

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	MR YAHM
Tuesday	8:00 am	Seniors Breakfast; Grainfields
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Pickleball
	10:00 am	Bethany Bible Study
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Bryan)
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers +
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Friday	6:30 pm	Pickleball
	5-7 pm	JRAM Youth in Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	MRMC Youth
Saturday	6-8 am	JRAM in sanctuary
	1:00 pm	NPMC/MRMC Young Adults
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10 am	Sunday Worship Service- Advent 3
	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.)

LEGACY - Child welfare

3. We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan's Principle. Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

4. We call upon the federal government to enact Aboriginal child-welfare legislation that establishes national standards for Aboriginal child apprehension and custody cases and includes principles that: Affirm Aboriginal governments their own child-welfare agencies; Require consideration of the residential school legacy; Placements of Aboriginal children into culturally appropriate homes.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Len
 Song Leader: Grace
 Pianist: Monica
 PowerPoint: RaeLynn
 Video: Wes

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
O Little Town of Bethlehem VT #245
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming VT #216

Announcements
 Silence

ADVENT 2 - THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN

INVITING THE MYSTERY

Call to Worship
 Opening Prayer
 Gathering Song *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* VT #212
 Advent candle lighting
 Psalm Luke 1.68-79 Tena

ENGAGING THE MYSTERY

Story for all Ages Mark
 We Sing *My soul cries out (v3,4)* VT #412
 Peace Lamp
 Scripture Malachi 3.1-4
 Voices this Christmas
 Sermon *'I am sending my messenger'* Claire
 Voices this Christmas - continued
 Hymn of response *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* VT #248

PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY

Offering
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers
 Sending Song *He Came Down* VT #239
 Sending words
 Recessional

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Agatha, Hedio, Maureen, Elsie, Eric and Doris, Betty, Roy, Anne E, Marg, Alex and Joel, Jon and Roxanne, Eric and Verna*
- **Families of the week:** *Henry and Ella, Wade and Sheila and Tannis, Eileen*
- Al Peters was taken to RUH Tuesday afternoon. He is currently in the CCU getting treatment. Please pray for Al & Anne, their family and the medical team as they care for him.
- Our offering last Sunday was \$2,920, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community
- Please pray for the MRMC ministries as some positions come to an end. The Chair positions of both the Worship Ministry and the Education Ministry end in December. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles. Speak to Rita, Garth or Claire if you're interested in these or any ministry role.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **Dec 14 & 15:** Cheer Crates, thanks to the Saskatoon Public School Foundation will again be packed in our multi purpose room. Seven hundred and fifty families will receive food hampers and recreation and educational materials to help make this Christmas season more enjoyable.
- **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>
- All who attend Mount Royal may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered by mail and email. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Gwen by Dec 10.
- Pickle ball will happen on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm, as well as Thursday, same times. We ask that you be double vaxxed.
- New Address for your MRMC Directory
Hank & Marlies Patkau
Check with the church office for details.
- "True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant." (Menno Simons) This applies to our response, or lack of response, in the current climate crisis. Please read the document 7 Calls to Climate Action for Mennonite Church Canada which is found online at <http://www.7callstoclimateaction.com>. A summary of this document is posted on the bbd beside Garth's office. Let's read and pray and respond as God calls us to respond.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Dec 5, 3:00pm, Forest Church at Shekinah.** Storyteller Ric Driediger leads us this month. Dress warm and enjoy the beauty of a crisp winter's day and the warmth of community
- b) **Dec 15 RJC Christmas Concert at 7:00pm (SK CST).** Music and performances by RJC students and staff. Livestream for those who wish to enjoy the program at home can be found at rjc.sk.ca. Saskatchewan public health orders will be followed at this event.
- c) Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking an **Interim Youth Worker** to fulfill a one-year parental leave beginning January 17, 2022. Averaging 10 hours/week, this position will focus on coordinating Mega Menno events, including travel to the 2022 MC Canada Youth Gathering. Contact Ryan Siemens, minister@mcsask.ca, for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

MRMC

- We are looking for volunteers for an MDS trip to the US the last week in March. Anyone interested to contact Ron or Heather. If restrictions make it too difficult to travel, we will try to find a project in Canada to tap into in the spring, summer, or fall.
- We are in need of some volunteers to help with the Junior Sunday School class. If you are interested, please contact Sharon, Garth or Claire.
- **Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre;** We are in urgent need of groups of 8-10 people to help off-site at our second warehouse in the Exhibition area to increase our output due to growing demand of the holiday season. Please note that we prefer volunteers to be fully vaccinated.
The address is 2510 Jasper Ave S, Bay7. Right beside Kelly Cafe in the Exhibition Area.
Days: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays
Time: Morning shifts 9am-12pm and Afternoons 1-3:30pm(excluding Saturday afternoons).
TASK: Packing standard hampers with non-perishables for distribution to the community; maybe sorting hygiene products etc. as well, if time allows. iliiza.k@saskatoonfoodbank.ca

