

Coming Up

Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 am: Choir
 at 11:00 am: Worship Service
 at 12pm: Caring and Visitation Meeting
 Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study Advent Tea
 Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00 pm: Men's Breakfast at Coachman
 Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm: Cookies and Carol Sing
 Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 am: Choir
 at 11:00 am: Worship Service

Kids Corner

Thursdays at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir

Children's Play Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, December 3 - Potluck and Christmas Tree Decorating (no rehearsal)
 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 (performance is 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**

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

Advent 1 - Dec. 3 - Wonderful Counsellor

Shine your light upon us, O God, as we seek to be enlightened. By your Spirit, open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Christ-child.

Wonderful Counsellor, thank-you for fulfilling Isaiah's vision and showing us that a different, life-giving order is possible. Make us an instrument of your alternative realm on earth. AMEN

Adapted by Susanne from: Walter Brueggemann, *Names for the Messiah*.

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 3, 2023 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff
 Song Leader: Duff Warkentin
 Accompanist: Sharon Klassen and Rhonda Krahn
 Ushers: Dorothy and Merv Sorensen

Advent 1

Prelude		Rhonda and Sharon
Call to Worship/ Invocation		
Welcome and Announcements		
Special Music	Morning Star	Rhonda and Sharon
Lighting the Advent Candle		Anita and Alison Jantz
Advent Hymn	Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee	VT #215
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Children's Time		
Children's Song	The Virgin Mary had a baby boy	Jake and Barb Ens
Advent Hymn	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	VT #218
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer / Offertory Prayer		
Advent Hymn	Comfort, Comfort, O My People	VT #212
Responsive Reading	Psalm 16	
Scripture	Isaiah 9: 6-7 1 Corinthians 1: 18-20	
Special Music	Manger Songs	Rhonda and Sharon
Sermon	Good Counsel	Patrick Preheim
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	God be with you till we meet again	insert
Postlude		

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. 5, 10 am, Lounge - Women's Bible Study Advent Tea. Please bring some Christmas baking or a savoury appetizer to share (finger foods). Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Susanne will lead us in a devotional and then we can visit and eat together. All NPMC women are welcome!

Dec 8 Cookie & Carol Sing at 7:00 pm: You are invited for an hour of by-request carol singing in our sanctuary, led by Ron Peters and accompanied by Jake Ens and Susan Ens Funk. Please come ready to sing your favourites and bring some baking to share afterwards.

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 16th 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 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

Dec 3, today: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Join Amy Peters around the fire to begin the Advent season in outdoor worship. All are welcome!

Dec 3 & 4: Bethany Chorus, under the direction of Duff Warkentin and accompanied by Verna Olfert, invites you to our concert, “Christmas Notes of Celebration” with special guest Wes Froese, on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 and on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Manor. Entrance is by honorarium at the door. Come enjoy Christmas music and sing some favourite carols.

Dec 4: Join Micah Mission at Wanuskewin for our learning series, Conversations in the Spirit of Truth & Reconciliation, as we dive into the theme of Justice. Cost: \$30.00. Contact info@themicahmission.org for more information and to buy tickets.

Dec 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm, the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry.

Dec. 9 – Mega Menno Christmas with MCC! Join us at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon at 7:00pm for a night of making upcycled Christmas decorations, Christmas goodies, and considering how we can foster generosity this season. Pick-up is at 9:00pm, contact Kirsten for more information – youthminister@mcsask.ca.

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

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.