

# Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,  
our neighbours and each other

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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## This week at MRMC

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Saskatoon Trades & Skills in kitchen & gym  
Tuesday 8:30 am MRMC Active Seniors breakfast @ Grainfields  
Circle Dr  
1 - 4pm Jaime in the office  
Saturday 7 - 9 pm JRAM worship band practice  
**Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service**  
1:00 pm Jesus Rock of Ages Ministry Worship

### Season of Prayer

***Lord, what are you calling us to let go of?***

When we've put in so much effort,  
and when we've held on for so long,  
we struggle to hear 'let it go'.

Help us to hear you, Lord, and help us loosen our grip

### Thought for the week

**Somehow we never see God in failure,  
but only in success –  
a strange attitude for people  
who have the cross as the center of their faith.**

[Cheryl Forbes]

Prelude

Announcements

Silence

Call to Worship

Opening prayer

We offer praise

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
For the beauty of the earth*

HWB #37

HWB #89

Psalm 105:1-15, 44-45

Elsie S.

Story for all ages

Val R.

Offering

We sing

*Take my life*

HWB #389

Silent Prayers

Peace lamp

Sharing our joys & concerns

Sharing our prayers

We sing

*O breathe on me, O breath of God*

StJ #46

Scripture

Judges 6:11-15

Sermon

**Gideon: Flawed and Faithful**

Garth E.F.

Sending song

*Obey my voice*

HWB #163

Blessing

Postlude

### Today' Service

Greeter: Trevor S. Worship Leader: Claire E.F.

Song Leader: Darrell B. Pianist: Shelley B.

Ushers: Dory I., Helmut I., Marianne S., Bernie W.

## Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Nettie & Roy W., Irene & Jake W., Marg W., Helen F., Maureen G.*
- **Families of the Week:** *Betty U.; Peter & Marjorie T.; Ron & Heather W.*
- **Dan Jack, Moderator of MC Alberta**, passed away on July 17. Funeral was held on July 28 at First Mennonite Church in Calgary. Please keep his family, and MC Alberta, in your prayers.
- **Please pray for the people of B.C.** who have been displaced and those who are at risk of being displaced, including First Nations communities; the firefighters, policemen, military and health professionals who are battling the fires and the aftermath; those who are welcoming displaced people into their homes and communities—particularly MCBC congregations who may be affected and/or called upon to help; leaders who are orchestrating responses and planning for recovery; and those who are affected by smoke. Pray for rain, and that camp ministries will not be compromised by these fires. Pray that God's grace will be abundant and overflowing in the midst of this disaster. May needs be met and sufficient energy for the work at hand be found. (*MC Canada*)

## MRMC Coming Events & Notes

1. **Sept 10 MRMC Afternoon in the park.** Mark the date on your calendar and plan to enjoy the afternoon! A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the event is on the bulletin board in the foyer.
2. **Marianne** is taking holidays and will be out of the office until August 14. There will be minimal coverage in the office during this time. Please have your items for the bulletin into the office by Thursday at noon via email or call the church office and leave a message.

## Conference & Community Events

- a. **MDS is collecting financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia.** People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274 or go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/>
- b. **The SMYO Committee is looking for 3-5 youth** who are interested in growing their faith and developing leadership skills to join our group! Applications are open to anyone in grades 10-12 connected to an MC Sask congregation or school. Visit the MC Sask Facebook page or contact Kirsten ([youthminster@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminster@mcsask.ca)) for details
- c. **Scholarships available for youth and young adults.** MC Sask and Mennonite Trust Ltd. are pleased to offer funding for persons attending Christian schools. Deadline is July 31; to learn more visit [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry).
- d. **Shekinah is looking for a new Program Director!** We are looking for someone who has experience in organised camping or education to oversee the Summer Camp and School Programmes! The position is full-time year-round and if you think you might be a good fit or you know someone who would be great here let them know so that they can apply! Details are online at [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org). Applications close July 31.
- e. **Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights** has produced an incredible, 30-minute, documentary about the 600km walk to raise awareness for Indigenous human rights and Bill C-262. It can be found at [www.pfir.ca](http://www.pfir.ca), please take the time to watch it and share within your communities.
- f. **MC Canada Special Assembly registration is now open.** This is an important event for our Church family, and all are encouraged to participate and learn more. See poster and the MC Canada website ([home.mennonitechurch.ca](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca)) for more details.
- g. Future Directions Update: Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and Area Churches are now available at <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/documents/>
- h. **Save the Date:**  
**Aug. 12      The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spruce River Folk Festival**  
**Sept 15 & 16 MC Sask Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini-Retreat** at Wildwood  
**Oct 13-15    MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg**  
**Oct 28      MC Sask Equipping Day** at Zoar Waldheim
- i. **MCC Connects:** The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival will be held at Spruce River Farm (20km north of Prince Albert on Hwy 2) on August 12. \$10 per person / \$20 for families. For more information, visit [spruceriverfolkfest.com](http://spruceriverfolkfest.com).