

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH
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Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory

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Audio Service
Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk
Tech Support: Colin Ens Funk and Jeff Olfert

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25

Hymn of Praise **Morning Has Broken** HWB No. 648

Confession and Affirmation

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Scripture John 20:11-18

Hymn **Why Should I Feel Discouraged** StJ No. 103

With the Children

Hymn **In The Bulb There Is A Flower** HWB No. 614

Sermon **People of the Garden** Susanne

Guenther Loewen

Spoken Benediction

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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.

Rosthern Junior College:

**\*\*\*RJC Virtual Choirs & Cakes:** Join us online today at 7:00 pm (CST) on the RJC website. The event will feature music by the RJC Concert Choir, a Virtual Alumni Choir, student and alumni reflections on community support during COVID-19, and an online auction. Visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) today to watch and to make your donation.

**\*\*\*RJC Virtual Open House - Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00pm:** Prospective students & families are invited to learn more about RJC from the comfort of their own home! Experience a virtual school tour, a brief presentation, as well as an opportunity to hear from current students and teachers. The event will be held over Zoom. Please register at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) to be sent the Zoom link.

**Friends of Shekinah:** Due to the COVID-19 virus, Shekinah has had to make difficult decisions. As Shekinah is closed to the public, we have had to lay off all our staff except for our Executive Directors. Please keep them in your prayers as they go through the employment insurance process and a period of financial instability. While our school group programming (very) likely won't happen this spring, we believe that it is too early to make a decision on summer camp. In consultation with MC Sask, Camp Elim, and Youth Farm Bible Camp, we believe we will be better able to make a decision about summer camp towards the end of May. Thank you for your prayers, upbeat phone calls and emails, and continued support. *Ron & Sue Schellenberg Co-Executive Directors*

**Parkland Restorative Justice** in Prince Albert is seeking an Executive Director (1FTE). For job description see [parklandrestorativejustice.com](http://parklandrestorativejustice.com) or contact Board Chair, Jacquelyn Janzen at [jacqjanzen@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqjanzen@hotmail.com). Closing date: July 1, 2020.

**NPMC Students:** Post-secondary bursaries are available—**deadline is May 31**. For a list of bursaries and application forms, check the website. To send an application form, go to the secure website under "Joys/Concerns/Updates".

There is content for children on our church website on the **NPMC Kids** page.

A list of services that can be streamed or downloaded is available on the MC Sask website: [mcsask.ca/COVID-19](http://mcsask.ca/COVID-19). Many have new services weekly.

This week's Mennonite Church Canada video worship service comes from Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.

Our NPMC Facebook page is another way to stay connected. To "like" our page, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Mennonite-Church/Nutana-Park-Mennonite-Church-615879745502807/>

**Mennonite Church Sask: Praying For Each Other:** Shekinah is asking for your prayers this week. The Saskatchewan Water Security Agency has issued warnings that flooding in the North Saskatchewan River basin is expected. Conditions are similar to ice jamming incidents experienced in 2013, when Shekinah's chalet was flooded, resulting in massive water damage. Water flow is doubling daily. Please remember us as we prepare for this expected flood.

The Saskatoon Open Door Society is seeking people to sew masks which they will sterilize and pass on to those in need. To read more about the project, see <https://www.ckom.com/2020/04/09/saskatoons-open-door-society-leads-initiative-to-sew-10000-masks-for-vulnerable-populations/>  
 To contact them for instructions and more information: <https://www.sods.sk.ca/welcoming/look-for-work/womens-business-hub/face-mask-project>

| Nutana Park Mennonite Church<br>March, 2020 |                  |                  |                  |
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|                                             | Actual           | Budget           | Difference       |
|                                             | Jan-March        | Jan-March        | Jan-March        |
| Revenue                                     | 86,549.22        | 64,610.00        | 21,939.22        |
| Expenses                                    | <u>89,894.81</u> | <u>64,610.00</u> | <u>25,284.81</u> |
| Surplus (loss)                              | <u>-3,345.59</u> | <u>0.00</u>      | <u>-3,345.59</u> |