

Coming Up

Sunday, January 7 at 11:00 am: Worship Service
Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm: Men's Group
at 7:00 pm: Youth at NPMC (Music Theme Night)
Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 pm: Kids Club and Choir
Sunday, January 14 at 11:00 am: Worship Service



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**Gathered to Worship on Treaty 6 Territory
January 7, 2024 at 11:00 am**

In Person and Live Stream Worship Service

Worship Leader: Audrey Kampen
Musicians: Fern Stockdale, Jamie Winder, Lynn Driedger
Ushers: Wally and Marg Krause

Epiphany

Prelude		
Welcome, Treaty Acknowledgement, and Announcements		
Call to Worship		
Opening Hymn	Sing a New World into Being	VT #809
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Hymn	Between Darkness and Light	VT #808
Joys and Concerns		
Congregational Prayer		
Time with the Children		
Children's Song		Jared Regier
Scripture	Isaiah 42: 9-12, 16 The Revelation of John 1: 4-6, 8	
Hymn	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	VT #203
Sermon	Year Ending, Year Beginning	Patrick Preheim
Hymn of Response	Time Propels Us Like a Current	VT #507
Spoken Benediction		
Sending Hymn	God of Grace and God of Glory	VT #716
Postlude		

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES - For those of you who have a hard copy of the directory, please find the updated directory inserts in your mailboxes. If you have a hard copy and did not receive a set of inserts, please let Gwen know.

Adult Learning Sessions: This Spring we will be considering and discussing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). We hope to draw upon the professional resources and personal experiences of people in our community. If you are interested in lending suggestions, guidance, or leadership to this series please contact Lori at 306-933-0285 / loriwt60@gmail.com or Patrick at the church office.

SAVE THE DATE - January 19th & 20th - CREATIVE COMMONS - 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 is for anyone and everyone and will take place at Nutana Park Mennonite Church and will run on Friday evening from 7:00PM to 10:00PM and Saturday from 9:00AM until 4:00PM. There is also a **DROP IN** option for those who would like to participate but are not available for the entire time. Register with Gwen and let her know what you will need in terms of space to set up (i.e. table, electricity, etc.) and if you are a drop in, when you plan on attending. There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover Saturday lunch and snacks and any other costs incurred.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is January 14th. If you have any questions, you can ask Fern, Geraldine, Anita or Denelda.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 25th - Come out for an afternoon of winter fun! We will enjoy walking, cross-country skiing, tobogganing and skating in Harold Tatler Park (just steps from church), a parking lot shinny game or crokinole (or other board games) indoors. You can participate in one OR all of the activities! There will be hot chocolate and hot apple cider and popcorn/goodies provided.

Community Announcements

Jan 7 (today): Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Enjoy the beauty of the winter season and the warmth of good conversation around the fire. All are welcome.

Jan 19-21: 2024 MC Sask Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join us for a weekend of worship, community- building, and fun! This year we are really looking forward to hearing from speaker **Mackenzie Hildebrand**, Shekinah Program Director. Our retreat band (**Zac Schellenberg** and **Clay Buhler**) will once again be present, and this year we are also partnering with **Mennonite Church Alberta** and **RJC High School** to make this year's retreat even more memorable! Details at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11598>

Save the Date! The MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be on March 8 & 9 at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK. We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. Details available soon!

MCC Connects: Check out the latest issue of A Common Place to learn about the work that is being done with partners in Ukraine and Nigeria to help people heal from trauma, and for an update on MCC's response in Gaza. An online version of these and more stories can be found here: <https://mcc.org/impact/publications/acp>

CommonWord virtual book launch of Rudy Wiebe: Essays on His Works – Join us via livestream on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 PM CST for a panel discussion with editor Bianca Lakoseljac and contributors Margaret Atwood, Paul Doerksen, and others about the literary influence of Rudy Wiebe. Visit commonword.ca/go/3730 for livestream link.

CommonWord virtual book launch of Unburdened: A Lenton Journey Towards Forgiveness – Join us on Zoom on Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 PM CST for a conversation with author Carol Penner as she prepares us for Lent and a journey of forgiveness and healing. Visit commonword.ca/go/3610 to register for the Zoom link.