

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

**January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday**

Vol. LIII

10:00 a.m.

No. 1

Worship Leader: James Friesen
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Greeters: Edna & Arnie Koop
Ushers: Dorothy & Merv Sorensen

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| Prelude                                     |                                        |                                    |
| Welcome and Announcements                   |                                        |                                    |
| Opening Prayer                              |                                        |                                    |
| Gathering Hymn                              | <b>What Is This Place</b>              | HWB No. 1                          |
| Lighting of the Peace Lamp/Prayer for Peace |                                        |                                    |
| Hymn                                        | <b>Great God, We Sing</b>              | HWB No. 639                        |
| Joys and Concerns                           |                                        |                                    |
| Congregational Prayer                       |                                        |                                    |
| Children's Time                             |                                        |                                    |
| Scripture Reading                           |                                        | Exodus 18:13-23<br>Isaiah 65:17-25 |
| Reflections                                 | <b>Newness and Rootedness</b>          | Patrick Preheim<br>Valerie Epp     |
| Hymn                                        | <b>This Is A Day Of New Beginnings</b> | HWB No. 640                        |
| Psalms Reading                              |                                        | Psalm 40:1-8                       |
| Reflections                                 | <b>Newness and Rootedness</b>          | Carolene Funk<br>Debra Heinrichs   |
| Hymn                                        | <b>New Earth, Heavens New</b>          | HWB No. 299                        |
| Offering                                    |                                        |                                    |
| Spoken Benediction                          |                                        |                                    |
| Sending Hymn                                | <b>Heart With Loving Heart United</b>  | HWB No. 420                        |

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Newness and Rootedness

This Week

Today **10:00 am** **Worship**; Patrick Preheim speaking.
 11:10 am **Choir rehearsal** for all ages.
Tuesday **10:00 am** **Women's Bible Study**; lounge.
 1:30 pm **Women's Coffee & Conversation** time; lounge.
Wed. **7:30 am** **Men's Breakfast**; Cora Restaurant, Preston Crossing.
 7:00 pm **Men's Study**; lounge.

Coming Up

Next Sun. **10:00 am** **Worship**; Child Dedication.
 11:10 am **Children's Sunday School**.
 11:10 am **Choir rehearsal** for all ages.
 11:10 am **Adult Ed**: Anabaptism theology and practice: What is still relevant for us? Edna Froese, facilitator.
Jan. 19 **7:30 pm** **Musical Jam Session**; lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
Jan. 20, 21 **Rosthern Junior College** Theatre Arts Class presents "The Mad Tea Party" in the Pit Theatre on January 20 at 7:00pm and January 21 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10.
Jan. 28 **4:00 pm** Mount Royal Mennonite Church invites us for an afternoon with George and Tobia Veith. Try your hand at Chinese brush calligraphy. Learn to skip rope the Chinese way. Hear updates from and interact with the Chinese pastors hosted in Saskatchewan in 2014. Bring cold or hot dishes for a pot luck supper; Chinese/Asian food.
March 9 & 10, 2018 **MC Sask annual Delegate Sessions**; Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Registration forms on bulletin board.

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.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church November 30, 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov
Revenue	347,224.34	355,800.00	-8,575.66
Expenses	<u>352,931.51</u>	<u>355,800.00</u>	<u>-2,868.49</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-5,707.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-5,707.17</u>

Exodus 18:13-23

13 The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?' ¹⁵Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.' ¹⁷Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. ¹⁹Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You

should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; ²⁰teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. ²¹You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.'

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant

vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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Announcements

From Mennonite Church Sask: Mike & Cheryl Nimz (Witness workers - UK) continue to build numerous relationships who have become like family to them. They invite prayers for: their 18 month old godson Kip being treated for leukemia. Kip's parents are also part of Mike and Cheryl's Tuesday night group; as well, Janet from their Cornwall "family" has discovered she has cancer and will begin treatments in the New Year.

The photography instructor at Walter Murray is looking for donations of film cameras (not digital cameras as previously stated), for student use. If you have a camera, please put it in the Weiler-Thiessen mailbox or leave it on the table below, marked.