

## Coming Up

Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am: Worship Service  
at 11:30 am: NPMC Parking Lot Party  
Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 am: Worship Service

A number of years back, a service group at Nutana Park Mennonite took shape. We were involved with a number of community initiatives like serving school lunches, Friendship Inn, Salvation Army bell ringing, and spring time park cleaning. COVID concerns led to a suspension of the group's activities. We are actively discerning if to resume coordination of congregational service in the community. A couple of questions which would aid in that discernment:

Is community service with others of Nutana Park Mennonite something which might be of interest you?

Are there other service opportunities which would be of interest to you?

Gwen will be collecting names of people interested in collective service. A smaller group will discern next steps based upon responses to this announcement. Call or email Patrick with any questions

Patrick Preheim

*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.*



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### Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory August 27, 2023 at 10:00 am

#### In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Shenyce Buhler  
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale  
Song Leaders: Saskatune Singers  
Ushers: Wally and Marg Krause

Prelude		
Gathering Hymn	For the Beauty of the Earth	VT #120
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Announcements		
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	God Who Touches Earth with Beauty	VT #550
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	View the Present	VT #407
Time with the Children		
Children's Song	Dry Bones	Jake and Barb Ens
Scripture	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	
	Romans 8: 18-27	
Sermon	A Future with Hope	Susanne Guenther Loewen
Hymn of Response	Oh Healing River	VT #706
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	There's a Wild Hope in the Wind	VT #828
Postlude		

### NPMC Announcements

**Please note:** On Sept 10, worship begins at 11:00 am. Until then, Aug. 27 and Sept 3, worship begins at 10:00 am.

#### **You might notice some changes to our church playroom off the Education Wing!**

It's been updated and organized so the kids and their caregivers can continue to enjoy that space. Many thanks to Marie Guenther, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Sarah Unrau, and Don Froese for their contributions to this project. – Susanne

#### **You might notice some changes to the parking lot and kitchen.**

We thank Jeff Olfert on his diligent work with contractors and appliance workers. We have received a new fridge for the kitchen and the parking lot has a new slurried top surface and new lines painted.

**WEDDING & BABE SHOWER** - Marlene and Denelda (and Susanne and Patrick) have begun doorstep visits with the couples that are tying the knot or welcoming a new babe into their family. It is a pleasure to honour these couples in this way and then share it with all of you. Photos will be posted on the private side of our website on the congregant's page under the title Church Life and the tab "Weddings & Babes 2023" on an ongoing basis over the next few weeks. Please continue to check for updates. If you would like to support the purchasing of gifts, please send a donation to the church with this designation.

NPMC is once again excited to offer **Kids' Club and Choir** on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. beginning September 7, 2023. Children who are entering Grade 2 - Grade 6 will be eligible to participate. We will run the program each Thursday (excluding school holidays) from September to March. Each Thursday will include a devotional, a half hour choir practice, and activities including crafts, baking, and woodworking! If you are interested, please follow the link below to register your child. There will be a \$50 registration fee which will cover the cost of materials and other expenses. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead some of the programming. Contact us if you are willing to help! <https://forms.office.com/r/AXVawUjxfe>

#### **Saturday, September 23rd - SAVE THE DATE for our OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!**

Bring your lawn chair and a blanket and be ready to eat popcorn and enjoy a movie on the big screen in the NPMC parking lot. The movie which will be kid friendly will begin playing at 7:00. This event is for all ages!

### Community Announcements

**September 3 Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Mark Bigland-Pritchard leads us in outdoor worship as we move into the fall season. All are welcome.

**Note: The Shekinah Move-a-Thon has been cancelled for 2023.** We are sorry not to host the event this year, and look forward to coming back bigger and better next year. Stay tuned!

**Theatre of the Beat will be in Saskatchewan with their new production in October. I Love You and it Hurts** is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. If your congregation is interested in hosting a show, go to <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/> for details and watch for a performance near you in October.

**In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager.** Duties include all kinds of tasks involved in maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, vehicles, and equipment; general facility maintenance; and snow removal in winter. We are looking for someone with the following: working knowledge in some combination in the areas of plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical or general construction; experience supervising staff and volunteers, a willingness to uphold Mennonite/Anabaptist practices. Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca) or submit resume to [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)

**From MCC: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies.** School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

**Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for [the School Kit Challenge!](#)** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>

**MCC Connects:** Please save the date for the MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 26 from 6:30-9:00pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca).