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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Vol. LI **11:00 a.m.** No. 4

Worship Leader: Patrick Preheim
Accompanist: Teresa Koop-Hunter
Special Music: St. Martin's United Church Choir
Song Leaders: Jake & Barb Ens, Duff Warkentin
Greeters: Renata & Allan Klassen
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp

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| Prelude                            |                                                  | Rhonda and Sharon                  |
| Welcome, Announcements, Invocation |                                                  |                                    |
| Call to Worship                    | <b>Praise With Joy</b>                           | StJ No. 16                         |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp         |                                                  |                                    |
| Scripture                          |                                                  | Isaiah 11:1-10<br>Matthew 19:13-14 |
| Children's Time/Song               | <b>Clap de Hands</b>                             | insert                             |
|                                    | <i>Child care is provided for young children</i> |                                    |
| Special Music                      | <b>Everlasting God</b>                           | Choir                              |
| Joys and Concerns                  |                                                  |                                    |
| Congregational Prayer              |                                                  |                                    |
| Offering/Offertory                 | <b>When Peace Like a River</b>                   | Choir                              |
| Hymn                               | <b>Great is Thy Faithfulness</b>                 | HWB No. 327                        |
| Sermon                             |                                                  | Keith Hall                         |
| Hymn                               | <b>Let the Children Come to Me</b>               | StS No. 47                         |
| Benediction                        |                                                  |                                    |
| Sending Hymn                       | <b>God Be With You</b>                           | HWB No. 430                        |

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We Welcome Keith Hall and the St. Martin's United Church Choir
as they worship with us this morning.



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Spotlight on Community Life

In 2 Peter 1, he talks of our "basic faith" and character traits he thinks should be developed along with our faith. The first was generous love and the second "warm friendliness". These complement each other and I believe we want to use these in our life among people we encounter daily so that they will recognize us as believers in God and followers of Jesus.

Spotlight on Reconciliation

Bernard De Margerie recently authored "In God's Reconciling Grace: Prayer and reflection texts for Christian reconciliation and unity" to support the ministry of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. Go to "www.pcecumensim.ca" for a copy of the book and information how to support the PCE.

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; Our Theology of the Afterlife* with Rachel Regier and Valerie Epp.
11:00 am Worship; St. Martin's United Church.
Creative church activity is preparing fruit salad.
Noon Care Group 1 – visitors are welcome to join us.
5:30 pm Activity Night at church; bring finger food snacks.
Monday **2:00 pm** Ecumenical Bible Study.
Tuesday No Women's Bible Study this week.
6:30 pm Academy of Discipleship course on poetry at NPMC. Facilitator is Edna Froese.

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; Controlling the time of our dying* -- with Patrick Preheim and medical panel.
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking on the Book of Luke.
Deadline to sign up for the Intergenerational Activities for the month of February. Please use the sign-up sheet in the education wing or our website -- npmc.net.
Feb. 7 **Noon** **Potluck** following the service: A-H, please bring a casserole, help with clean-up; I-Z, please bring salad and dessert, help with set-up.
Feb. 9 **1:30 pm** **Women's Coffee & Conversation** time; lounge.
5:30-6:30 pm We are invited to a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at Third Avenue United Church. Tickets \$7.
Feb. 21 **2:30 pm** **Mennonite Central Committee Sask Relief Sale Fundraising Concert** at Grace Westminster United Church. Matt Pauls will perform selections from the works of Franz Schubert as well as Argentinian and Canadian composers. Tickets (\$20) at the door.

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.⁶ The wolf shall

live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 19:13-14

13 Little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them;¹⁴ but Jesus said, 'Let

the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'

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“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.

Community Life Service

February 14 Sherbrooke Community Centre 2:30 pm

February 14 Bethany Manor: Anita Retzlaff is speaking -- we are in need of a pianist.

Walk to Church group

If you like snowy nature and good company consider joining our bi-monthly walk to church group! Rachel and I (Jenna) will be making a planned, (roughly) timed, walking route, starting in Riversdale wending it's way to church. If others would like to join us we will adjust the route to meet up along the way. It's like a walking school bus pick up! Anticipated conversations include "Did you see/hear that?", "Isn't it lovely today?" and "GLORY HALLELUJAH" (kidding). The walk will be under an hour from most locations, one way. For more information or to express interest come see us in the education wing.

Jenna Zee and Rachel Regier.

Announcements



From Earthkeepers: On Thursday, February 4th there will be a free screening of the film "Inhabit" at the Francis Morrison library at 7:00 pm. This film explores a few solutions to many environmental and agricultural issues facing us today, and may leave you with a few ideas of how you could get involved in a positive way.

A reminder that the **Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions 2016** will be held at Osler Mennonite Church on March 11, 12.

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 or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at cbueckert@sasktel.net.*

Nutana Park Mennonite Church December 31, 2015			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
Revenue	395,590.47	411,550.00	-15,959.53
Expenses	<u>399,792.79</u>	<u>411,550.00</u>	<u>-11,757.21</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-4,202.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-4,202.32</u>