

**This Week at MRMC**

Monday 6:00 pm Pickleball  
Wednesday 6:00 pm Pickleball  
6-8 pm AA Meeting (Hosts: John and Shirley)  
Saturday 1-8 pm Gym Rental  
Saturday 3-7 pm JRAM in Sanctuary  
Sunday 8-5 pm Gym Rental  
10:00 am Worship Service  
1:00 pm JRAM service

**Creation Care Prayers**

When we are unkind to people, and forget they are God's children,  
When we are careless with the beasts, and forget they are God's  
creation,  
When we ill-treat the land, and forget the splendour of God, Forgive  
us,  
O God of love, reconcile us to yourself, to one another and to the  
Creation.  
Teach us that the earth and all its fullness is yours, the world and all  
who dwell in it.  
Remind us that your Son too enjoyed the fruits of the harvest in  
Galilee and joins us now as we celebrate your good gifts together.  
Call us again to safeguard the gift of life, now and forever. Amen

**Today's Service**

Worship Leader: Joel S  
Song Leader: Val R  
Pianist: Esther C  
PowerPoint: Kevin C  
Sound: Travis W  
Video: Gord 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 Prayer

Gathering Songs

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (v1-3)*  
*Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*

VT #103

VT #473

Esther C

Psalm 112:1-9

Offertory Prayer

**HEARING**

Story for all Ages

Val R

We Sing

*Make Room*

Covenanting Together with Evan Bueckert

Scripture

***John 6: 27-35***

***Isaiah 58: 1-9b***

Sermon

Evan B

**SHARING**

Hymn of Response *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song*

VT #539

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

**SENDING**

Sending song

*God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

VT #550

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Eric and Doris Q, Alex and Joel S, Erwin and Tena S, Elsie K. E*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Anne K, Marg W, Evelyn S, Maureen G*
- **Families of the week:** *Don and Doris G, Katie W, Dan and Pam O*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$8,770, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Urgent prayer request from our sister church in Burkina Faso:** With the recent coup in Niger, there is threat of war in the Sahel region of Africa. Please join us in praying that this escalation will stop, that peaceful forms of resolution will be found to the crisis in Niger and the other Sahel countries, and that peace will return to this region.

### 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.
- **Aug 27:** Join us in the foyer after the service for fellowship and cupcakes celebrating Jo-Anne and Ron's wedding that happened in June. There will be a card to sign on the table between Gwen and Evan's offices.

### 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) **In addition to continuing the search for a full time permanent Executive Director, Shekinah is now hiring a permanent, full time Maintenance Manager.** Duties include all kinds of tasks involved in maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, vehicles, and equipment; general facility maintenance; and snow removal in winter. We are looking for someone with the following: working knowledge in some combination in the areas of plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical or general construction; experience supervising staff and volunteers, a willingness to uphold Mennonite/Anabaptist practices. Preferred start date is Oct. 2. For more information contact [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca) or submit resume to [director@shekinah.ca](mailto:director@shekinah.ca)
- 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) We are excited to announce that MCC has a new website! It is easier to use, story-driven, and includes more ways to engage with relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. Take a look around at [Homepage | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](http://Homepage|MennoniteCentralCommittee(mcc.org))