

Coming Up

Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 am: Worship Service
at 5:00 pm: Christmas Banquet
Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm: Board Meeting
Sunday, December 24 at 11:00 am: Worship Service
at 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service

Kids Corner

Children's Play Rehearsal Schedule

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

**The shepherds came where the baby was born (3 times) And
they say that his name is Jesus**

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

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 17, 2023 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Denelda Fast
Speaker: Eileen Klassen Hamm
Accompanist: Sue Schellenberg
Ushers: Marg and Wally Krause

Advent 3

Prelude		
Land Acknowledgement		
Gathering Hymn	Let Us Build a House	VT #36
Welcome and Announcements		
Call to Worship/ Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Advent Hymn	Hope is a Candle	VT #211
With the Children		
Children's Song	The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy	Jake and Barb Ens
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Advent Hymn	Comfort, Comfort, O My People	VT #212
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Scripture	Psalm 85: 8-13 Isaiah 9: 6-7	
Message	Prince of Peace?	Eileen Klassen Hamm
Advent Hymn	We Dream of a Turning	VT #209
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	The Peace of the Earth Be with You	VT #838
Postlude		

Advent 3 – Dec. 17 – Champion of Peace

Gracious God, as we reflect on the Champion of Peace, we remember all the places in the world and our lives where destruction, hatred, fear, and death reign. Give us your vision for another way that leads to the flourishing of all. Be with all who work for justice and peace and guide us to do the things that make for peace. Amen.

NPMC Announcements

There will be no Christmas Day service at NPMC this year. If you would like to attend a worship service on Dec 25, **Christmas Day service at Bethany Manor at 10:30 am**

DIRECTORY UPDATES - For those of you who have a hard copy of the directory, please find the updated directory inserts in your mailboxes. If you have a hard copy and did not receive a set of inserts, please let Gwen know.

For those of you who were not able to attend the Christmas Banquet OR if you just want another look at the slideshow, you will find it on the private side of the website under the heading Church Life and the tab Christmas Banquet 2023.

SAVE THE DATE - January 19th & 20th - 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 14th. If you have any questions, you can ask Fern, Geraldine, Anita or Denelda.

Community Announcements

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.

The Youth Farm Bible Camp is inviting you to a Drive Through event this Christmas season. Get tickets online at www.youthfarmcornmaze.com Lights, hand painted billboards, Bethlehem town, and much more. Check out when we are open online. You can also purchase tickets at the gate when you arrive. They are \$22 online or \$25 at the gate.

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>

MCC Connects: Looking for ways to be creative this holiday season? MCC Thrift has put together a free resource called 12 Days of Christmas Crafting. Visit this link for twelve crafts that you and your loved ones can create together: <https://mccthrift.com/christmas-crafting>