

Coming Up

Sunday, Aug 11 at 10:00 am: Worship Service, Melody Neufeld speaking
Sunday, Aug 18 at 10:00 am: Worship Service, Luke Bushman speaking

Points of Progress

- 1) **Brazil: A nonprofit is working to reconnect “islands” of Brazil’s original Atlantic Forest.** Much of the coastal rainforest southeast of the Amazon has been fragmented by farms, ranches and people, leaving patches of forest isolated from one another. By purchasing and rewilding stretches of ranchland and farmland, corridors are being created to strengthen resiliency of vulnerable flora and fauna.
- 2) **French Polynesia: Partula snails are making a comeback,** after the largest-ever release of any “extinct in the wild” species. Partulids eat decaying plants and fungi, making them an important part of the forest ecosystem.



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
August 11, 2024 at 10:00 am**

In Person and Online Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale
Ushers: Anita Retzlaff and Ken Warkentin

Prelude		
Welcome, Greetings and Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	Come, Now is the Time to Worship	VT #29
Call to Worship		VT #863
Lighting the Peace Lamp	Will You Let Me Be Your Servant	VT #778
Offering and Offertory		
Confession and Affirmation		
Hymn	Touch the Earth Lightly	VT #145
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring	VT #623
With the Children		
Scripture	Micah 6:8 Matthew 22: 37-39 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	
Sermon	Life has Many Chunky Decisions	Melody Neufeld
Hymn	Christ has No Body Here but Ours	VT #568
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Guide My Feet	VT #816

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.

This morning, we welcome Melody Neufeld to our pulpit. She worships at Mount Royal and is involved in our wider community.

Community Announcements

August 15, 5 pm – Join us at the Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre to dig deeper into the story of the Mennonite migration to Mexico in the 1920s. 5-6 pm – Museum will be open to visitors. 6-7 pm – Watermelon and Rollkuchen supper on museum grounds (in case of inclement weather, supper will be served in the RJC dining hall). 7 pm – Screening of the documentary film, **Conform**, in the little church beside the museum. 8 pm – Q & A with special guest, Leonard Doell Admission to this special event is by donation. RSVP by August 8 by email to rosthernmuseum@gmail.com, or by phone or text to Donna Schulz at 306-232-7447. The exhibit is a partnership of Mennonite Heritage Village, the Plett Foundation, and the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada.

Sept 1: Join us for Forest Church at Shekinah at 3pm as we celebrate the ministry of Kirsten Hamm-Epp with MC Sask. Kirsten will be leaving her role as Youth Minister after 11 years. Come help us thank Kirsten and celebrate her many contributions to MC Sask over the years.

Sept 8: Save the Date to Celebrate Shekinah's 45th Anniversary from 2:00 - 6:00 pm! There will be singing, activities, craft, farmer sausage on a stick and birthday cake! Watch for more details!

Osler Mennonite Church invites interested persons to a 6 week CMU Xplore Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount with Michael Pahl. This is a zoom class on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November.6. We will have lunch on site for those interested. No need to register ahead. For more info contact Osler Mennonite Church at 306-239-2133

MCC Connects: Saturday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.

MCC Connects: Join The School Kit Challenge in August and help support 24,000 children! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge and to download a fun activity guide, please visit: www.mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

School Kit Info



Contents (NEW items only)

- * 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)
- * 8 new unsharpened pencils
- * 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- * 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- * 1 large eraser
- * 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- * 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)