

Coming Up

Sunday, Jan 26 at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Sharon Murugiah, Executive Director of Shekinah Retreat Centre speaking
Tuesday, Jan 28 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan 29 at 7:00 pm: Men's Group
Sunday, Feb 2 at 11:00 am: Worship Service, Patrick Preheim speaking



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
January 26, 2025 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Online Worship Service

Worship Leader: Audrey Kampen
Accompanist: Teresa Koop-Hunter
Ushers: Marg and Wally Krause

Points of Progress

- 1. Mexico: Gondolas are connecting marginalized neighbourhoods across Mexico City.** The system, inaugurated in 2021, is moving working-class people closer to subways and buses linked to the city center, slashing commute times.
- 2. Brazil: A record number of Indigenous people were elected in Brazil's latest municipal elections.** Indigenous mayors, vice mayors, and city councillors won 256 seats in the elections compared to 236 in 2020. Advocates expect the trend to continue for state and federal elections come 2026.

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	Summoned by the God Who Made Us	VT #1
Call to Worship		VT #861
Lighting the Peace Lamp		Leo, Henri and Maya
Joys and Concerns		
Shekinah Update		SaraLyn Andres
Congregational Prayer		
Songs with the Children		Zac Schellenberg
Being Me		
Butterfly Song		
Kumbaya		
Unity		VT #719
Time with the Children		
Offering and Offertory	This is my Song	VT #710
Scripture Reading	Acts 8: 1-8	Silas, Anna and Ben
Sermon	The Purpose of Persecution in Strengthening Faith	Sharon Murugiah
Hymn of Response	For We are Strangers No More	VT #409
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Rain Down	VT #703

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.

NPMC Announcements

Calling all NPMC Singers: If you are interested in singing in a "Pop-up choir" to lead Sunday morning hymn singing, please join us on February 9 and March 9 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary to review the hymns for that morning. The "Pop-up choir" will lead the hymn singing on each of those Sundays.

Feb 20: There will be a Quilting Bee at Nutana Park Mennonite Church on Thursday, Feb 20 from 9:00 am to noon as part of MCC's Winter Warm Up promotion. This event is coordinated by the First Mennonite Church Comfort Making group. Come for the fellowship as well as the work. No quilting experience is needed. Both men and women are welcome. Coffee will be provided.

Sunday, February 23: Winter Fun Day at NPMC - Come out for an afternoon of winter fun! We will enjoy a wiener roast after church along with winter activities both inside and outside. Outdoor: Fire pit for roasting hot dogs and having s'mores, along with a parking lot shinny game and activities. Bring gear for cross-country skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing and skating in Harold Tatler Park (just steps from church). Inside: Enjoy crokinole and other board games. You can participate in one OR all of these activities! Hot chocolate and hot apple cider and popcorn/goodies and condiments for hot dogs will be provided. Please bring hot dogs, buns, roasting sticks, and s'more ingredients for your family and indoor games to play with others.

Conference and Community Events

January 31-Feb 1: RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling- Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall on Saturday (\$15/person, 10 & under free). To pre-register please visit rjc.sk.ca/tom. We hope to see you there!

January 31- February 2: 2025 MC Sask Youth Retreat at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. We are so excited to have a weekend of worship, community-building, and fun! We hope your youth can plan to join us! This year we managed to keep Kirsten Hamm-Epp around for a little longer as our speaker, and we also anticipate the retreat band (Zac Schellenberg and Clay Buhler) to make an appearance! Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11925>

February 2: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Josh Wallace will be our guide through outdoor worship. Come experience the beauty of this winter season; all are welcome!

February 8: Come to the Youth Farm Bible Camp for their annual Cinnamon Bun Fund Raiser on Saturday, February 8 - 10:00AM. They will also be sharing about a recent trip to Italy/Greece (following footsteps of Paul) and the upcoming Nicaragua and Mexico Impact Trips through the 3E Internship Program.

February 14 – Please join us for our Hearts for Refugees fundraising dinner at Eigenheim Mennonite Church (8 kms west of Rosthern on Hwy 312). Two seatings: 5:00 pm or 6:30 pm. RSVP by phone or text: (306) 232-7447. Admission by donation.

February 17, 11 am-4 pm: Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day: Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate!

MCC Connects: Join us for The Great Winter Warm-up as we send warmth and comfort in the form of blankets to people experiencing conflict and disaster around the world. You can donate towards the cost of comforter supplies or make your own comforter! Please visit this link for more details: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

MCC Connects: Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in being immersed in a new culture, and growing in ways never imagined? MCC's SALT program (Serving and Learning Together) is a cross-cultural service experience that runs from August to July every year, providing a wide variety of areas to serve in such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace, and more. All assignment-related costs are covered, student loan fees are covered, and low fundraising expectations. Deadline to apply is February 15. Learn more at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/salt>

RJC High School Employment Opportunity | Teacher RJC High School is inviting applications for a full-time teaching position beginning in the 2025/2026 school year. The ideal candidate will teach from a whole student perspective and be actively engaged in school and community programming. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the president, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca no later than Friday, February 28, 2025. For more information, please review the full job description on our [website](#).

Apply Now and Save \$500 at RJC! | Are you, or is somebody you know planning to attend RJC High School in September 2025? Apply by February 1 and save \$500 (open to new students only). Head to our website at rjc.sk.ca/apply to complete your application today!