

**NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

**May 29, 2016
2nd Sunday of Pentecost**

Vol. LI **11:00 a.m.** No. 22

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff
Accompanists/Special Music: Garage Sale Band -- Barb & Jake Ens,
Susan Ens Funk, Lynn Driedger, Ron Peters, Peter Hooge
Children's Song Leader: Brent Guenther
Greeter: Erika Nickel
Ushers: Denelda & Larry Fast

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn **Lord, Listen to Your Children** HWB No. 353

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Special Music **Bless the Lord**

Scripture I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39

Children's Time/Song **This is the Day**

*Child care is provided for young children*

Offering **By the Rivers of Babylon**

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** HWB No. 575

Sermon **Rebuild** Josh Wallace

Special Music **The Lord Has Done Great Things**

Benediction

Sending Hymn **Just a Closer Walk With Thee** StJ No. 106

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We welcome Josh Wallace, pastor from Warman Mennonite Church,
as our guest speaker this morning. Patrick is speaking at First
Mennonite Church today. This is part of a pulpit exchange among
the Saskatoon and area churches that are part of
Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.



Congregational Pulpit

Exchange

(Saskatoon & Area)

Spotlight on Community Life

My gratitude today is about the day given me for which I am thankful and bless every day. What is yours? My celebration for our church community is all the wonderful people we have in our midst. What is your celebration? I want to say thank you to God for all we have been given and all we can celebrate. Let the spirit of love and gratitude flow.

Spotlight on Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Sale

The documentary Reserve 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies will be shown at the MCC Relief Sale on Friday evening at 7:00 pm.

This Week

- Today 11:00 am** Worship: Josh Wallace speaking (Mennonite Pastoral Exchange).
Creative Church--singing with Kenna Forrester.
This is the last Creative Church for the season.
- Sat. 8:00-2:00pm** **Church Yard Sale.** Delivery of items: Wed. from 4-8, Thursday from 9-5, Friday from 9-5. Volunteers needed--we need all the help we can get. Bring baking and items. Sign-up in the church foyer.



Beginning Next Sunday, June 5
New Summer Worship Time
10:00 am

Coming Up

- Next Sun. 10:00 am** Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking.
Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser following worship service.
The youth are fundraising for the garden project.
- 11:00 am Young Families Creative Church Wrap Up** (Families with children ages birth-gr.12). Please join us for potluck (true potluck, bring what you like with enough to share) and discussion about children's programming at NPMC following the service. We will reflect on this year - Creative Church and InterGenerational activities - and make plans for next year. Susan Ens Funk will lead the adult discussion. Renata Klassen will supervise playtime for the children (ages 4 and up). Ice cream treats will be served following the meeting to parents/grandparents/caregivers alike.
- June 17 7:30 pm** **Musical Jam Session;** lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
- June 19** **Potluck following the church service and farewell for Anita.**
- June 25** **Shekinah Retreat Centre Scavenger Hunt;** funds raised will go to the Summer Camp program. Register at shekinahretreatcentre.org.
- July 10 9:30 am** **MC Canada Assembly invites us to worship on Sunday morning at TCU Place.**

I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39

20 So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; ³²with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering

and on the wood.' ³⁴Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, ³⁵so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water. 36 At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. ³⁷Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' ³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.'

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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.

Announcements

If you have the key with the white flower fob, please return it to Helen at the office.

Service at Sherbrooke Community Centre: Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 pm. Phone Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 if you can help with music and worship.

Care packages for our NPMC RJC students are set up in the church foyer until June 5. They appreciate whatever we put into their baskets--popcorn, noodles, chocolate bars, chips, gum, tea, hot chocolate--and notes of encouragement as they study for final exams.

Announcements (continued)

NPMC Students: Post-secondary bursaries are available. To see a list of bursaries and application forms, check the bulletin board in the education wing or contact the church office. For Mennonite Trust and MC Sask Student Education Fund scholarships see www.mcsask.ca.

MCC Sale Volunteering Needed!! If you have a couple hours to spare on the weekend of June 10-11 the MCC Sale could really use your help! We are looking for people to oversee the waste removal station (make sure items are put in the correct bin, etc.). Shifts are only two hours and if you bring a friend it can be a great way to get involved and have fun! Please contact Jordan at (306) 916-7042 if you have any questions or would like to help.

MCC Connects: The Craft Market booth at the MCC Relief Sale & Auction welcomes your craft items; kitchen towels, scrubbers, casserole carriers, placemats, slippers, baby blankets, denim blankets, children's toys, ladies cowl scarves or whatever you like to create. Volunteers will also be needed. Call Sarah Varey at 306.945.0040 or Melita Penner at 306.652.8564.

Messages from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

****Re: MC Canada Assembly: Thank you to those that have volunteered. 95% of volunteer positions have been filled! Please contact MC Sask at mcsask@mcsask.ca or 306-249-4844 to help us fill the remaining positions. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Charlotte Bueckert has stepped down as Local Host Coordinator. Terry Stefaniuk has graciously stepped in to fill the position. He may be contacted at bts@sasktel.net.

****Mennonite Assembly 2016 organizers are looking for billets to host approximately 8 couples and 5 single individuals. Some will arrive Tuesday, July 5. There is a possibility of airport pick-up. Please provide breakfast for your guest(s). Once you are matched we will provide an update. Contact Teresa Warkentin via email: teresawarkentin1@gmail.com or by phone 306-373-6307.

Xeriscape Your Church? Join our group of local Mennonites working towards "watershed discipleship" and caring for God's creation in practical ways (such as "xeriscaping" - landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation). Our next conversation is Sunday, **June 5, 6:30 pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church**; all are welcome!

Pews Designated for Families – let us remember to leave the back pews available for families with young children.

Save the Date! **30th Anniversary Celebration at Bethany Manor**, August 28, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Supper included. Everyone welcome!

Message from Krista Loewen, Youth Pastor, Wildwood Mennonite Church: Walking the Path committee invites you to join us in reading and discussing, Wrongs to Rights: How Churches can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will be meeting for 5 sessions starting today, **May 29, 7pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church**. Please come having read the first section. Copies of the book are available through the common word resource centre (talk to Krista, kmfloewen@gmail.com, if you are interested in a group order). Hope to see you then!

Rosthern Junior College Announcements:

---**Year-End Musical, June 24, 25, 7:00 pm.** RJC is pleased to present "Rags" as its June musical. Tickets are \$20 each, \$10 for 16 and under, and can be reserved by calling the RJC Office at 306-232-4222.

---**Alumni Banquet, June 25, 5:30 pm**, in the RJC dining hall. We are delighted to invite all alumni and friends of RJC to join us to fellowship together. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$10.00, 4 and under FREE. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) to register by June 17.

---**Graduation, June 26.** The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Graduation Exercises will begin at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium.

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to monitor the Fort McMurray fire situation. We are currently waiting for the opportunity to go in to Fort McMurray to assess how we can be involved in the clean-up, repair, and rebuilding response. Donations can be made to "MDS" by cheque, online, or by phoning in with your credit card information. Our contact info is 6A – 1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB, R3T4J6, phone: 1-866 261-1274.