

NUTANA PARK MENNONITE CHURCH  
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**December 20, 2015**  
**Advent 4**

Vol. L **11:00 a.m.** No. 51

Worship Leader: Edna Froese  
Accompanists: Susan Ens Funk, Fern Stockdale Winder  
Special Music: Musica Tribus  
Advent Candle Lighters: Rachel & Jared Regier  
Greeters: Diane & Peter Hooge  
Ushers: Donna & Ernie Epp

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**We Gather**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invocation  
Hymn of Advent Praise **Come, Thou Long-expected  
Jesus** HWB No. 178  
Lighting of the Advent Candle Rachel & Jared  
Hymn **The First Noel, the Angel Did Say** HWB No. 199  
Lighting of the Peace Lamp  
Children's Time/Song **Mary Had a Baby** insert  
*Child care is provided for young children*

**We Pray**

Offering and Offertory **Carol of the Bells** Musica Tribus  
Joys and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer

**We Listen**

Hymn **Where is This Stupendous Stranger** HWB No. 200  
Scripture Matthew 1 and 2  
Sermon ***Dream Interpretation*** Patrick Preheim

**We Respond**

Hymn **No Wind at the Window** StS No. 11  
Benediction  
Sung Benediction **Sing a Different Song** StS No. 27  
Musica Tribus

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*Spotlight on Community Life*  
 The days of anticipation are almost over and soon we can rejoice in the fullness of that miracle birth. Jesus who came to each of us and to our church family of believers; who today want to feast together to celebrate the community we embrace. Let love be our centerpiece.

*Spotlight on Friendship Inn*  
 Friendship Inn is serving 1000 meals per day, which is up 26% from one year ago. To encourage the community to keep "filling the plate" during the holiday season, Potash Corp is matching all donations, up to \$100,000. Let's remember the good work of the Friendship Inn.

*This Week*

- Today**      **8:55 am** Contemplative prayer in the sanctuary.  
                  **9:45 am** Adult Ed: *Advent Reflections: Learning about Incarnation from Eastern Christianity.*  
                  **11:00 am** 4 Advent Worship: Patrick Preheim speaking. Creative church activity will be modelling with clay.  
                  **12:10 pm** Replay of the youth Christmas video in the sanctuary.  
                  **4:30 pm** Christmas Banquet at NPMC - Social at 4:30 pm, supper at 5:30 pm.
- Monday**      **7:30 pm** Board meeting -- the agenda and October approved minutes are posted on "Our Church" bulletin board.
- Thursday**    **7:00 pm** Christmas Eve service.
- Friday**        **11:00 am** Christmas Day service.

*Coming Up*

- Next Sun.**    **11:00 am** Worship: Patrick Preheim speaking.
- Dec. 31**      **5:30 pm** **Activity at church:** bring finger food snacks.
- Jan. 8, 9**      **Rosthern Junior College Tournament of Memories.** Denelda--306-221-2846 or RJC office--306-232-4222.
- Jan. 17**      **2:00 pm, Rosthern Junior College Winter Theatre;** for tickets  
                  **7:30 pm** (\$10) phone January 4--306-232-4222 ; [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)

**Mary had a baby**

Mary had a baby (My Lord)  
 Mary had a baby (Oh My Lord)  
 Mary had a baby (My Lord)  
 Sing Glory Hallelujah to the new born King.

Where did she lay him?    Laid him in a manger  
 What did she name him?   Named him King Jesus  
 Who heard the singing?   Shepherds heard the singing  
 Star keeps shining

**"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.

**Matthew 1:18-22**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this,

an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a **dream** and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet...

**Matthew 2:12-13**

Having been warned in a **dream** not to return to Herod, [the magi] left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a **dream** and said

'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.

**Matthew 2:19-22**

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a **dream** to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up,

took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a **dream**, he went away to the district of Galilee.

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*Announcements*

The last **Forever in Motion** is December 23. We will resume January 4, 2016. If you would like to know your donation amount to date, please contact Helen at the office on Monday or Tuesday morning.



**From Earthkeepers:** The Forestry Farm Park and Zoo hosts a drop-in interpretive program for kids from 1-3 pm on December 20 and 30.

Nutana Park Mennonite Church			
November 30, 2015			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
	Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov	Jan - Nov
Revenue	336,161.15	368,045.00	-31,883.85
Expenses	<u>356,699.02</u>	<u>368,045.00</u>	<u>-11,345.98</u>
Surplus (loss)	<u>-20,537.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-20,537.87</u>

**We need approximately \$36,000 for our budget to meet expenses.**