

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Nov 28 at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Tuesday, Nov 30 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study on Zoom- Luke 10
Wednesday, Dec 1 at 7:00 pm: Men's Study Group on Zoom
Sunday, Dec 5 at 10:00 am: Children's Sunday School
11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream: Advent 2

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
November 28, 2021 at 11:00 am**

In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff
Accompanist: Teresa Koop Hunter
Song Leader: Nicole Tiessen
Ushers: Ted and Joanne Ewart

Prelude
Call to Worship
Invocation
Advent Hymn O Come, O Come, Immanuel (V 1,3,6,7) VT #210 / HWB #172
Welcome and Announcements
Special Music We Come Joel Driedger, Macaila Funk, Brent Guenther, Nicole Tiessen
Lighting the Advent Candle
Hymn Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee VT #215 / HWB #182
Children's Time
Lighting the Peace Lamp
Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer/ Offertory Prayer
Special Music Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Scripture Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Luke 21: 25-33
Sermon Living in Hope Susanne Guenther Loewen
Special Music Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Benediction
Closing Hymn Bless'd Be the God of Israel VT #223 / HWB #174
Postlude

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## Announcements

Mennonite Church USA has produced an Advent at Home Devotional for 2021 on the theme of "Dare to Imagine." It contains devotional ideas for all ages as we prepare our hearts and minds for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Please download at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/advent-at-home/> or pick up a printed copy at the church building.

NPMC families received Advent activity bags this week, including an NPMC Advent Family Activity Calendar with ideas for each day of Advent created by Lori Weiler-Thiessen and Susanne Guenther Loewen. There are extra copies of this calendar available in the foyer.

**Men's Study Group:** Chapter 7: The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr. If you have not received an email copy please contact the church office.

**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. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec\\_vxxW5t3fm5UPnNLCUupGpqVebW1V\\_JL1KBDR4o6rzsCaQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSec_vxxW5t3fm5UPnNLCUupGpqVebW1V_JL1KBDR4o6rzsCaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

All who attend Nutana Park Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered by mail and email. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Gwen by **Dec 10**.

### **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!

As temperatures drop the poor, and especially the homeless, find themselves vulnerable. **Friendship Inn** is looking for gently used or new mittens, and gloves as well as new socks to give out to those who come through their doors. The **Saskatoon Foodbank** lists the following as their "most wanted" food items: We will collect these items at the church building aiming for delivery after Sunday, December 5th. Material donations will be received on Sundays, and other days staff is available to receive them. The service committee is also willing to do pickup deliveries. Both institutions also take financial donations. Let us be mindful of those of our city who are hurting.

The Service Group of Nutana Park Mennonite is interested on coordinating a day in which our congregations takes responsibility for one kettle (ringing bells, collecting donations and such). Friday, **December 17th**, is a proposed date. If you are interested is slotting an hour or two of service between 2:00--9:00pm please let Patrick or James Friesen know. If we have enough interest we will book with the Salvation Army at a site where they need assistance.

**Host families needed for RJC International students.** Would you like to support RJC in a different way? RJC is looking for individuals, couples, or families who would be open to hosting an International student during closed dorm weekends or extended holidays. If you are interested please email [deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**MCC Connects:** Receive 50% off our MCC quilts for our Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale! Use Coupon code BLACKFRIDAY50 at [www.mccskquiltsale.com](http://www.mccskquiltsale.com) or when you call in to receive 50% off your purchase. Code expires Monday, November 29.

**Prayers for RJC students & staff.** RJC students will be participating on their grade-based initiative travel week to Winnipeg, Regina, and Camp Valaqua, AB for a time of out-of-classroom learning November 29- December 3. We ask that you pray for positive learning experiences and safety during this time.

**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.

**FREE PIANO!** If anyone is interested in a Heintzman upright piano, please contact George Enns and Joyce Tremmel. They have one available.