

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

May 5, 2019

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11:00 a.m.

No. 18

Worship Leader: Brent Guenther
Accompaniment: Jenn Attema
Song Leader: Jordan Wiens
Greeters: Christine & Mark Epp
Ushers: Elva & Ernie Epp

Opening Hymn	Breathe Upon Us, Holy Spirit	HWB No. 28
Welcome and Announcements		
Invocation		
Hymn	God Of Many Names	HWB No. 77
Lighting of the Peace Lamp		
Joys & Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Children's Time		
Offering and Offertory		
Hymn	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord	HWB No. 308
Scripture		Proverbs 8:1-9:6 Colossians 1:15-20
Sermon	Names for God: Woman Wisdom	Susanne Guenther Loewen
Hymn	Long Before My Journey's Start	StJ No. 36
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Move In Our Midst	HWB No. 418



Names for God: Woman Wisdom

Spotlight on Friendship Inn by Jenn Schroeder

This Week

Today	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Theology of Islam</i> . Facilitator is Faezeh Izadi, grad student in Religion and Culture.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	Worship; Susanne Guenther Loewen speaking.
	Noon	Service meeting at NPMC.
	Noon	Care Group #3; visitors are welcome to join us.
Monday	2:00 pm	Ecumenical Bible Study, lounge.
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study, lounge.
Wed.	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast; Grainfields Restaurant, 8th Street.
	7:00 pm	Men's Study.
Thurs.	2:00-4:00 pm	Youth Farm May Day Tea & Cake Walk fundraiser; Mennonite Nursing Home auditorium.

Coming Up

Next Sun.	9:30 am	Adult Ed: <i>Living as a Muslim in Saskatoon.</i> The facilitator is Nisa Bano.
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School.
	11:00 am	Worship; Anita Retzlaff speaking.
May 14	5:30 pm	RJC prospective students/families dinner. RSVP to Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222.
May 25		RJC Annual Golf Classic on May 25 at Valley Regional Park. Register at development@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca .
June 1		NPMC Garage Sale. See announcements regarding times for bringing donations to church May 29, 30, 31.
	7:30 pm	Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra Spring Show <i>Fantastic Friendly</i> at the Broadway Theatre. Tickets \$20.
June 2	10:00 am	Summer Worship time —for June, July, August, Sept 1.
		Sunday School year end BBQ at the home of Marlie/Ben.
June 9	3:00 pm	Wedding and Baby Shower at NPMC.

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.

Food Bank (Blue Bin) Items: Soups-canned or dry, Canned fruit

Care Group Lunches: May 12--Group 4; May 19--Group 5; May 26--Group 1

Announcements

If you would like to receive the **Rejoice Devotional** booklet, please contact Helen in the office. The cost is **\$42.45** for the quarterly subscription, due on May 19.

May 31: Friends of Shekinah Fundraising Banquet at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Punch starts at 6 PM. Join us for an evening of great food, education, and entertainment courtesy of the Shekinah board and staff. Find out who your new staff members are, what's going on at Shekinah, and why we are needing your help for an exciting project we are planning this summer. Please RSVP by phone (306-945-4929), email (office@shekinahretreatcentre.org), or carrier pigeon.

ANNUAL NPMC GARAGE SALE - Saturday, June 1st - 8:00 - 2:00 We will accept your donations of goods on Wednesday, May 29 (4:00-8:00), Thursday, May 30 (9:00-12:00; 1:00-4:00) and Friday, May 31 (9:00-12:00; 1:00-4:00). Please see sign-up sheets posted in the foyer for volunteer requirements. Donations of baking would be greatly appreciated for the "Bake Table". Come join in the fun, raise money for MCC.

Registration is open for Gathering 2019 in Abbotsford, B.C., June 28 to July 1. To register, go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca/registration. A schedule is available at www.ignitegathering2019.ca/schedule. If you wish to be a delegate, let Helen know.

MCC Connects: We are excited to announce the launch of our 2019 Grow Hope project! Last year, with your help, we sold all 160 acres and raised over \$111,500 (up to \$550,000 after applying the government match) for Canadian Foodgrains Bank food security projects. For information on how to help or to sponsor your acre please visit www.mccsk.ca/grow-hope or call our office at 306.665.2555.

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan: Praying for one another: Zion Mennonite is excited about new people attending Sunday mornings and for a thriving Area Ministerial group. Pray for support for Camp Elim as they prepare for the summer.

RJC Student Fundraising Event, May 23. Donations of \$20 or more is tax deductible. Students will be asking friends and family for pledges to support their teams and RJC.

Voices Together Worship Workshop, Saturday June 15, 1:30-4:30 pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Cost is \$25. Registration and details can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/>.

NPMC Students: Post-secondary bursaries available--**deadline is May 31.** To see a list of bursaries and application forms, check the website or contact the church office.

Proverbs 8:1-9:6

1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 2On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 4“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. 5O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. 6Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; 7for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. 8All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. 9They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. 10Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; 11for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. 12I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. 13The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. 14I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength. 15By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; 16by me rulers rule, and nobles, all who govern rightly. 17I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. 18Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity. 19My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. 20I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, 21endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries. 22The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. 23Ages ago I

was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—26when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. 27When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 29when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, 30then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, 31rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. 32“And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. 33Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. 34Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. 35For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; 36but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.” 9 Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. 2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. 3She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 4“‘You that are simple, turn in here!’” To those without sense she says, 5“‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.’”

Colossians 1:15-20

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the

body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.