

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Melody N)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	10:30 am	BB+
Friday	4-8 pm	Gym Rental
Saturday	12-8 pm	Gym Rental
	1-6 pm	JRAM using basement
	3-7 pm	JRAM using Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	12-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Sunday School and Choir Program

Important Dates in December

Dec 22 at 4:00 pm	Sunday School and Choir program followed by a finger food potluck
Dec 24 at 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 25	NO Service

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Val R
 Song Leader: Sarah P
 Pianist: Pam O
 PowerPoint: RaeLynn H
 Sound: Wes E
 Video: Daniel M

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

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

Worship Service 10:00 am

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ADVENT 3

Carol Singing	<i>O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	VT #275
	<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	VT #237
	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!</i>	VT #247

Land Appreciation Statement
 Silence

GATHERING

Call to Worship		
Gathering Songs	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	VT #43
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High (v1 & 2)</i>	VT #249
Psalm Reading	Psalm 47	Gwen D
Offertory Prayer		

HEARING

Story for all Ages		Sarah P
Advent Candle Lighting		
We Sing	<i>Halle, Halle, Hallelujah</i>	VT #752
Scripture	<i>Zephaniah 3: 14-17</i>	
Sermon	The Promise of Restoration	Emily S
Hymn of Response	<i>Could It Be That God is Singing</i>	VT #42

SHARING

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our Joys and Concerns
 Sharing our Prayers

SENDING

Sending Song	<i>Oh, How Joyfully</i>	VT #254
Blessing		
Postlude		

Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Sandra and Bill S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Eric and Doris Q, Elaine H, Myrna S*
- **Families of the week:** *Wes and Jodi E, Melody N, Dave and Carol W*
- We are thankful for last week's offering in the amount of \$4,050 received to support our work in our church and neighborhood.

MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **We are looking for people to sign up for making coffee for fellowship after the church service.** There are instructions in the kitchenette or you can talk to Pam or any staff member for assistance.
- b) **This Christmas MRMC will be collecting donations in support of tackling the growing issue of food insecurity in our community.** We will be collecting monetary and non-perishable food items at the church for the Friendship Inn. You can also contact Evan for more information on donating anything on the Friendship Inn's wish list.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Dec 17 at 7:30 pm: Saskatoon Brass Band** will be having a Christmas Concert at Mayfair United Church.
- 2) **Dec 17 at 7:30 pm: Saskatoon Men's Chorus** presents *Winter's Awakening* at Zion Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$25 (free for under 12).
- 3) **Dec 19 at 7:00 pm: RJC Christmas Concert:** You're invited to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season at RJC! Featuring performances by the RJC High School choirs and band, directed by Adelle Sawatzky. The concert will take place in the RJC Auditorium at 410 - 6th Avenue in Rosthern. Admission by donation. Everyone is welcome!
- 4) **Jan 5 at 2:30 pm: An Afternoon of Classical Music.** This event will take place at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Admission is Free but a collection will be taken in support of Mennonite Central Committee.
- 5) **Save the Date!** The Mega Menno gang are hard at work planning the **2025 Winter Youth Retreat!** Join us between January 31 to February 2 at the Shekinah Retreat Centre for a weekend of worship, community, and fun! More details to come in the next few weeks.
- 6) **Save the date! The MC Sask Gathering 2025** (*annual delegate sessions*) **will be held at RJC High School on March 7 & 8, 2025.** The theme is "*Differences for the Common Good*". All are welcome to attend. More details available soon!
- 7) **We come into Advent anticipating the celebration of Jesus' birth, the time when God broke into our world.** This happens in many

ways in our day too. Throughout Mennonite Church Saskatchewan we see evidence of this in the lives of our congregations, camps, schools, and so many other places. Thank you for continuing to support our work together as we seek to live out God's calling for us as a church. Please consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit

<https://mcsask.ca/giving>

- 8) **MCC Connects:** Mail delivery this Christmas will likely be impacted by the postal strike. While this creates uncertainty for many Canadians, we want to reassure you that MCC's work continues. If you usually send your donations through the mail, we have some secure alternatives to consider. You may make a secure donation anytime on our website at <https://mcc.org/christmas> or we invite you to donate by phone at 306-665-2555. Thank you for your continued support during this season of giving.
- 9) **RJC announces the addition of Grade 9!** In response to parental and student requests, and in an effort to expand and enhance our school program and mission, RJC High School is pleased to announce the addition of grade 9 for the 2025/2026 school year. Grade 9 is the natural intake for most high schools in the province, and an increasing number of students and families have requested this program. We are excited to now provide this opportunity for our students. For details go to <https://www.rjc.sk.ca/2024/12/04/rjc-announces-addition-of-grade-9/>
- 10) **MC Sask Announces Church Engagement Minister Resignation** Mennonite Church Saskatchewan announced today that Josh Wallace has officially resigned from his position as Church Engagement Minister, effective December 31, 2024. In Josh's nearly five years serving MC Sask, the regional church has walked through periods of change and challenge. "I've been honoured to walk alongside so many of our congregations. Thank you for welcoming me into your lives and worship. I feel blessed to get to see God's Spirit at work in you and through you, and I look forward to continuing to serve the regional church in a volunteer capacity." MC Sask is grateful for the wisdom and thoughtful leadership Josh brought to his work, and the ways he was present with congregations and also engaged in the broader church. We wish him well in this next season of life.