

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Heather Peters of Mennonite Central Committee

Saskatchewan: Thank you for helping to sponsor Theatre of the Beat's online production of [Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence](#). Along with MCC provincial offices ToTB is organizing a virtual tour for March 26, 27 and 28th. As a sponsor you have early access to register to attend one of these events. Thank you so much for your support. There are 4 times to choose from and limited seats for each production so if your availability changes please cancel your registration and sign up for another performance! We want as many people as possible to be able to attend these events! Public registration for the events will open on March 15th. (Link was emailed).

Many of our congregational events have switched to being held on Zoom.

If Zoom is new to you or you'd like a refresher in how to set it up and sign into a Zoom meeting, see this how-to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> or contact the church office for help. If you are also needing help with access to worship service on Sunday's please also contact the church office for direction. Thanks!

Rejoice Devotionals Subscription: Our yearly subscription is set to end in this coming August. To renew or start an individual subscription, contact MennoMedia either by email to CustomerService@MennoMedia.org or by phone 1.800.245.7894 (8-4:30 CT) with your name, complete mailing address, phone number and email. The cost for an annual individual subscription is \$51.00 (CND funds), cheques made payable to MennoMedia and mailed to: MennoMedia, 718 N Main St, Newton KS 67114. Using a credit card for payment generally incurs some exchange fees. After the subscription has been set up, renewal notices will be mailed as the reminder of when to renew for another year. We also offer a 2-year subscription option which is \$100 / year.

CMU | Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Webinar – If you are considering graduate theological studies, whether beginning a degree program, or taking a course or two, this webinar is for you! Hear from faculty and students in the program, and learn about generous scholarship and bursary opportunities to support your interest. Explore options for learning, vocation, and leadership at CMU. Prospective students who attend the webinar and submit a GSTM application by May 31 will have their application fee waived. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM (CDT). For more information and to register go to enrolment.cmu.ca/register/gstmwebinar.

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

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In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale Winder
Song Leader: Zach Janzen
Ushers: Bob and Margaret Neufeldt

Service of Shadows: Helen Siemens and Sage Siemens

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

HWB No. 327

Service Of Shadows

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn:

O Healing River

HWB No. 372

Children's Time:

Geraldine

Hymn:

When Pain Or Sorrow

VT No. 612

Blessing of the Youth

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:13-21

Sermon:

Called to Deep Healing

Susanne

Sending Hymn:

Call Me, Lord

STS No. 45

Spoken Benediction

Lent Service of Shadows

This Lent our service of shadows will serve as a prayer of confession and words of assurance.

Reader 1: Too often, Oh God, our heads are angled downward. We are pondering our next steps in the wilderness; we are checking our phones; we are weighed down with our failures and inadequacies and nostalgia of the past. We extinguish a candle aware that we sometimes miss Your grace around us and the cross before us. [extinguish a smaller candle]

(Silence)-10 seconds.

Reader 2: Still, gracious God, you seek us out and desire to be known by us. In the wilderness You healed your people with a bronze serpent raised on a pole. Jesus lifted upon the cross offers us restoration. You provide signs and symbols and sacrifices along the way which renew our lives.

Reader 1: Thanks be to God.

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From the Caring & Visitation, Church Life and Fellowship Committees:

It has been a year of creativity and flexibility and we have learned new ways of staying connected to each other. This Easter will be no different. We will again miss visiting around the beautiful table laden with Easter baking, cheese and fruit; however, this year the Paska will come to you! Some time on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 3**, your doorbell will ring and a little white box will appear on your doorstep. If you are quick, you may be able to catch a glimpse of the NPMC delivery person. The box will contain small Paska buns for each person in your household, lovingly baked by Marlene Froese and Hedio Harder (thank you, ladies!). Our hope is that this little gift will symbolize the enduring love and friendship within the NPMC congregation.

Easter Sunday, 5:00 p.m. – “Paska Faspa”: You are invited to join in a Zoom potluck. We will eat our Paska buns together, visit and share in the goodness of the day. Some may want to share stories of Easter traditions or memories. Everyone is welcome! (Christie will send a Zoom link a few days in advance.) If you are unable to attend the Paska Faspa, think of NPMC friends whenever you partake of your Paska bun. We send our sincere wishes to everyone for a Happy and Meaningful Easter!

Voices Together: We give thanks for the generosity of the Ruth Hamm Endowment which made purchase of our Choir loft Voices Together possible. If you are interested in purchasing the new hymnal, Voices Together, please let our church office know. We will put together a group order and hope to take advantage of group order pricing if there is enough interest. Resources available include a book for worship leaders, large print edition, digital edition, and an accompaniment edition. For more details on the various resources and Canadian pricing go to: <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/ordering-and-discounts/> **Please have your order in to the church office by March 15. Make sure to specify which VT resource you are requesting.**

CHURCH LIFE is looking for your winter fun photos! With spring just around the corner, let's celebrate the wonderful season of winter by sharing photos with each other. Please email one or two photos of your winter fun to deneldafast@hotmail.com. They will be added to those already posted by Care Group #6 on the Church Life/Winter Fun page on private side of our website.

The next Adult Education Zoom discussion is on Monday, March 22 at 7:30-8:30 pm. Paul Schroeder will be leading the discussion on Chapter Three of Drew Hart's *Trouble I've Seen*: "Leaving Behind the Whitened Jesus."

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, March 14 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Lent 4.

Sunday, March 14 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm: NPMC Board Meeting on Zoom.

Tuesday, March 16 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom.

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm: Men's Gathering on Zoom.

Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Lent 5.

Sunday, March 21 at 3:00-4:00 pm: Weekly Coffee Hour on Zoom.

Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 am: Worship on Livestream. Palm/Passion Sunday.

Sunday, March 28: NPMC AGM; Time TBA.