noon** **Youth Fundraiser Chili Lunch** following the service. Proceeds from the meal will go towards Nutana Park's refugee sponsorship fund.
- Next Sun.**    **2:00 pm,** **Rosthern Junior College Winter Theatre;** for tickets  
                  **7:30 pm** (\$10) phone 306-232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto: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 -- *Learning to be Peacemakers.*

### Mark 1:9-20

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom

of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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### Announcements

Next week the creative church activity will be packing MCC Relief kits. In preparation, we invite anyone to buy and donate items that are included in the kits and leave them on a designated table in the foyer on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The contents are:

#### Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper(good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages(minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin** maxi)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse. Please be sure to get smaller bath towels. The bigger ones will not fit into the pails.

**If you would like a detailed statement of your 2015 church donations, please let Helen know.**

## Clap de Hands

As we prepare for Anita's retirement, the **Pastoral search committee** has been working on several things. For an outline of our activities, and to see the results of our recent "20 Tasks of Pastors" survey go to our website <http://www.npmc.net/pastoral-search-update.html>.

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

**Wildwood Mennonite Church** invites area churches to attend a series of classes on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The series is jointly sponsored by Grace Westminster United Church. Sessions are from 7:00-8:00 pm on the following dates: Jan. 13, 27 at Grace Westminster and Feb. 17 and March 2 at Wildwood. The leader of the series is MaryAnne Morrison, a Metis woman, who is a retired educator.

**You are invited to experience Assembly 2016 (July 6-10 in Saskatoon) through the eyes, hands and feet of a volunteer.** *A host of volunteers from across the province are needed to ensure that guests and participants from across Canada will experience our hospitality. To volunteer a day or more, or an hour or more, contact Marianne at [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at [cbueckert@sasktel.net](mailto:cbueckert@sasktel.net).*



**From Earthkeepers:** The U of S School of Environment and Sustainability is hosting a panel discussion titled 'Challenges and Opportunities for Renewable Energy in Saskatchewan' on Friday, January 15th. The afternoon event will feature panelists from SaskPower, SK Ministry of the Economy, First Nations Power Authority, Climate Justice Saskatoon, Saskatoon Light and Power, and the Institute of the Environment at the University of Ottawa.

**Job Opportunity at The Bridge Fellowship Centre:** Full-time, paid position as the Community Relations & Development Assistant, please see website or call Terri for more information. [www.thebridgesaskatoon.com](http://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com) or 306-382-2855 (ext. 201).

**“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.

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.

## Community Life Service and Events

### Care Groups

January 24 - Group 1  
February 14 - Group 4  
February 21 - Group 3  
February 28 - Group 1  
March 6 - Group 2  
April 3 - Group 5  
April 24 - Group 1

**Church Activity Nights** - January 24 and February 28

### Service Dates:

February 14 Sherbrooke Community Centre 2:30 pm  
February 14 Bethany Manor: Speaking, Anita Retzlaff  
We need a pianist, worship leader, special music.

### Events:

February 21 Chili Supper for Young Adults, Career Group  
and Young Families. Supper at 5:00 pm.

April 17 - Senior Celebration

Shower - Weddings & Babies - TBA

Yard Sale - TBA