

<b><u>This Week at MPMC</u></b>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	8:00 am	Seniors Breakfast at Grainfields
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	BB+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Spiritual Care Meeting
	5:45 pm	Governing Board Meeting
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7:00 pm	AA (Host: Wilf and Cheryl F)
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Saturday	6:00 am	JRAM using Sanctuary
	10-6 pm	Gym Rental
	3-7 pm	JRAM using Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	12-4 pm	JRAM Worship Service

**Today's Service**  
Worship Leader: Melody N  
Pianist: Pam O and the Band  
Song Leader: Sarah P  
PowerPoint: RaeLynn H  
Sound: Travis W  
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 Appreciation Statement  
Announcements  
Silence

### **GATHERING**

Call to Worship  
Gathering Songs      *God, Be the Love*      VT #43  
                                 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*      VT #752  
Remembering our Baptisms      Taylor S  
Offertory Prayer

### **HEARING**

Story for all Ages      Grace P  
We Sing      *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*      VT #681  
Scripture      ***Matthew 3: 13-17***  
                                 ***Romans 6:1-5***  
                                 ***Colossians 2: 6-13***  
Sermon      **Baptism: A New Imagination**      Emily S  
Hymn of Response      *Come, Gracious Spirit*      VT #371

### **SHARING**

Peace Lamp  
Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Sharing our Prayers

### **SENDING**

Sending Song      *May the Face of God Shine on You*      VT #844  
Blessing  
Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Evelyn S, Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Eric and Doris Q, Elaine H*
- **Families of the week:** *Loren, Heidi, Leena, Aiden, Sophia and Callista R, Victor and Erna W, Betty U*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$5,035 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Praying for each other:** It is with sadness that we share the news that Warman Mennonite Church has decided to withdraw from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan effective June 30, 2025. Please pray for the people of Warman Mennonite Church and all of us who are part of MC Sask. May God grant us all wisdom, discernment, and peace. On behalf of MC Sask we wish Warman MC well as they continue to seek God's guidance and follow in the way of Jesus.

### MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **Lost and found:** There a pair of glasses with a +1.25 prescription that have been sitting in Gwen's office. If they belong to you, please talk to Gwen.
- b) **Rejoice:** The last issue of the devotional has been delivered and it now is the time to subscribe/ renew your previous subscription. Talk to Gwen if you would like to receive the devotional or make a change to your existing subscription. Deadline is June 15. The price would be \$54.61.
- c) MRMC is planning a Baptism service for Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> during our morning worship. If you are interested in being baptised, please connect with Pastor Emily. For those who are planning to be baptised or even if you would just like to learn a bit more about it, Emily will be hosting a conversation about Baptism on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> following the potluck meal. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in as well!

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **May 4, today: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Kirsten Hamm-Epp will expand on the year's theme: To everything there is a season.
- 2) **May 10: The youth are planning a Mega Menno BBQ Fundraiser at Osler Mennonite Church May 10!** They will put on a BBQ Lunch while the Town of Osler has town wide garage sales. All money raised (at the BBQ) will go towards sending our youth to the MCC Youth Gathering in July! The BBQ will be starting at 11:00. Tour the town, find some deals and enjoy a BBQ lunch with our youth!
- 3) **Celebrate With Us! Join Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite Church as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on June 7 & 8.** On June 7 the celebrations begins at 1 pm, with choir practice at 4 pm, a BBQ at 5 pm

and a program at 7pm. On June 8 the Church Service begins at 10:30 am followed by a catered lunch and visiting. Please RSVP by May 8 to [herschelmennonitechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:herschelmennonitechurch@hotmail.com) or to Devin at 306-831-8890.

- 4) **Join us in celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Fiske Mennonite Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, June 15.** Worship begins at 10:30 am in the church followed by a catered lunch at the Fiske hall. The afternoon will feature reflections, a slide show, ball games and ice cream! RSVP by May 31 to [fiskemennochurch@sasktel.net](mailto:fiskemennochurch@sasktel.net) or call 306-831-9723.
- 5) **Elephant at the Border: A Peace Church Response to Annexation** Amidst political discord and talks of annexation across the Canada-US border, what is the call to followers of Jesus to respond? MCC is hosting four webinars that will explore learning from nonviolent power, peace possibilities and inter-national solidarity. Sessions begin at 5pm on Sundays in May and June. If you are interested in watching together as an in-person group please contact Heather Peters at [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca). Details and registration are available at <https://mcc.org/peace-church-response>
- 6) **MCM Spring Bible Study.** Join Michael Pahl, Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Manitoba, for a six-session series on Paul's letter to the Colossians, called "Rooted in Jesus." Participate as an individual or couple, or form a group with others from your congregation! Register here: [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/biblestudy](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/biblestudy). **May 8-June 12, 2025**, Thursdays at 7:00pm Central via Zoom.
- 7) **A Palestine Land Exercise has been developed by MCC and the United Church of Canada for use in congregations to increase an understanding of the history of conflict in Palestine.** It is an experiential learning tool which simulates the experience of Palestinians. The facilitated exercise requires about two hours. If your group or congregation would be interested in experiencing the Palestine Land Exercise please contact Harry Harder, Palestine-Israel Network representative (306)281-3443 or Amanda Dodge, MCC (306)665-2555.
- 8) **Sometimes in order to effect change, one has to be ready to pick up the call and follow the prompts.** That is how Tena Siemens, a Bethany Manor resident, and longtime member of MRMC, became a climate activist. Read more at <https://mcsask.ca/res/pub/CERT/Green-Bin-Action-at-Bethany-Manor.pdf>
- 9) **MCC Connects:** MCC invites you to participate in the 8th season of Grow Hope Saskatchewan, a collaboration of farmers and non-farmers and six denominations raising funds for emergency food distribution and long-term food sustainability. This year, seven farmers have committed approximately 500 acres to grow a crop to support the project. For more info or to help sponsor the input costs on the acres that have committed to the project, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>