

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, Nov 27 at 9:30 am: Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream
Tuesday, Nov 29 at 10 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Nov 30 at 7 pm: Men's Study Group via Zoom
Thursday, Dec 1 at 7 pm: Kids' Club and Choir
Sunday, Dec 3 at 9:30 am: Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal
at 11:00 am: NPMC Worship on Livestream

NPMC Staff Office Hours:

Susanne is available most weekday afternoons for visits; please contact her to arrange.
Patrick schedules visits as possible. Contact him through the office, email, home or cell.
Luke's office hours are Thurs afternoons and Fri afternoons
Gwen's office hours are Mon- Fri, 1-5 pm



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
November 27, 2022 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Geraldine Balzer
Accompanist: Fern Stockdale
Ushers: Orv and El Neufeldt

Advent 1

Welcome, Greetings, and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Hymn of Praise	O Come, O Come Immanuel (v1-4)	VT #210
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn of Peace	O Come, O Come Immanuel (5-7)	VT #210
Lighting the Advent Candle		VT #916
Hymn	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	VT #218
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer/ Offertory		
Hymn	Comfort, Comfort, O My People	VT #212
With the Children		Geraldine Balzer
Children's Song	Thanks a Lot	Jared Regier
Scripture	Psalm 122 Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14	
Sermon	What Are We Hoping For?	Susanne Guenther Loewen
Hymn	Now the Heavens Start to Whisper	VT #237
Benediction		
Sending Hymn	Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord	VT #219

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.

Announcements

Advent Devotional: Two types of Advent Devotionals are available on the church website under Sermons: a weekly devotional for all ages from Mennonite Church USA and a daily devotional written by Kate Bowler. Limited print copies of the MC USA devotionals are available in the foyer.

There will be **no adult education** for the remainder of this year. Please watch for announcements early in the new year.

Dec 9 at 7pm -- "Cookie & Carol Sing": Come for an informal evening of Christmas Carols by request (in the sanctuary), followed by cookies & apple cider (in the education wing). Please bring your Christmas baking to share.

Saturday, December 10th - 9:00 to 12:00 - Gingerbread House Decorating and Peppernut Baking Bee! Come out and roll snakes and cut peppernuts or try your hand at decorating gingerbread houses (or BOTH) in preparation for our NPMC Christmas Banquet. Contact Marlene or Denelda if you have questions.

DEC 18TH - SAVE THE DATE for our NPMC CHRISTMAS BANQUET - We're looking forward to celebrating in person with all those able to attend! Check your church mailbox for an invite with details. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. If anyone is interested in helping on Saturday morning, Dec 17th to prep for Sunday or if you would prefer to help on Sunday afternoon leading up to the banquet, please let Denelda or Marlene know.

Dec. 4: Wonderful winter worship outdoors at Shekinah. Forest church meets at 3pm with **Kirsten Hamm-Epp** taking the lead this month. Dress warm and join us; **all are welcome!**

Dec 4: Saskatoon Men's Chorus is presenting its Christmas concert, *A Carol for Peace*, Sunday Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church (bottom of the Broadway Bridge). Our featured guest musician will be flutist Ann Salmon. SMC will again be collecting donations of food for Saskatoon Food Bank at the door. Tickets can be purchased: from Lynn Driedger, at the door, or through our website, saskatoonmenschorus.ca. *The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.

Dec 5: The Bethany Chorus Christmas Concert at Bethany Manor.

Dec 7 or 8: Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre presents Christmas by Lamplight. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 7 or Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00PM for an evening of Christmas stories and carol singing in the little church at the corner of 5th St. and 6th Ave. in Rosthern. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but seating is limited. RSVP by email: rosthermmuseum@gmail.com or by phone/text: 306-232-7447.

Dec 8: The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having a Christmas Supper Fundraiser in the dining hall at the camp from 5-7pm and all are welcome to attend. Entrance is by donation and we will be enjoying smoked roast beef, turkey, stuffing and potatoes.

Dec 10 at 7pm: Coro Nova Choir invites you to their Christmas Concert at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Join us for an evening of music to celebrate the Christmas season with special guest, the newly formed **Nutana Park Mennonite Church Kids Club Junior Choir**. Directed by Lynne Driedger-Enns and Accompanied by Brenda Epp. Tickets are \$10 (children under 12 are free) at the door - rush seating only! We look forward to seeing you there!

Dec 11 at 2:30 pm: Shekinah invites you to our annual A Very Shekinah Christmas at the Shekinah Timberlodge. Join us for an old fashioned carol singing, a performance by local bluegrass group BJ & Friends, and - of course - some tasty goodies before your trek home. Admission is by donation, with money raised going towards our summer camp. See <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2022> for more details.

Dec 20: RJC Christmas Concert: Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert. 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 20 in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation.

CREATIVE COMMONS celebrating COMMUNITY 2.0 - January 13 -14: 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 will take place at Nutana Park Mennonite Church and will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 10:00PM and all day on Saturday beginning at 9:00AM. Drop in for a few hours if that is the time you have. Register with Gwen and let her know what you will need in terms of space to set up (i.e. table, electricity, etc.). There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover meal costs (Saturday lunch and supper) and any other costs incurred. If you have any questions, contact Fern, Geraldine, Anita or Denelda.

The Shekinah Youth Retreat is coming on the weekend of Jan 27-29, and we are in need of kitchen help to make this weekend of rest and learning happen. If you'd be willing to help out in the kitchen please let Zach Dueck know at youthminister@mcsask.ca or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834