

<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	SPT Meeting
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Wilf and Cheryl)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Youth at NPMC (Music Theme Night)
	9:30 am	Staying on Your Feet
Saturday	10:30 am	Boomers+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	6-8 am	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	8-8 pm	Gym Rental
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	1-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary

### Prayers

God, thank you for welcoming all people, including us, to be part of your story. Help us notice your light, follow it, and always seek you. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Gord and Marianne S  
 Song Leader: Verna O  
 Pianist: Monica D  
 Powerpoint: Kevin C  
 Sound: Wes E  
 Video: Gord/ Ryan S

## 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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Prelude  
 Land Acknowledgement  
 Announcements  
 Silence

### **Epiphany**

#### **GATHERING**

Call to Worship  
 Gathering songs *O Beautiful star of Bethlehem* VT #275  
*See whose Glory fills the skies (v1,3,4)* VT #274  
 Psalm 72: 1-14 and Isaiah 60: 1-6 Judy H  
 Offering prayer

#### **HEARING**

Story for all Ages Mark H  
 We sing *This little light of mine* VT #762  
 Scripture **Matthew 2: 1-12**  
 Sermon *This Little Light of Mine?* Don F

#### **SHARING**

Hymn of Response *Arise your light has come!* VT #273  
 Communion  
 Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our joys and concerns  
 Sharing our prayers

#### **SENDING**

Sending Song *We your people, sing your praises* VT #849  
Blessing

Leader: Together we carry the light.

**Congregation: This is what we know.**

Leader: Now go, basking in the glow of Christ! We have become  
 God's heirs, members of one body, and sharers of the promise.

Amen!

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Eric and Doris Q, Elsie K. E*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Gwen L and Mitch D, Joe and Kerry G, Stephane N, Leonie L and Guylain, Evan, Marthe and Edwine*
- Our offering last week was, \$6,520. We are thankful for your faithful giving to the ministry of MRMC over the past year.

### MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **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.
- b) **Saturday January 20th MRMC is once again serving at the Friendship Inn.** The day begins at 7:00am with preparation for breakfast and usually finishes by 2pm with lunch clean up. We will be prepping and serving breakfast and lunch along with duties as assigned. If you are interested in serving our community, please reach out to Cheryl (wcfunk1@sasktel.net) or Wilf at 306-203-3542.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **January 7: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Enjoy the beauty of the winter season and the warmth of good conversation around the fire. All are welcome.
- 2) **Jan 11- March 28: Staying on your Feet:** Learn ways to help improve your balance and reduce your risk of falling? Thursdays, Jan 11-March 28 from 9:30- 10:30 am. Poster and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Don's office.
- 3) **Jan. 19-21: 2024 MC Sask Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre.** Join us for a weekend of worship, community- building, and fun! This year we are really looking forward to hearing from speaker **Mackenzie Hildebrand**, Shekinah Program Director. Our retreat band (**Zac Schellenberg** and **Clay Buhler**) will once again be present, and this year we are also partnering with **Mennonite Church Alberta** and **RJC High School** to make this year's retreat even more memorable! Details at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11598>
- 4) **Save the Date! March 8 & 9: The MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK.**

We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. Details available soon!

- 5) **MC Sask inCERT** After a year of climate change driven weather extremes worldwide, and an international conference that made only slight progress towards cutting emissions or compensating victims, is there cause for hope? For a realistic but positive message, listen to Dr Katherine Hayhoe (atmospheric physicist, climate communicator, active Christian and wife of an evangelical pastor) on a webinar at <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/the-faith-voice-at-cop28/> - her presentation runs from 9:42 to 25:08m
- 6) **MCC Connects:** Check out the latest issue of A Common Place to learn about the work that is being done with partners in Ukraine and Nigeria to help people heal from trauma, and for an update on MCC's response in Gaza. An online version of these and more stories can be found here: <https://mcc.org/impact/publications/acp>