

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Worship Meeting at Bethany Manor
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: John and Shirley)
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
	9:30 am	Staying on Your Feet
	10:30 am	Boomers+
Friday	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	9:00 am	Westmount Muffin Baking
Saturday	5-10 pm	JRAM using sanctuary
	10-6 pm	Gym Rental
Sunday	1-7 pm	JRAM using basement room
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	1-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary

Prayers

God, we pray today for impossible situations—
places where it seems impossible to bring peace,
impossible to find joy,
impossible to move forward in any way
that does not wrench the heart of the world.

In every impossible situation,
let us meet violence with peace,
let us offer love,
let us do good work,
even if it feels futile.

Let us not be afraid to shed tears nor to insist on joy.

By your grace and in your mercy,
remind us that, with you, nothing is impossible.

Amen.

Joanna Harader 2023.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Val R
Song Leader: Dennis H
Pianist: Monica D
Powerpoint: Len A
Sound: Aaron B
Video: Wes E

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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Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude
Land Appreciation Statement
Announcements
Silence

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Gathering Prayer
Gathering songs *Great is thy Faithfulness* VT #419
God of the Bible (v1,3,5) VT #420
Lent and Easter Reading Judy H
Psalm Reading Psalm 22 Elsie S
Offertory Prayer

HEARING

Story for all Ages Grace P
We Sing *Guide My Feet (v1,2,4,6)* VT #816
Scripture **Matthew 5: 38-48**
Sermon *Healthy Church- Discernment* Don F

SHARING

Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* VT #549
Peace Lamp
Sharing our joys and concerns
Sharing our prayers

SENDING

Sending Song *Will You Come and Follow Me (v1,2,4,5)* VT #540
Blessing
Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Nola S, Eric and Doris Q, Elsie K. E, Ken, Amber and Abigail E, Bill and Sandra S, Niall S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Marg W, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K*
- **Families of the week:** *Louise E, Eric and Verna O, Darlene K*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$3,146, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.

MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **Land Appreciation Statement:** We gather today on Treaty Six Territory and homeland of the Métis. We honour them as sovereign peoples and seek to live into right relations with these neighbours, our relatives. We are grateful to be able to live, work, and worship here.
- b) Three Headsets are available at the sound station for those who want to hear the service better. Just go to the sound station and pick your colour.
- c) **Mar 8 & 9: The MC Sask ADS will be at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK. A working copy of the report book is now available and Registration is open** Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!
- d) **March 10:** After service congregation meeting. The purpose of this short meeting is to elect Steve Kroeger into the role of Operations Chair. Thank you Steve for offering your skills and time to this position.
- e) **March 17:** This will be Don's last Sunday as our Interim Pastor. Please join us to worship together and to say thanks for his service to us. A potluck lunch will follow the service.
- f) **We are looking for volunteers to help with youth events.** If you care about youth and could spend an evening or two with a group of them at their activity, please contact Evan Bueckert.
- g) More ushers are needed. If you are willing to be an usher, please contact Helmut Isaac so you can be added to the list.
- h) **Charitable Tax Receipts** have been printed and placed in mailboxes. Please contact Gwen in the office if you would like your receipt mailed to you.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **March 3: 3pm Forest church at Shekinah** explores themes of Lent in outdoor worship with guidance from Ric Driediger. All are welcome!
- 2) **Mar 8-10: SMYO @ ADS.** Are you in grades 10-12, and interested in getting more involved in the church, developing your leadership skills, and having an all-around pretty great time while you're at it?? Then this weekend is for you! Join us at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake for all or part of the weekend, rides provided. Registration deadline: March 1. Visit www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry, or contact youthminister@mcsask.ca for more information.
- 3) **March 10: RJC Songs & Sweets at 7:00pm.** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at Songs & Sweets: A fundraising concert and cake auction at RJC High School. Featuring performances by RJC Singers & Bass Choir, RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, with special guests Elixir Ensemble: chamber music for piano & strings. The evening will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery. ***YOU are invited to sing in the alumni & friends choir.*** One rehearsal will take place at RJC the afternoon before the event on March 10. Email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca if you would like to participate in the choir. Rush table seating, no tickets required. More information available at rjc.sk.ca/sweets.
- 4) **MCC Connects:** Are you curious about how MCC helps refugees with our refugee sponsorship program? Listen to our podcast *How Do I Sponsor a Refugee?* You can tune in on either Spotify or Apple Podcasts to hear about the experience of bringing people to Canada and how they are supported and empowered in their first year here.
- 5) **The Shekinah board is pleased to announce that Sharon Murugiah will be starting as permanent full time Executive Director on March 4.** Sharon worked for many years in Sri Lanka with World Vision's child sponsorship program. He has an MBA, a Project Management certificate and a diploma in IT networking. His skills will be well used at Shekinah. We are grateful for this answer to prayer. Please join the board in welcoming and supporting Sharon to this important role in our church community.
- 6) **Bethany Manor is looking to hire an Accounting Clerk** to cover a temporary maternity leave (full time). Please see SaskJobs website for a full description and details of the position.