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In Memoriam Sunday

Vol. L **11:00 a.m.** No. 45

Worship Leader: Anita Retzlaff
Accompanists: Fern Stockdale Winder -- piano,
Jenna Zee -- flute
Special Music: Ron, Sue, and Zac Schellenberg,
Luke Derksen, Ian & Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Clay & Laura Buhler,
Macaila Funk, Aleta Martens
Candle Lighter: Sarah Alford
Greeters: Susan & James Ens Funk
Ushers: Hedio & Ross Borne

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Prelude  
**We Gather**  
Greetings and Announcements  
Introit **Lord, Listen to Your Children** Ensemble  
Invocation  
Hymn **Our Father God, Thy Name We Praise** HWB No. 32  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Children's Time/Song **I've Got Peace Like a River**  
*Child care is provided for young children*  
**We Pray**  
Offering & Offertory **Thy Will Be Done** Ensemble  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
In Memoriam  
Hymn **Abide With Me** HWB No. 653  
**We Receive the Word and are Sent**  
Scripture Haggai 2:1-9  
Meditation **Remember the Temple** Patrick Preheim  
Service of Communion  
**Taste and See** Ensemble and Congregation  
**It is Well** Ensemble  
Hymn **Take Thou My Hand, O Father** HWB No. 581  
Benediction  
Choral Sending **Be Strong in the Lord** Ensemble

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Spotlight on Community Life

Today is a day set aside to reflect on our loved ones who have died in this year and also in the past. It is a time where we think about the love and caring we experienced from those we loved. It is also a time where we can pray and live our legacy. What do I value as my legacy? May love and caring be my gift to be remembered.

Spotlight on Climate Change

Willard Metzger, Mennonite Church Canada's Executive Director, has been invited to attend the United Nations Framework Climate Change Conference, Nov. 30 – Dec. 11 in Paris, France. He is attending on behalf of The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). In her letter of invitation, CCC President Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton acknowledged the "valuable voice of the Mennonite family in our ecumenical work" and Metzger's "unique ability to bridge relationships across the various Christian expressions" in the CCC.

This Week

- Today** **8:55 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *What should I do to put my house in order?*
11:00 am Worship; Patrick Preheim speaking; In Memoriam Sunday; Communion.
 Creative church -- everyone will remain in the sanctuary for the service. Children's activity table will focus on remembering and communion, with a snack.
Noon Care Group 1 -- visitors are invited to join us for lunch.
- Monday** **2:00 pm** Ecumenical Bible Study.
- Tuesday** **10:00 am** Women's Bible Study.
- Tuesday** **Rosthern Junior College fundraiser** at Bethany Manor; Kielke & Sausage dinner. First seating is **4:30pm** for residents & guests; Second seating is **6:30pm** for everyone else. Donations over \$10/person will be accepted.
- Friday/Sat.** **7:00 pm** **Theatre of the Beat presents** *This Will Lead to Dancing* at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Doors open at 6:30. Donation (\$15/person suggested).
- Sat.** **2:00-5:00 pm** Come and Go Tea celebrating Jake and Barbara Ens' 50th Anniversary. Program will begin at 3:00 pm.

Coming Up

- Next Sun.** **8:55 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.
9:25 am Choir rehearsal for all ages in the sanctuary.
9:45 am Adult Ed: *What does a good death look like?*
11:00 am 1 Advent. Worship; Anita Retzlaff speaking on the Book of Zechariah.
7:00 pm **Theatre of the Beat presents** *This Will Lead to Dancing* at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Doors open at 6:30. Donation (\$15/person suggested).
- Dec. 1** **10:00 am** **Women's Bible Study Tea.**

- Dec. 2** **7:30 pm** **Candle Light Service at Knox United Church;** light a "Memorial Candle" and place a ribbon on the "Tree of Remembrance" in memory of your loved ones.
- Dec. 4** **7:30 pm** **Musical Jam Session;** lounge. Bring your instruments and voices for an evening of singing popular songs.
- Dec. 4, 12** **7:30 pm** **A Buncha Guys** Christmas Concerts with the Friesen Family Band – **Fri. Dec. 4** 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. **Sat. Dec. 12** 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each—from McNally Robinson Book Sellers, any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken for Shekinah Retreat Centre.
- Dec. 6** **2:30 pm** The **Saskatoon Men's Chorus** will be presenting its Advent Concert, *Carols Everywhere* at Grace Westminster United Church. General admission is \$20; seniors and students \$15; and free for children under 12. Guest musicians are Louella Friesen and Audrey Falk Janzen. See Lynn Driedger for tickets.
- 7:30 pm** **Rosthern Junior College Choir Concert;** Knox United Church. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.
- Dec. 18** **7:00 pm** **Rosthern Junior College Christmas Concert** in the school auditorium. A time of refreshments will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome.
- Dec. 19** **7:30 pm** **Station Singers** presents *Sing We Now of Christmas* at Station Arts Centre, Rosthern. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$10 students, \$5--12 & under) from Station Arts.
- Dec. 20** **4:30 pm** **Christmas Banquet at NPMC - Social** at 4:30 pm, supper at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$20-18 yrs & up; \$10-ages 10-17; Free-10 & under. Sign up in foyer by Dec. 10.

