

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6-8 pm	JRAM kids Program in the gym
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
Thursday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Host: Bryan)
	7:30 pm	Choir
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
Friday	10:30 am	Boomers+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Saturday	10:00 am	Bethany Manor Coffee Time
Sunday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

Creation Care Prayers

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you
 Yet always in the midst of this creation glory,
 We see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:
 Around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter;
 Beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,
 The betrayal of one another;
 And often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.
 O Trinity of love, Forgive us that we may forgive one another,
 Heal us that we may be people of healing,
 And renew us that we also may be makers of peace. Amen

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Trevor S
 Song Leader: Grace P
 Pianist: Elsie E
 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

EARTH SUNDAY

Procession of nature's elements
 Prayer

A TIME OF WONDER

We Sing *God's Glory Fills the Heavens* VT #197
At the Dawn of Your Creation VT #179
 Offering

A TIME TO PLANT AND PONDER

Psalm 107: 31-38, 43 Trevor S
 Story for all Ages Mark H
 We Sing *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* VT #685

A TIME TO COUNT OUR LOSSES

Scripture Hosea 4: 1-3
 Prayer of Confession
 We Sing *Touch the Earth lightly* VT #145

A TIME TO MEND

Scripture John 3: 16-17 Romans 8: 18-21
 We Sing *View the Present* VT #407

A TIME TO BLESS

Blessing of the Seeds, Soil and Water
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 Prayers of the People
 Sending Song *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* VT #652
 Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *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, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Evelyn S*
- **Families of the week:** *Cloie, Tyler, Amelia and Elise D, Dennis, Tabitha, Oren and Issac P, Bev and Neil G*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$13,440 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Martha (Driedger) Banman**, wife of George Banman, passed away on Wednesday at the age of 85. She was a sister-in-law to **Jake Banman**.
- **Lois Friesen's mother, Erna Wiebe**, passed away on Wednesday April 19. She had been living at the Rosthern Nursing Home. Let's remember to pray for Lois and Eldon in their time of loss.
- This year the Holy Land has seen a sharp rise in violence related to Israel's more open policies of control over Palestinian lives and land. With our Christian brothers and sisters in Palestine and Israel, pray for a renewal of love, hope, and united witness in God's way of justice and peace. --from MC Canada's Palestine-Israel Network

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **A Memorial service to celebrate Helen Kruger's life will be held at Osler Mennonite Church on April 29 at 3:00 p.m.** The service will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/Oslermennonitechurch>.
- **April 30:** We will be celebrating MRMC's 60th anniversary. After the service we will have a time of fellowship and cupcakes!
- **May 6, 9:30-11:30 am**, families with preschoolers will be playing in the gym. The plan is to meet monthly. If you able to bake some cookies for this group of energetic folks, please talk with Claire.
- **May 7:** We need your help! There are 13 Mount Royal members participating in the MDS project in Cape Breton so we are hosting a Baked Potato Bar fundraiser lunch after church on May 7th. Toppings will include pulled pork, chili, sour cream, cheese, onions, mushrooms, real Bacon bits, etc. We hope to see you all there, but if you aren't able to attend but would like to help, you can do so by donating via your regular method and designating 'MDS trip'.
- **May 14:** We are planning a hymn sing and we would like your input as to which songs we sing that Sunday. Please take a bit of time to think about a favorite song you'd like us to sing together and fill in one of the slips of paper that you have been given this morning. There are baskets in the foyer to put your slips of paper into. If there are too many songs, Monica may play some of them during the prelude, or we'll keep them for future Sundays. We'll collect on 2 Sundays: April 23 and April 30.

- **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.
- **June 25:** Save the date and join us in a retirement and appreciation day for Garth and Claire! 10 am Worship with Communion and lunch to follow. All are welcome!

Mount Royal Neighbourhood Community Events

- If anyone would like a plot in Mount Royal's Community & School Garden please contact Jan More at 306 382-9634
- Mount Royal Community Association's Cleanup Day and Electronics Recycling Event is Saturday May 6th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Maria Goretti Community School (301 Avenue Q North—north parking lot)
Volunteers would be much appreciated to help clean the back alleys in Mount Royal
Unused electronics can be dropped off at the above location. These will be refurbished by Electronics Recycling Association and donated to charities

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **April 30, 7:00 pm: The Watoto Children's Choir will be putting on a concert at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.** The children are from Uganda and love to sing! At the heart of the Watoto Children's Choir is a message of God's unending love.
- 2) **May 6 from 9 AM - 12 noon**, get your confidential papers shredded at the 7th annual **Big Shred, 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.
- 3) **May 11 from 2-4 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home auditorium:** The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser this year. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing a Hot Towel Warmer for Sunrise Place. Everyone is welcome
- 4) **RJC is hiring: Women's Dormitory Dean (1.0 FTE)** - RJC is inviting applicants for a women's dormitory dean position, beginning Fall 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit rjc.sk.ca for the full job description or contact Ryan Wood, Principal, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.