

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	3-8 pm	Rental in the Gym
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Basement (Hosts: Garth and Claire)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Friday	5-7 pm	JRAM Youth in Sanctuary
Sunday	10 am	Sunday Worship Service with communion
	1-4 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary

94 Calls to Action were prepared following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings. Let's use them to inform our prayers and actions. (Complete list Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.)

EDUCATION-

9. We call upon the federal government to prepare and publish annual reports comparing funding for the education of First Nations children on and off reserves, as well as educational and income attainments of Aboriginal peoples in Canada compared with non-Aboriginal people.

10. We call on the federal government to draft new Aboriginal education legislation with the full participation and informed consent of Aboriginal peoples. The new legislation would include a commitment to sufficient funding and would incorporate the following principles ...

Staff Hours

- Gwen will be on holidays from Dec 25- Jan 3. Len will be covering for Gwen.
- Garth and Claire will be in the office Dec 29 and 30.
- Zach is on holidays until Jan 4.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Garth E F
 Song Leader: Darrell B
 Pianist: Shelley B
 PowerPoint: Len A
 Video: Wes E

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

Carol Singing

O Come all ye faithful

VT #241

Angels we have heard on high

VT #249

O Beautiful star of Bethlehem

VT #275

Announcements

Silence

CHRISTMAS 1 - THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN

INVITING THE MYSTERY

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song

Joy to the World (v 1,2,4)

VT #240

OT Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-6

Darrell B

Christmas Carols

Infant holy, infant lowly

VT #243

Story for all Ages

Monica D

Christmas Carol

He Came Down

VT #239

ENGAGING THE MYSTERY

Peace Lamp

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20

Meditation

Good News of Great Joy

Claire E F

Hymn of Response

Helpless and Hungry/ What Child is this

VT #268/ #267

PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY

Offering

Christmas Carol

Angels from the Realms of Glory (v1,2)

VT #265

Sharing our stories

Sharing our prayers

Joyful Benediction

Love has come (1,3)

VT #258

A Christmas Affirmation

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Maureen G, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Roy W, Anne E, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Eric and Verna O, Agatha W, Hedie B, Al and Anne P*
- **Families of the week:** *Jake and Betty B, Bev and Neil G, Roy W*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$3,606, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- MC Sask staff wish you joy as you seek the Way in the manger (Ryan, Josh, Kirsten & Marianne)
- **MCC Connects:** Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Thank You to everybody at MRMC for the support of the “**Fill a bucket**” Campaign for **Global Gathering Place**. Together with the **MDS Spirit of Giving Fund** we have raised **over \$6,000.00 for their emergency fund** and donated several buckets and bags of blankets and warm clothing. Please take a minute to check out the MRMC website for the link to [Global Gathering Place](#) in the Missions tab for more details on our relationship with [Global Gathering Place](#) and how our contributions have and will make a difference to people in our community. These needs will not end so please continue to think of the folks at [Global Gathering Place](#). Thank You from the Missions and Services Ministry.
- **Jan 8, 2022** – Don’t forget to check the bulletin board next to Garth’s office or the MRMC Missions & Services webpage for your opportunity to help serve meals (or donate) at Friendship Inn. <https://mountroyalmennonite.org/missions-and-service>
- Women of Mount Royal MC, are you interested in meeting together with friends (well known and yet to become) for Zoom link conversation and study twice a month? Starting on January 13, 2022 @ 6:30 pm we will begin our study of Carol Penner’s *Everyday Worship*. We would be delighted if you would join us. Let Claire know if you are interested.
- **December 31, 2021 at 9 am**, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2021. All donations must be received at the church office by that time in order to be deposited in 2021, and receipted for 2021. For electronic donations allow; 24 hours for e-transfers, 72 hours for Tithe.ly and 5 days for donations made through the website.
- We are in need of some volunteers to help with the Junior Sunday School class. If you are interested, please contact Zach, Garth or Claire.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Forest Church January 2, 2022** 3:00 pm - Dress warm and head out to **Shekinah** and gather around the fire before going for a walk together to introduce the **forest church** theme for the coming year. All are welcome!

- b) **January 7 & 8, 2022, RJC Tournament of Memories (Basketball & Hockey)** - Alumni & friends of RJC are invited to our annual basketball & hockey tournament. Basketball will take place on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8. Those interested in basketball should register by Dec. 28 by email to Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com). Hockey will take place only on Saturday, January 8. Those interested in hockey are encouraged to contact Paul Ayres (paul.ayres@hotmail.com). Questions for the school can be directed to (306) 232-4222.
- c) **Sunday, January 9, 2022, Paul Matheson will be installed as pastor of First Mennonite Church.** For our internal purposes, he will be licensed for specific ministry and we will acknowledge his ordination credential with the Baptist Church. Well wishes may be sent to Ryan at minister@mcsask.ca
- d) **January 21, 2022, RJC Open House & Friday Night Live** - Prospective students and families are invited to RJC for a look into life as a student at RJC. There will be campus tours and RJC's annual Friday Night Live student coffee-house. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.
- e) A Very Shekinah Christmas will happen online, starting on December 23, 2021. While you are waiting, we are bringing back last year's Shekinah 12 Days of Christmas (because it's environmentally friendly to reuse) as well as updates on 2021 and a look ahead to 2022. Head over to: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2021> to watch things unfold.
- f) **MC Sask Council is pleased to announce the hiring of Josh Wallace as Interim Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.** Josh has served MC Sask as Church Engagement Minister since 2020, providing leadership and wisdom in the areas of visioning and mission, and Council is grateful for his willingness to increase his role during this time of transition. Josh will begin his .6 FTE position on January 1, 2022, allowing for overlap time with outgoing Executive Minister Ryan Siemens, who concludes his work with MC Sask on Jan. 31, 2022. The interim position is for up to 6 months, pending the search for a new Executive Minister. For the Executive Minister job description and additional details visit www.mcsask.ca or contact Andrea Enns-Gooding at searchcommittee@mcsask.ca.
- g) **Thank you for your support of our level ground coffee fundraiser in 2021!** By purchasing your coffee through MC Sask, you have help raise over \$1000 for our youth program! We will resume ordering on January 3, 2022. To place your order go to www.mcsask.ca/coffee
- h) Thank you for your generosity in 2021. Your gifts (of prayer, volunteering, and finances) help support the work of resourcing pastors and congregations, camps (Camp Elim, Shekinah Retreat Centre, Youth Farm Bible Camp), International Witness, Indigenous-Settler Relations, Restorative Justice Ministries, Canadian Mennonite University, Rosthern Junior College, and more. Go to www.mcsask.ca/giving to donate in 2021