

## Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, Mar 5 at 9:15 am:** Choir in the sanctuary  
at 9:30 am: Adult Ed in the lounge  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream  
**Tuesday, Mar 7 at 10:00 am:** Women's Bible Study  
**Wednesday, Mar 8 at 7:00 pm:** Men's Group in lounge (Fear, Stress and Anxiety)  
**Thursday, Mar 9:** Kids Club and Choir  
**Saturday, Mar 11:** Annual Delegate Sessions at Bethany Manor  
**Sunday, Mar 12 at 9:15 am:** Choir in the sanctuary  
at 9:30 am: Adult Ed in the lounge  
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

March 5 Service of Shadows

Lent is a season of reflection as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter. We extinguish one additional candle each week aware of what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem. We walk with him and he walks with us. After the candle is extinguished, there will be a time of silence in which we will have opportunity to acknowledge the challenges with which we live as well Christ's light which guides us. Let us join in a time of silent confession and invitation.

(extinguish a candle)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the disordered and unruly: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**March 26 AGM:** There will be a quick potluck after the church service and before the AGM. Please keep things simple by bringing finger foods.

- A-H Raw Veggies and Dessert (help with clean-up)
- I-Z Sandwiches (help with set-up)

*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  
March 5, 2023 at 11:00 am**

**In Person and Live Stream Worship Service**  
Worship Leader: Eric Neufeld  
Accompanist: Teresa Koop-Hunter

Welcome, Announcements, and Land Acknowledgement

Service of Shadows

Opening Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth VT #120

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World VT #180

Offertory Prayer

With the Children Eric

Scripture Genesis 9:8-13

Psalm 65: 6-13

Sermon A Journey of Healing: Humanity and the Land Patrick

Hymn of Response God Who Touches the Earth with Beauty VT #550

Spoken Benediction

Sending Hymn God be With You Till We Meet Again VT #840

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### NPMC Announcements

**March 5, Adult Ed:** *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Have Stopped Working and What to Do about It* by Brian McLaren (also *Do I Stay Christian?*). Led by Edna Froese

**March 12:** *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. Led by Edna Froese

**March 19:** Westgate College will be offering worship service at Nutana Park Mennonite Church at 11:00 am. There will be an evening concert at Osler Mennonite church in Osler on the same day.

**Annual General Meeting:** Please note that our Board of Deacons plans to convene our Annual General Meeting on **March 26th at 1:30 PM**. If you have any questions about this planned meeting, you are invited to contact Bob Neufeldt (Chair) or any member of the Board of Deacons.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE!** We have had requests for more hard copies of the new pictorial directory, so we will be doing another round of printing in the next few weeks. Please advise Gwen by today if you would like one. At the same time, we will be printing pages with the most recent updates for everyone who has a hard copy of our directory.

**Official tax receipts** are now out. Please check your mailbox or if you would like it mailed to you, please contact Gwen in the office.

We welcome ALL (if you have been in choir for years or are thinking of joining this for the first time!) to come back and sing in **our NPMC choir starting again this Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the sanctuary!** Rehearsals will continue from March 5 to Easter Sunday. We are thrilled to announce that we are bringing back the NPMC tradition of a choir performance on Easter Sunday! We invite you to come and sing with us under the direction of Tristan Brenneman. We are grateful for his leadership and look forward to a great group of singers!!!

### Community Announcements

**March 5, today:** Consider joining with others around the campfire as we explore **the 2023 theme for Forest Church - Face to Face: Encountering God in the Wilderness**. Ric Driediger will provide input this month, sharing from a wealth of experience on this topic. **3pm at Shekinah**. All are welcome!

**March 9: John and Margaret Friesen Lectures** – “*The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment*” with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit [cmu.ca/friesenlectures](http://cmu.ca/friesenlectures) for more information.

**March 10 and 11,** Burnt Thicket Theatre is presenting *New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation* at the Remai Arts Centre in Saskatoon. Through poetry, song, and dance this theatre production tells the inspiring true story of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman. Tickets are pay-what-you-choose, and there are also discounted matinees available for students and teachers.

**March 11: MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. A working copy of the report book is now available!** This is a hybrid online and in person event, and **registration is required to attend**.

Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

**March 11 6:30 pm: You are invited to a viewing of Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes documentary at Wildwood Mennonite Church.** Indigenous peoples' ancestors left their marks on the land for millennia. Artifacts everywhere, many lost forever to agricultural and other development. Still some places remain untouched; beautiful natural settings with artifacts, all with stories to tell. Come watch the documentary about Ancient Echoes' work to protect this ancient Indigenous sacred site. Think about how you can contribute to protection of the marks of Indigenous history. There will be time to share your response following the documentary.

**March 12 at 7:00 pm: RJC Choirs & Cakes:** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

**March 17: Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting on the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah.** This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>.

**Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking to fill full-time and part-time positions.** We seek a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**Save the date!** MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church**. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>