

The Reopening Committee met earlier this month to discuss some general guidelines for our NPMC community during the summer months. We think these protocols are both cautious and incremental, and we hope that it will make congregants feel comfortable as restrictions ease both inside and outside our church community. The following guidelines took effect July 11, 2021:

1. Masks will be required for any indoor gatherings, with the exception of one-on-one visits, where masking will be preferred, but ultimately at the discretion of both parties who are meeting.
2. Congregational singing will be permitted at worship services.
3. Group sizes at indoor worship services and outdoor gatherings will mirror one another, with gathering limits remaining at 60 for July, and rising incrementally by 10 each week for the month of August.
4. Most of the physical barriers and restrictions in the sanctuary (including rope across the pews, arrows on the floor, and mandatory entrances/exits) will be removed. We will open up the education wing for use during and following worship services. We hope that these measures will provide people with more options for distancing.
5. Food will not be served nor organized inside the church. For outdoor gatherings, people are permitted to bring their own food for consumption or food can be served to individuals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
 Brent Guenther
 Chairperson, NPMC Board of Deacons

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Aug 1 at 10:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
 Sunday, Aug 8 at 10:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

Summer Hours
 Worship Service will begin
 at 10:00 am
 July and August

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 1, 2021
10:00 am

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Don Klaassen
 Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
 Song Leader: Nicole Thiessen
 Ushers: Eric Neufeld and Evelyn Roden

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Gathering Hymn	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	HWB #12
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Longing for Light	VT #715
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Children's Time		Susanne
Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 10: 17-21 Matthew 25: 34-40	
Hymn	For the Healing of the Nations	VT #705
Refugee Sponsorship Update		Gord Enns Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Letter of Thanks		Funes Family
Offertory prayer		
Hymn of Response	We Are One in the Spirit	VT #387
Spoken Benediction		
Closing Hymn	Praise God	VT #70

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## Announcements

As NPMC cautiously eases into reopening this summer, **"Parking Lot Picnics"** are being planned for August 8 & 22. Congregants who have registered for these Sunday worship services will be invited to bring their own bag lunch, beverage and lawn chair. A portion of the parking lot will be roped off in order to leave space for lawn chairs. Households are asked to socially distance from each other. We look forward to this first step towards sharing food together!

**August 1 Forest church at Shekinah 3:00pm.** The first Sunday of every month: outdoor worship with music, scripture, community, and the opportunity to encounter God in the beauty of creation. All are welcome.

**August 7 Decolonizing Ourselves: Land and the Spirit of Treaty** 1-4 pm at Fort Carlton. Learn about Crown/Treaty land through the lens of law, Treaty and First Nations, Metis and settler people. **Pre-registration is required** at <https://bit.ly/3hAE7WV>. Event is free, but nominal park fees apply. Come at 12pm with a picnic lunch to enjoy before the program. Hosted by KAIROS Prairie North and the Treaty Land Sharing Network.

**Aug 22: "Under the Arbour":** an afternoon of Cree & Mennonites sharing music, dance, and a meal. **Muskeg Lake Cree Nation**, 3pm. Organized by "Walking the Path" committee. Watch for details!

**Aug 24: Gathering at Stoney Knoll**, NW of Laird. An invitation from the Stoney Knoll Band to the Mennonite & Lutheran communities to come and meet each other, and reaffirm relationships around the Reserve 107 story. Watch for details!

**\*\*Save the Date: Shekinah Move-A-Thon, September 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow us on: **Facebook** @Shekinah Summer Camp, **Instagram** @Shekinah\_Camps, and our website [www.shekinah.ca](http://www.shekinah.ca) for more fun and exciting information to come! Poster available at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/Events/final-move-a-thon-poster.pdf>

**MC Sask Songfest of Thanks, Oct. 15-16, 2021, Rosthern Mennonite Church.** We continue to plan in hope and faith that we will be able to come together to give thanks and sing this fall, and are excited to announce **Duff Warkentin** as our Songfest Conductor and **Glenn Sawatzky** as accompanist. All Covid-19 regulations will be followed. Stay tuned to [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for registration and further information in the fall. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), with any questions.

**Wildwood Mennonite Church invites applications for a half-time pastor!** The successful candidate will work closely with our current pastors and will focus their attention on the younger generations in our congregation - - young adults, youth and young families! Learn more about us at <https://wildwoodmennonite.org/engage/hiring> and check out the job description here! We are very excited for this position and if you are too, please apply by the end of July. Ideal start date is fall 2021. Please email applications to Denise Martens [searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org](mailto:searchchair@wildwoodmennonite.org) or to Ryan Siemens, MCSask Executive Minister [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca).

Rod Suderman, pastor at First Mennonite Church, is looking for a house-sitting opportunity (for himself) in Saskatoon from mid-August through to end of December, at which time he will move to join his spouse in BC. Would also welcome shorter periods of time within that time frame. If you have a possibility in mind, please contact Rod at [rodsuderman@gmail.com](mailto:rodsuderman@gmail.com) or at 306 514 2523.

### FINANCE UPDATE

After the first 6 months the total revenue is \$180,000, \$16,000 short of budget. Expenses are \$183,000, \$17,000 below budget, leaving a positive balance of about \$1,000. Also, the roof repairs have not started and we do not know the exact amount needed but we know it will be a lot. Thanks so much for all your giving to date.

Church Fireplace: Please note that the church fireplace will be removed prior to the commencement of our roof repair. If anyone is interested in acquiring this gas fireplace, we will be accepting bids over the next two weeks with bids closing at 8:00 AM on August 9th. You may place your bid by sending it by email to [bobneufeldt@gmail.com](mailto:bobneufeldt@gmail.com). If any of you have questions or would like to view the fireplace you may contact Bob Neufeldt at the same email address or by calling 306 381 4523.

### NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Susanne is away from the office on Thursdays.

Patrick is away from the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Gwen is in the office Monday – Friday from 1pm - 5 pm.