

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Dec 5 at 10:00 am: Children's Sunday School
11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream: Advent 2
Tuesday, Dec 7 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom- Luke 11
7:00 pm: Adult Ed via Zoom
Friday, Dec 10 at 7:00 pm: Carol Sing at the church
Sunday, Dec 12 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Dec 19 at 3:00 and 6:30 pm: Christmas Coffeehouse
Dec 24 at 4:00 and 7:00: Christmas Eve Services

NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Thursday is Susanne's day off from NPMC; she is otherwise available
Patrick schedules NPMC visits M/W/F and as possible. Contact him through the office,
email, or at home.
Gwen is in the office Monday – Friday from 1pm - 5 pm.

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
December 5, 2021 at 11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk
Song Leader: Zach Janzen
Ushers: Hedio and Ross Borne

Prelude		
Welcome, Greetings, and Announcements		
Call to Worship		VT #870
Advent Hymn	Unexpected and Mysterious	VT #229
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn for Peace	Between Darkness and Light	VT #808
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Advent Hymn	Hope is a Candle (v 1,2, 5)	VT #211
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn	For the Healing of the Nations	VT #705
With the Children		Patrick
Scripture	Luke 1: 5-23 Luke 3: 1-6	
Sermon	Zechariah	Patrick
Hymn	Hark the Glad Sound	VT #217
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Peace, Be Still	VT #202
Postlude		

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## Announcements

**Tuesday, Dec 7** at 7 pm, Zoom: First Advent Adult Ed. session on the theme of "The Pandemic Christmas that Was," reflections on what Christmas 2020 was like for us.

**Dec. 10: Carol Singing -- 7 pm** The Fellowship Committee invites the congregation to an informal evening of carol singing at the church. We'll sing a few songs outside and then move into the warmth of the sanctuary, where all carols will be by request. Please bring an item for EGADZ, Friendship Inn, or the Foodbank. Attendees are asked to sign in, wear a mask, and be fully vaccinated (12+ years and up).

**Dec 16 or 17:** Anyone interested in an afternoon of baking peppernuts at the church contact Marlene Froese (306-220-9409).

**December 19th - 3:00 & 6:30!** NPMC CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE: The NPMC Christmas Coffee House will be a wonderful celebration of community. Marlene and Denelda would like to hear what talents you and your group are interested in sharing with family and friends! You can perform on stage or video your performance and have it shown on the big screen. Please contact either one of us to confirm your spot on the program. Watch for an invite in your mailbox with details on how to register to be part of the audience.

In order to make it possible for all who want to attend a service on Christmas Eve to do so in a safe manner, we will be offering two services on **December 24**. The services will start at **4:00 and 7:00**. The early service will be a shorter, simplified service. Only the late service will be live streamed. We are planning for a limit of 125 people per service, and ask that if you plan to attend to please register by December 22 using the form below.

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NPMC Custodian Cover Off. NPMC is looking for an individual who may be willing to provide custodial services during periods when our custodian is on vacation leave. The successful candidate will be compensated for their services. Our Custodian currently provides 6 hours of service per week and is entitled to three weeks of vacation leave per year, but this could return to 8 hours per week when the pandemic subsides. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested please contact Bob Neufeldt at 306 381 4523 or [bobneufeldt@gmail.com](mailto:bobneufeldt@gmail.com).

The Adult Education Committee of NPMC is planning a short, informational series in February on Saskatchewan's Income Support system. Recent changes to how government assistance to the most vulnerable people is given and how much is provided have raised many questions. If you have experience and expertise that you would like to share with our congregation, or know of someone who could help us understand the issues, please contact Edna Froese – [ednafroese@gmail.com](mailto:ednafroese@gmail.com) or 306-

374-2668, or any of our committee members (Paul Schroeder, Rachel Regier, Lori Weiler-Thiessen, Susanne Guenther Loewen).

### **Opportunities for Christmas Generosity**

Young families and others are invited to bring a donation for EGADZ. Drop off box is in the foyer. Please bring your items by **December 8th**. The Christmas wish list is: family size shampoo and lotion; body wash; travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash; hair brushes; deodorant; toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss; toques, gloves, mini mitts; socks; Christmas candy (individually wrapped). Thank-you!

The Service Group of Nutana Park Mennonite is coordinating a day in which our congregation takes responsibility for one kettle (ringing bells, collecting donations and such). Friday, **December 17th**, is the date. We have a number of people committed, if you are interested in slotting an hour or two of service please let Patrick or James Friesen know.

Today, **Dec 5, 3:00pm, Forest Church at Shekinah**. Storyteller Ric Driediger leads us this month. Dress warm and enjoy the beauty of a crisp winter's day and the warmth of community.

**RJC Christmas Concert - December 15 | 7:00pm (SK CST)**. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season! Music and performances by RJC students and staff. Livestream for those who wish to enjoy the program at home can be found at [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca). Saskatchewan public health orders will be followed at this event.

**Advent tidings!** As MC Sask, we have seen many new and remarkable things this year as our congregations, camps, and schools have gone above and beyond during this unusual season. New technologies have been learned, and heroic efforts have been made to keep us connected with one another, and with the Peace of Christ. As we continue to support and uphold this good work, we invite you to consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit [www.mcsask.ca/donations](http://www.mcsask.ca/donations).

**Mennonite Nursing Home is pleased to announce that Dana Heinrichs has been appointed as the new CEO/Administrator.** She comes to us with 30+ years of experience working with vulnerable populations. The last 11+ years she served as the Executive Director of Canadian Deafblind Association working in human services and residential care settings.

**MCC Connects:** Give gifts of comfort and joy! Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbours this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more. Give at [mccanada.ca/christmas](http://mccanada.ca/christmas) or call 306.665.2555.