

Spotlight on The Literacy Tutor Program

We are mindful of teachers, students, staff and bus drivers as school resumes. The Literacy Tutor Program is offered to retired teachers in the Saskatoon Public System. They work with students who are just a bit below grade level and struggling with literacy skills. Through one on one instruction, retired teachers work to develop literacy skills in these students with the goal that they will read and write at grade level, and therefore be more confident and successful learners.

This Week

Today 10:00 am **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.

September 10: New worship time at 11:00 am

Coming Up

Next Sunday 8:55 am **Contemplative Prayer** in the sanctuary.
9:25 am **Choir rehearsal** for all ages
9:45 am **Adult Ed**; *Listening, Living Together and Loving One Another Even When We Don't Agree*: discussion. Facilitated by Paul Schroeder and Patrick Preheim.
11:00 am **Worship**; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
11:15 am **Sunday School** for children 4-11 years of age and **childcare** for children 1-3 years of age.
Noon **Harvest Celebration**: Sausage on a bun provided. A-H, bring dessert, help set-up; I-Z, bring salad, help clean-up.

Sept. 12 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study**; lounge.
1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation time**; lounge.

Sept. 15 7:30 pm **Musical Jam Session**; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.

Sept. 15, 16 **Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini Retreat** at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Registration at <http://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/> or call the office at 306-249-4844.

Sept. 16 2:00 pm **Memorial Celebration of Janet Patkau Bergen**; we are invited to join the service here at NPMC.

Sept. 17 2:30 pm **Rosthern Junior College Opening Program**; RJC gymnasium. Please come and gather to give thanks.

Sept. 18 2:00 pm **Ecumenical Bible Study**; lounge.

Sept. 22-24 Come for a **Weekend of crafting at Shekinah's (not just a) Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat**. Online registration: shekinahretreatcentre.org or 306-945-4929.

Sept. 24 10:30 am **Worship and Church Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre.
11:00 am **Worship** at NPMC.

October 18 7:00 pm Save the date! **Theatre of the Beat** is bringing its latest play to Saskatoon. They will perform "Yellow Bellies," a drama about Mennonite conscientious objectors during World War II; Wildwood Mennonite Church. Attendance is by donation and NPMC is one of the sponsors of this event.

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.

Luke 9:57--10:9

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' 58 And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' 59 To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' 60 But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' 61 Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' 62 Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' 10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful,

but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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Announcement from the NPMC Sunday School Committee:

NPMC is pleased to announce that we will be offering Sunday School for children 4-11 years of age, and childcare for children 1-3 years of age commencing on September 10, 2017. Planning for Sunday School and childcare was quickly undertaken following positive feedback for children's education from the World Cafe on June 4, 2017.

Sunday School and supervised childcare will take place during the worship service following Children's Time. With this commitment to educational programming for children attending NPMC, we know that we will need to elicit volunteers to support the various facets of the program. **If you are willing to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher or children's music leader, please contact Marlie Leis at benandmarlie@gmail.com. If you would like to be a childcare volunteer or wish to provide a snack for children in childcare and Sunday School, please sign up on the bulletin board that is in the foyer.**

We are excited about this upcoming educational programming and we thank you for your willingness to volunteer to make it a success for the children of NPMC.

Announcements

Message from Mennonite Central Committee: HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global, Canadian and US based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcccanada.ca/congo-relief or by phone (1-888-622-6337). Mail cheques to your local MCC office. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

Mennonite Disaster Service is accepting financial donations for its Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, which can be given online or by cheque and made payable to: MDS Region 5 Office, 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3T 4J6. Designate "**Hurricane Harvey**" on the memo line.

MCC Connects: Thank you for your continued prayer support of the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). A host family is still needed to accommodate a participant in Saskatoon, SK. If you feel led to open your home to a male IVEPer from September 2017 to July 2018, please contact Kaytee at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca for more information.

From Mennonite Church Canada: Yella 2018 – A Middle Eastern Learning Tour for Young Adults – May 2018. Young Adults - you are invited to join a group of young adults travelling to Israel and Palestine in May 2018. Planning is underway for Yella 2018, an Mennonite Central Committee Ontario and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada three-week learning tour to Israel and Palestine. Yella provides an opportunity for young adults to explore questions of Christian faith and life while interacting with Christians, Jews and Muslims, encountering complex peace and conflict issues and considering the context of Jesus' life and ministry. **Applications are being received until October 31, 2017. For more information visit mcco.ca/yella-2018.**

Please read the prayer request from **The Bridge on 20th Fellowship Centre** on the bulletin board. They are thankful for our support.

Queen's House has new fall programs--see our bulletin board or check their website at www.queenshouse.org.

You have an opportunity to be a **delegate to the MC Canada Delegate Gathering** in Winnipeg on October 13-15. Work with planning our future. Information and registration on the MC Canada web site. Contact Denelda Fast at 306-221-2846 if you can go. Contact Ken Warkentin at 306-373-3472 with questions.

Station Singers will begin rehearsals September 11, 7:30 pm at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. New singers are welcome. Our Christmas concert will consist mainly of music by John Rutter.

Sonrisa Women's Choir invites new and returning singers to join us for another inspiring season. Rehearsals will be from 6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, beginning Sept 13th. To indicate your interest and for more information contact Lynne at gord.lynn@sasktel.net.

Canadian Blood Services is in need of new donors; to keep up with patient demands they need 5,000 new donors alone just in Saskatoon. Please contact Mike Fisher, Territory Manager at 306-651-6683 or cell 306-371-7712. Visit www.blood.ca.

Saskatoon Food Bank Most Needed Items: Flour, rice; Canned vegetables

Nutana Park Mennonite Church July 31, 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan-July	Jan-July	Jan-July
Revenue	222,486.78	225,251.00	-2,764.22
Expenses	<u>225,987.65</u>	<u>225,251.00</u>	<u>736.65</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-3,500.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-3,500.87</u>