

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Wednesday	12-8 pm	Gym Rental
Friday	2:00 pm	Schofield funeral
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM using Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	12-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary

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: Evan B
 Song Leader: Verna O
 Pianist: Esther C
 PowerPoint: Darrell B
 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 4

Carol Singing	<i>What Child is This</i>	VT #267
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	VT #257
	<i>To Us a Child</i>	VT #259

Land Appreciation Statement
 Silence

GATHERING

Call to Worship		
Gathering Songs	<i>Joy to the World</i>	VT #240
	<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	VT #237
Psalm Reading	Psalm 37: 1-17	Joy K
Offertory Prayer		

HEARING

Story for all Ages		Shelley B
Advent Candle Lighting		
We Sing	<i>He Came Down</i>	VT #239
Scripture	Luke 1: 46-55	
Sermon	The Promise of Justice	Emily S
Hymn of Response	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	VT #412

SHARING

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our Joys and Concerns
 Sharing our Prayers

SENDING

Sending Song	<i>We Come</i>	VT #225
Blessing		
Postlude		

Joys & Concerns

- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Eric and Doris Q, Elaine H, Myrna Sc*
- **Families of the week:** *Dennis and Judy H, Al R, Ron and Heather W*
- We are thankful for last week's offering in the amount of \$2,825 received to support our work in our church and neighborhood.

MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **YEAR END DONATIONS:** Donations need to be in the office/etrans email by noon on Dec 31 to be counted in the 2024 donations.
- b) **OFFICE CLOSED:** The offices will be closed on Dec 25 and 26th this week.
- c) **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.
- d) **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) **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.
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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!
- 4) **MCC Connects:** From all of us at MCC Saskatchewan, we wish you a Merry Christmas! As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may you be filled with His hope, joy, peace, and love.

- 5) **As you prepare to celebrate the peace, hope, joy and love of God this Christmas, please consider the ways your gift to MC Sask extends beyond the ministries within our province to Mennonite Church Canada and its nationwide and international ministries.** Together we support the work of International Witness, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, Indigenous Relations, and Climate Action. Thank you for being a part of all these significant ministries. Contributions can be made directly to MC Canada at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/giving> or to MC Sask.
- 6) **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/>