

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Melody N)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	BB+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Saturday	6:00 am	JRAM using Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Climate Action Group in foyer
	12-8 pm	Gym Rental
	12-5 pm	Prairie River Artists using basement
	3-7 pm	JRAM using Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	12-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	4-8 pm	Gym Rental

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: Jo-Anne N
 Song Leader: Grace P
 Pianist: Verna O
 PowerPoint: Kevin C
 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 2

Carol Singing	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	VT #248
	<i>Hope is a Candle</i>	VT #211
	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	VT #261

Land Appreciation Statement
 Silence

GATHERING

Choir	<i>Come Emmanuel</i>	
Call to Worship		
Gathering Songs	<i>O Come, O Come Immanuel</i>	VT #210
	<i>Bless'd Be The God of Israel</i>	VT #223
Psalm Reading	Psalm 91	Shelley B
Offertory Prayer		
Choir	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	

HEARING

Story for all Ages		
Advent Candle Lighting		
We Sing	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	VT #257
Scripture	Luke 1: 68-79	
Sermon	The Promise of Compassion	Emily S
Hymn of Response	<i>To Us a Child of Hope is Born</i>	VT #259

SHARING

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our joys and concerns
 Sharing our prayers

SENDING

Sending Song	<i>Arise Your Light Has Come</i>	VT #273
Blessing		
Postlude		

Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Elaine H, Myrna S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Eric and Doris Q*
- **Families of the week:** *Steve and Joy K, Trevor S, Kevin, Esther, Marcus, Arthur and Rowan C*
- We are thankful for last week's offering in the amount of \$8,930 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.
- c) **Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:00am - Climate Action Group** meeting - All are welcome. For more information talk to Val R.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Dec 8, today at 7:00 pm: "All is well: Jesus is born!"** Bethany chorus Christmas concert with Special Guests Michelle Busa & Crystal Dueck. In the Bethany Manor Fellowship centre. Honorarium at the door
- 2) **Dec 9, 5:00-7:00 pm: RJC Dine & Donate in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre.** You're invited to a perogy & sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff in support of the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern. Admission is by donation and all proceeds raised will go directly to GNFC for Santa's toy shop and food aid for families in need during the Christmas season. The supper will take place in the RJC High School dining hall in our dormitory building. All are welcome!
- 3) **Dec 14: The Merry Mega Menno Christmas will be happening at Osler Mennonite Church on Saturday, December 14th from 7-9 pm.** Come out for a Christmas party with games, snacks, eggnog and prizes. Additional prizes will be awarded to whoever arrives in the most festive outfit for the evening.
Email oslermcpastor2@gmail.com if you have any questions.
- 4) **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!

- 5) **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!
- 6) **Canadian Mennonite** seeks a new publisher to begin in spring 2025. For more info go to: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/employment-opportunities/>
- 7) **Remember MC Sask in year-end giving** Through the fall, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council and staff have met with most of our 21 congregations to learn about and discuss issues that are impacting our church today. These conversations have been valuable in deepening our connections with each other. As we work together to strengthen these bonds across our regional and nationwide churches, we invite you to support this important ministry. Please consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit <http://mcsask.ca/donate/>. Thank you for being part of this journey!
- 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) **Give the gift of Level Ground coffee this Christmas!** Chose from 10 fantastic varieties of fair trade coffee to treat your family and friends. Plus proceeds go to our youth! Go to mcsask.ca/coffee and order yours today! Deadline is December 16 for Christmas orders.