

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	8:00 am	Seniors Breakfast at Grainfields
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	6-8 pm	JRAM kids Program in the gym
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Ukulele
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Garth and Claire)
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
Friday	10:30 am	Boomers+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	10:30 am	Good Friday Service at MPMC
Saturday	3:00 pm	JRAM Good Friday Service
	7-9 am	JRAM in the gym
Sunday	9-5 pm	JRAM Children's Program in gym
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship Service followed by Easter brunch
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

Creation Care Prayers

Creator God, whose love was poured out in Jesus, give us the strength and the vision to so care for your world and its peoples, that we may be faithful stewards of all your creation, working in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

Office Hours

Gwen Mon-Fri 8-12pm
 Garth and Claire Tues-Fri 8-3 pm
 Zach Tues 11-3 pm

Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Gord and Marianne S
 Song Leader: Verna O
 Pianist: Val R
 Sound: Travis W
 PowerPoint: Kevin C
 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

Palm Sunday

Setting the Table

Call to Worship
 Opening prayer
 Gathering song We praise you O God, our redeemer VT #34
 Choir and congregation Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VT #313
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Ray P
 Offertory Prayer
 Words of Confession and Assurance

Sitting at Table

Choir *Ride on King Jesus*
 Story for all Ages Claire E F
 We Sing *Sanna, sananina* VT #79
 Hope for Creation Val R
 Scripture **Matthew 14: 13-21**
 Sermon Evan B
 Hymn of response *God of the Fertile Fields* VT #750

Sharing at Table

Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers

Leaving the Table

Hymn of Blessing *The peace of the earth by with you* VT #838
 Word's of blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Amen

Postlude

Coffee and Fellowship after the service

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Alex and Joel S, Hedie B, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Willard and Kathy W, Agnes and Elmer R, Anne K, Erwin and Tena S, Eric and Doris Q, Grace and Mel B, Betty U, Roy W, Marg W*
- **Families of the week:** *Willard and Kathy W, Don and Naomi U, Ray and Grace P*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,000 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- MRMC has forwarded (per our commitment) a total of \$10,000 to MCC, MC Sask and MC Canada
- Mennonites in Burkina Faso ask us to pray for them as they discern how best to work for peace and discern how to care for the approx. 1.5 million displaced people in their country. Violence from terrorist groups that have taken over regions of the country has disrupted many lives.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **April 6, 6:30- 8:30 pm:** Westmount Painters Art Show and Reception: We have been cooperating with the Westmount Community Association in sponsoring art classes, taught by Jodi. She and her students invite you to a coffee time and art show. The students will have their art hung in the art room, and we want to celebrate with you the things we have accomplished!
- **April 7 @10:30 am: Good Friday Worship Service with Communion.** First Mennonite and Wildwood churches are joining us to celebrate in word and song and silence. The offering received on Friday will be given to Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. This money will provide food resources for people in need of safe, affordable and nutritious food in Saskatoon and area.
- **April 9 Easter Brunch:** We will be holding an Easter Sunday potluck. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to Garth's office.
- **April 14-15,** Wildwood Mennonite Church is hosting a Mental Health First Aid course with Lorraine Harder. The Spiritual Care Ministry Team is inviting interested persons to speak with Claire about your interest.
- **Save the Date. May 28** after worship, join the Summer Festival in Scott Park. MRMC together with the Westmount Community Association is planning a summer day in the park. There will be musical entertainment, food and an opportunity to work with and get to know our neighbours here on the edge of Westmount.
- **Too many water bottles?** Prairie Harm Reduction will use them! If you have excess water bottles, drop them off at church and Rita will get them to PHR! There is a box by Gwen's office for drop off.
- **Coins Count:** the children will be collecting coins each Sunday morning for "My Coins Count", a fundraiser for the upcoming MCC Sale. Bring your spare change!

- **Employment opportunity:** As of May 1, MRMC will need a new Custodian (Janitor). The position is part time, 14 hours / week. If interested please talk to Len Andres by April 2, 2023.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **April 2 at 3:00 pm - Forest church outdoor worship at Shekinah.** Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.
- 2) **April 16 at 2:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church:** The Saskatoon Men's Chorus presents *Spring Forward: a Musical Celebration of Time*. Guest artists are actor Kent Allen and percussionist Darrell Bueckert General admission is \$25, Seniors (65 & up) \$20, and free for children 12 and under. Available from any Chorus member, at the door, or by sending a request to inquiries@saskatoonmenschorus.ca
- 3) **May 6 from 9 AM - 12 noon,** get your confidential papers shredded at the 7th annual **Big Shred** on Saturday, **at the McClure United Church parking lot** (4025 Taylor St. E. & Heritage Way). By donation: \$10/box, \$5/shopping bag suggested, proceeds to Amy McClure House. See poster on the bulletin board.
- 4) **Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 12 – May 23.** Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses .
- 5) **Save the date!** MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church. More information at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>
- 6) For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-17. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact us at 306-665-2555 or visit www.mccskreliefsale.com for more details.
- 7) MCC will be including local artisans at this year's Relief Sale Festival on Saturday, June 17. If you would like to sell your goods, tables are available to purchase for \$100 and all proceeds of sales will go to the artisan. For more information, please contact Rick and Marg Epp at mepp@sasktel.net or call the MCC office at 306-665-2555. We hope to see you there!
- 8) **Spring is almost here! Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers:** spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit shekinah.ca/jobs for more information

Folks in the ***Climate Justice conversation group*** want to invite you to sign a letter written to the leaders and relevant ministers from all Canadian federal political parties. This letter was originally prepared by MCC Canada.

Background

World leaders at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris reached an agreement in December 2015. This agreement states that all signatories (Canada is a signatory) set long-term goals to guide all nations to:

- substantially reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase in this century to 2 degrees Celsius while pursuing efforts to limit the increase even further to 1.5 degrees;
- provide financing to developing countries to mitigate climate change, strengthen resilience and enhance abilities to adapt to climate impacts. (United Nations Climate Action document)

The Request

We are asking the government “to continue moving both towards and even beyond its Paris commitments. The original commitment was to reduce emissions by 40%-45% by 2030. Given our wealth and per capita emissions, we encourage Canada to reduce its emissions by 60%.”

If you are interested in signing this letter, it will be available in the foyer with information on the bulletin board by Garth’s office. See the letter on the opposite side of this sheet.



Letter to Federal Ministers

Dear Ministers Sajjan and Guilbeault,

I am grateful for Canada’s continued support for addressing the urgent need of climate change and the impacts on the most vulnerable. I am grateful for Canada’s contribution of \$5.3 billion starting in 2021 over 5 years, for Canada’s plans to increase emission reductions, and the increased focus on climate adaptation.

However, given the urgent needs, I urge the Canadian government to continue moving both towards and even beyond its Paris commitments. While I greatly appreciate Canada’s plan to reduce emissions by 40%-45% by 2030, given our wealth and per capita emissions, I call for Canada to reduce its emissions by 60%.

Climate change is impacting so many communities around the world now. A changing climate has resulted in fewer harvests, loss of livestock, stress on water resources, reduced income, food insecurity, and an increased need to migrate to find employment or flee natural disasters. These changes affect families and communities around the world, especially the most vulnerable, including women and girls.

The impacts of a changing climate only hit harder in an emerging global food crisis, and growing conflict in already fragile states.

Again, I support all of the progress Canada has made on these issues, but I truly believe Canada can do more, and be a global leader in climate action around the world.

Sincerely,