Haggai 2:1-9

1 In the second year of King Darius, ¹in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts,

⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

“Creative Church” is an intergenerational, multisensory, participatory worship alternative to the formal sermon during the second half of our worship service. Anyone, ages 4 to 94 is invited to participate.

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.



Please help yourselves to the Advent devotional materials in the foyer.

Intergenerational Activity Nights

December Theme is Christmas. Activities will take place on Thursday nights.

- Dec. 3:** Create decorations for church Christmas banquet on December 20.
- Dec. 10:** Create a Christmas production to include in the choir Christmas program on December 13. Young Families-- sign up and be part of this program.
- Dec. 17:** Baking treats to share at the Christmas banquet on Dec. 20.

I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river . . .
I've got love like an ocean . . .
I've got joy like a fountain . . .

Care Group: November 29 -- Group 5

Lois Wiens has a new phone number -- 306-500-0320.

Announcements

Please return the surveys re: **role of pastors** by Sunday, November 29th.



From Earthkeepers: Finding it hard to think about green living? Try the Green Living Blog at the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's website for everything from recycling car seats to composting in the cold.

The **Youth Farm Bible Camp** is fundraising for their annual trip to Mexico in March. Once again Frozen Food Packages are available for purchase before December 9th. The cost is \$100. Details and online ordering can be found at www.yfbc.com/foodpackfundraiser.

MCC Connects: Claire Ewert Fisher has resigned as the Executive Director of MCC Saskatchewan effective December 31, 2015. The board and staff invite you to join us in celebrating Claire's leadership and dedication as Executive Director over the last seven years. Please drop by for a tea on December 3 at 3:00 pm at the MCC Centre. As Executive Director, Claire made visiting churches one of her priorities. We want to give you an opportunity to say thank you and farewell.

Christmas Collection for the Lighthouse:

In addition to collecting items for EGADZ we will also collect items for the Lighthouse. They need **socks, underwear, mitts, toques** and **jackets** for both men and women. They also appreciate **cash donations** to give Christmas presents to everyone at the Lighthouse. Our final day of collection will be our Church Christmas Banquet on December 20 -- there is a box in education wing.

EGADZ Christmas Wish List: EGADZ is hosting a Christmas party and giving every child/youth a stocking filled with gifts. They ask for help with the gift list: **toques, gloves, mini mitts, deodorant, razers, toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss, boxers, socks, etc** -- there is a box in the education wing.

L'Arche Saskatoon, an ecumenical organization supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities, has recently started a creative workshop with a vision of "Making art, making friends, making peace." If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Wyndham Thiessen, Community Leader, at 306-262-7243 or wthiessen@larchesaskatoon.org.

We have a request for empty toilet paper rolls (at least 100) for a Christmas craft that is happening in December; a collection box is under the mailboxes.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is looking to hire an interim **Youth Leader** to cover a maternity leave starting February 16, 2016. This half time position would include work with youth in grades 7-12. Interested individuals can email resumes to Helen at npmc@npmc.net by December 1st, 2015. Those invited for interviews will be contacted by December 7th, 2015.

Ronald McDonald House Gift Wrap Program needs volunteers to help wrap gifts at Midtown Plaza from November 27 to December 24. Sign up by contacting Marlene Froese at 306-668-4793 or dmfroese@sasktel.net.

NPMC Response to the World of Refugees

Our congregation has over the years responded in a very impressive way to the plight of refugees in the world. Since its beginning, this church has sponsored and supported 40 groups of varying sizes totalling 123 people. There has hardly been a year gone by when we have not been involved in some way. More recently, in 2015 we completed three sponsorships which perhaps suggests to us that it is time to 'take a break'. But daily we are shown images that stagger the imagination. Scenes of the old and the young struggling and being carried across the length and breadth of Europe to escape the terrors of the Middle East. Our government is intending to bring in 25,000 Syrians in a short period of time. MCC has a large number of files on its desk demanding their attention and response. How do WE RESPOND?

The Refugee Assistance Program committee approached Church Council with these issues, and received an overwhelming endorsement for continuing the church's mandate of caring for and welcoming refugees into our community.

MCC has on file a Syrian family presently in Lebanon who are anxiously hoping for reunification with their family already living in Saskatoon; Doha Kharsa, her husband and family. Some of you may have already met Doha at various MCC meetings. The family in Lebanon are Doha's sister aged 29, a single mother with three children (boys aged 9 and 7 and a daughter aged 4) and her brother aged 22. In light of the support we have received from Council, the RAP committee has made a commitment to MCC to sponsor this family of 5.

Doha and her family will be a great asset in welcoming and helping with the newcomers, but more volunteers and financial support will be needed from our congregation. The anticipated time of arrival is 9 to 12 months from now. We will in a future bulletin insert, outline how we as members of this church community can have an opportunity to become a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

*** We are excited about the additional opportunity to support a Syrian family in partnership with St. Phillip Neri and McClure United church. We will provide more information about helping the family as it becomes available.

Saskatoon Food Bank: Fruit juice; peanut butter