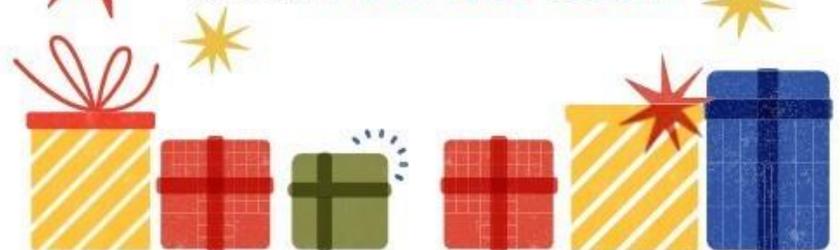
WIDER COMMUNITY

- **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Canada is calling for volunteers** to help with cleaning out homes in Princeton, B.C. following the catastrophic flood. **Around 20 volunteers are needed by December 6** to help people in that community clean out their flooded homes. Contact Kelsey Friesen at 204-261-1274, 1-866-261-1274, or kfriesen@mds.org for more information. Volunteers should be 16 years of age and older, and must be fully vaccinated. Accommodation and food will be provided.
- **Host families needed for RJC International students.** Would you like to support RJC in a different way? RJC is looking for individuals, couples, or families who would be open to hosting an International student during closed dorm weekends or extended holidays. If you are interested please email deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca or call (306) 232-4222.
- **Westmount Community School** is looking for **volunteer bakers** to come to the school one morning a week or once a month (details to be finalized with Anne McLellan) to make treats for the children's snacks. If you are at all interested in serving God by serving others (i.e., students at Westmount) please talk with Claire as soon as possible. Thanks for considering this request.
- **Mennonite Nursing Home is pleased to announce that Dana Heinrichs has been appointed as the new CEO/Administrator.** She comes to us with 30+ years of experience working with vulnerable populations. The last 11+ years she served as the Executive Director of Canadian Deafblind Association working in human services and residential care settings.
- **Christmas at CMU.** Join us on **Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 PM (CST)** from the comfort of your home for this year's Christmas at CMU program. With Christmas favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles, this is our gift of glad tidings and joy to you! Watch the video premiere, or anytime later at cmu.ca/christmas.



Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbours this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more.

Give at mcccanada.ca/christmas or call **1-888-622-6337**.



O Come, All Ye Faithful VT 241

Text: Latin; stanzas 1, 3, 4 trans. attr. John F. Wade (England), ca. 1743, "Adeste fideles læti triumphantes," Office de St. Omer, 1822; trans. Frederick Oakeley (England) and other, alt.; stanza 2 Etienne J. F. Borderies (France), 1822; trans. William Mercer (England), 1854
Music: attr. John F. Wade, ca. 1743, Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels,

Refrain

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light of light eternal.
Our lowly nature he hath not abhorred;
born of a woman, here in flesh appearing.

Refrain

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

Refrain

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, begotten, not created.

Refrain

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

O Little Town of Bethlehem VT 245

Text: Phillips Brooks (USA), 1868, Sunday School Services and Hymn Book, 1870, alt.
Music: Lewis H. Redner (USA), 1868, The Church Porch, `A Service Book and Hymnal for Sunday Schools, 1874.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars o by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep,
the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing – let "Glory!" ring
with peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of the heav'ns.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming VT 216

Text: stanzas 1-2 anon., "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" (present-day Germany), 15th c.; Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirkengasäng (present-day Germany), 1599; trans. Theodore Baker (USA), 1894; stanza 3 Friedrich Lakritz (Germany) Liederschatz 1832; trans. Harriet K. Spaeth (USA), The Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: German traditional, 15th c.; Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirkengasäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (present-day Germany), Musae Sionae VI, 1609

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half-spent was the night.

Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us,
and lightens ev'ry load.

Comfort, Comfort, O My People VT 212

Text: based on Isaiah 40:1-5; Johannes Olearius (present-day Germany), "Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben," Geistliche Singe-Kunst, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth (England), Chorale Book for England, 1863, alt.

Music: Louis Bourgeois (present-day France), Genevan Psalter, Octave Trois Pseaumes de David, 1551; harm. adapt. From Claude Goudimel (present-day France), 150 Pseaumes de David, 1564

Comfort, comfort, O my people,
speak of peace, now says our God.
Comfort those who sit in shadows,
morning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak unto Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them,
Tell of all the sins I cover, and that warfare now is over.

Hear, the voice of one who's crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all to full repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away! Valleys, rise in
exaltation' hills, bow down in adoration.

O make straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits a holy reign.
For the glory of our God now o'er earth is shed abroad. And all flesh
shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

My Soul Cries Out VT 412

Text: based on Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney (USA)

Music: Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

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1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about the turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
and the world is about to turn!

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
and the world is about to turn!

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
and the world is about to turn!

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,

we remember who holds us fast;
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound, '
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
and the world is about to turn!

It Came upon a Midnight Clear VT 248

Text: Edmund H. Sears (USA), Christian Register, 1849, alt.
Music: Richard S. Willis (USA), Church Carols and Choir Studies, 1850

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from anget
bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth,
good will to all from heaven's gracious King." The world in solemn
stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife,
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heav'nly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong,
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring.
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing.
And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way

with painful steps and slow:
Look now! For glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the Weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the evercircling years
comes round the age of gold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and all the world sends back the song
which now the angels sing.

He Came Down VT 239

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: Cameroon traditional; arranged by John L. Bell (Scotland)
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He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love,
hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace,
hallelujah for evermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy,
hallelujah for evermore.