

## Coming Up

Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 am: Choir  
 at 11:00 am: Worship Service  
 Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm: NPMC/MRMC Youth Christmas Party  
 Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 pm: Kids' Club Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long at Bethany Manor  
 Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 am: Choir  
 at 11:00 am: Worship Service  
 at 5:00 pm: Christmas Banquet  
 Sunday, December 24 there will be an 11:00 am service and 7:00 pm service

### Kids Corner

**December 14: KCC Christmas Concert and Sing-a-long to wrap up for the year.** Kids arrive at Bethany at 7:00 pm

#### Children's Play Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 10 – 10:00 – 10:45 am (Sunday School time) - Rehearsal  
 Sunday, December 10 – noon – 2:00 pm (bring bagged lunch) - Rehearsal  
 Saturday, December 16 - 10:00 am – noon - Dress Rehearsal  
 Sunday, December 17 – 10:00 – 10:45 am - Rehearsal  
 Sunday, December 17 – 5:30 pm (prepare for performance at the Christmas banquet)

### Children's Song lyrics

**The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (3 times)  
 And they say that his name is Jesus**

**The angel sang when the baby was born (3 times)  
 And they sang that his name is Jesus**

**Chorus: He come from the Glory,  
 He come from the Glorious Kingdom. (Repeat)**

### Advent 2 – Dec. 10 – Strength of God

Strength of God, open our hearts and minds us as we prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-Us. We give thanks for the gift of Jesus and for the ways in which he showed the strength of love and compassion. By your Spirit, empower us to witness to the true, life-giving power of your strength. Amen.

*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.*



### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory  
 December 10, 2023 at 11:00 am**

### In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer  
 Accompanist: Susan Ens Funk

Music: NPMC Choir led by Jordan Wiens, SSO Chorus members led by Duff Warkentin  
 Ushers: Marg and Wally Krause

### Advent 2

Prelude  
 Welcome, Greetings and Announcements  
 Land Acknowledgement  
 Call to Worship  
 Invocation  
 Advent Hymn We Come VT #225  
 Lighting the Advent Candle Hyungjung Shen  
 Choir Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  
 Lighting the Peace Lamp  
 Advent Hymn Now the Heavens Start to Whisper VT #237  
 Joys and Concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choir What Child is This  
 With the Children Luke Bushman  
 Children's Song The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy Jake and Barb Ens  
 Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7 Luke 2: 8-18  
 Sermon The Strength of God Luke Bushman  
 SSO Chorus For Unto us a Child is Born  
 Spoken Benediction  
 Sending Hymn Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord VT #219

## NPMC Announcements

**Advent Devotionals for all ages are available on the NPMC website under Sermons.** There is a daily devotional, *\_Bless the Advent We Actually Have\_* by Kate Bowler and a weekly devotional, *\_How Will We Know? Advent at Home\_* by Mennonite Education Agency of MC USA/Canada. Please visit the website to download the pdf files at <http://www.npmc.net/2022-sermons.html>, or contact the office for a print copy.

**Dec. 14 - Kids' Club Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long** - Bethany Manor Fellowship Hall - kids arrive at 7 pm at 110 entrance, performance at 7:30 pm. All parents, families, Bethany residents, and supporters of the Kids' Club & Choir are welcome to our Christmas performance. We hope to see you there!

Please join us on Sunday, **DECEMBER 17TH for our NPMC CHRISTMAS BANQUET!** We're looking forward to celebrating in person with all those able to attend! Invites with details are in your church mailbox. Please contact Gwen by Monday, **Dec 11th** if you are not able to indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

A committee has come together again this year and we will be working to prepare our own turkey dinner. We are excited to be supporting local businesses again by purchasing their produce! If anyone is interested in helping on Saturday morning, December 16<sup>th</sup> to prep for Sunday OR if you would prefer to help on Sunday afternoon leading up to the banquet, please sign your name on the sign up sheet in the foyer or let Marlene or Anita know.

**DONATION INFO** - As indicated on your invite, any monies given over and above \$20.00/adult and \$10.00/child will be receipted for income tax. If you pay separately (cash for dinner and cheque for donation), please indicate on your donation envelope to eliminate confusion. Also, we will be collecting non perishable food donations for the **FOOD BANK**. If you wish to bring something, please place it in the box in the education wing.

**SAVE THE DATE - January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - CREATIVE COMMONS** - Are you looking for a time and space to let your creative juices flow in the company of friends and uninterrupted by household distractions? Bring your favourite project (quilting, sewing, knitting, organizing photos, scrapbooking, etc.) and enjoy working in a relaxing environment. This retreat is for anyone and everyone and will take place at Nutana Park Mennonite Church and will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. There is also a **DROP IN** option for those who would like to participate but are not available for the entire time. Register with Gwen and let her know what you will need in terms of space to set up (i.e. table, electricity, etc.) and if you are a drop in, when you plan on attending. There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover Saturday lunch and snacks and any other costs incurred.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is January 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, you can ask Fern, Geraldine, Anita or Denelda.

## Community Announcements

**Dec 10: A Very Shekinah Christmas** at 3 pm with North Sky Chorale conducted by Richard Janzen. There will be a formal farewell for Ron and Sue. Goodies to follow. Admission by donation.

**Dec 10: Saskatoon Men's Chorus** presents its annual Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. at Grace Westminster United Church. Tickets are \$25, Free for children under 12. Purchase in advance from a member of SMC, or at the door. More information is available at [www.saskatoonmenschorus.ca](http://www.saskatoonmenschorus.ca)

**Dec 14: The Bridge City Brass Band and Grace Westminster United Church choirs** are participating in a Lessons and Carol Service at Grace Westminster. It will start at 7:30 pm; admission by Food Bank or cash donation.

**December 19: RJC Christmas Concert at 7:00pm:** Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert. In the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation. Live-stream option will be available.

**MCC Connects:** Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at 50% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

**This Season of Giving, a portion of your donations are going to support our schools.** 30 donations of \$167 will cover our contribution to RJC High School for one month; 30 donations of \$139 will cover the monthly contribution to CMU. Donations to MC Sask spread your generosity locally, nationwide and globally. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

**Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of MC Canada, sends out Advent greetings.** View video here <https://youtu.be/ZYmaYfUrB-M>