

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	1-5 pm	JRAM youth event in gym
	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Education Meeting
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Ray and Rita)
Thursday		Gym Rental
Friday		Gym Rental
Saturday	10am-7 pm	Gym Rental
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service followed by potluck
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

### Creation Care Prayers

Gracious God, your amazing love extends through time and space, to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good. Your covenant with the human family is remembered in every rainbow in the sky, symbolizing your promise of love and blessing to every living creature, and to all successive generations.

In Jesus, you invite us to enter into a new covenant, in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you and to do justice.

As people of faith, we are called into covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation.

Today we pray for the healing of our planet that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation, and continue to glorify and praise you.

(Carlos J. Correa Bernie)

### Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Gord and Marianne S

Song Leader: Grace P

Pianist: Monica D

PowerPoint: Len A

Sound: Travis W

Video: 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

### GATHERING

Gathering Words

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Songs

*Praise, I Will Praise You Lord*  
*God Be the Love*

VT #131  
VT #43  
Jodi E

Psalm 139: 1-12

Offertory Prayer

### HEARING

Story for all Ages

We Sing

*You're Not Alone*

Grace P  
VT #779

Walking Together- Spiritual Companionship

Scripture

**Ruth 1: 15-18**  
**2 Timothy 1: 1-14**

We Sing

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

VT #778

Scripture

**John 15: 12-17**

### SHARING

Sharing our joys and concerns

Peace Lamp

Sharing our prayers

Hymn of Response *Bless the Arms that Comfort*

VT #527

Introduction of interim pastor

### SENDING

Sending song

*We Will Walk With God*

VT #815

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Erwin and Tena S, Eric and Doris Q, Alex and Joel S*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Evelyn S*
- **Families of the week:** *Garth and Claire E F, Loren, Heidi, Leena, Ayden, Sophia and Callista R, Jake B*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$5,188, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- Harvest season brings a busy time of the year for farmers and their families. Pray for all those who have planted and tended the crops, that there would be endurance and safety for all as the 2023 crops are harvested.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- We will be creating a telephone directory in the upcoming weeks. Pages can be found in the foyer. Please take a look at them and make any changes. If there are some family or friends that are in the directory and they don't regularly attend or may not see the announcements, please make changes or prompt them to contact the office. Deadline will be Aug 27.
- Evan B is available on Wednesdays if there are any Joys and Concerns you would like to discuss or want placed in the bulletin. You can call the church ext 4 to reach him Wednesdays or through email [ev.bueckert@gmail.com](mailto:ev.bueckert@gmail.com). The spiritual care team (Melody N, Dory I, Jodi E) is also available and can be contacted if there are joys and concerns you wish to discuss.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Theatre of the Beat will be in Saskatchewan with their new production in October.** *I Love You and it Hurts* is a powerful new show that delves into the complex and often subtle issue of abuse in our communities through three emotionally charged short plays that explore the lived experiences of elder abuse, healthy masculinity, and intimate partner violence in young relationships. If your congregation is interested in hosting a show, go to <https://theatreofthebeat.ca/> for details and watch for a performance near you in October.

- 2) **The board of Shekinah is happy to announce that Curtis Wiens, Vic Pankratz and Phyllis Goertz** will share the full time Executive Director position on an interim basis until the end of October. Please continue to pray that Shekinah will find a full time permanent person to take the Executive Director position. The Board also wishes to thank Ron and Sue Schellenberg for their leadership over the past 5 ½ years, especially through the exceedingly difficult active covid years. We wish them well in their future ventures.
- 3) **Note: The Shekinah Move-a-Thon has been cancelled for 2023.** We are sorry not to host the event this year, and look forward to coming back bigger and better next year. Stay tuned!
- 4) **Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies.** School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. **Interested in donating a school kit? Join us for [the School Kit Challenge!](#)** Help 10,000 kids attend school by donating 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Whether you donate one or 100 school kits, every donation helps! Get details of what is in a kit or sponsor a kit (\$8.50) at <https://mcccanada.ca/school-kit-challenge>
- 5) **MCC Connects:** Thursday, August 17 marks National Thrift Shop Day, a day to celebrate the importance of thrift shops for people here at home and around the world! Visit your local MCC Thrift shop for some special sales and discounts throughout the day.