



### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *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, Maureen G*
- **Families of the week:** *Monica D, Mark, RaeLynn and Tyreese H, Margaret M*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$7,910 received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- As you celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, this Christmas season, pray for the many small congregations and house churches in Thailand's Friends of Grace network as they open their doors and throw parties for their neighbourhoods. Pray that these gifts to their communities will result in transformative relationships.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- We will be collecting winter wear for **Prairie Harm Reduction and Global Gathering Place**. There is a bin in the foyer.
- **Today, Dec 18:** We will hold the Sunday School, Choir and youth program this evening at 4:00pm. This will be followed by a finger food potluck.
- On January 20th 2023, we would like to bring back 'Progressive Suppers' with the Youth! For those new to the idea, you sign up for a single course of a meal (appetizer/salad/main/dessert) and a group of youth hop from house to house enjoying each course with a new collection of friendly faces as they go... If you are interested in hosting some youth for our progressive supper, let Zach know and he'll get you signed up for a course and give you further details."
- If you have signed the MRMC commitment covenant for this year, and you would like to receive a print copy of what was shared during the Joys and Concerns sharing time, contact the church office to be put on an email list.
- Gwen will be away from the office on Dec. 19.
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- **December 30, 2022 at noon** is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2022. All donations must be received at the church office by that time in order to be deposited in 2022, and receipted for 2022. This includes donations by tithe.ly and etransfer. Tithe.ly donations typically take 48 to 72 hours from donation date to deposit date.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Dec 20, 7pm: RJC Christmas Concert:** Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert. in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation.
- 2) **Jan 20, 2023: RJC Open House:** Prospective students & families are invited to RJC's annual Open House & Friday Night Live. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with a school tour at 6:00pm, followed by Friday Night Live at 7:00pm. Interested students and families are invited to pre-register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca). Open to students in Grade 7-11. **The Shekinah Youth Retreat is coming on the weekend of Jan 27-29**, and we are in need of kitchen help to make this weekend of rest and learning happen. If you'd be willing to help out in the kitchen please let Zach Dueck know at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834
- 3) **Give the gift of fair trade coffee and support our youth!** *Level Ground* coffee is available in 300g bags or 5lb boxes in either bean or ground in varieties from the favourites Colombia and Decaf to Dark Tanzania and French Roast! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> and order today.
- 4) Feeling overstretched during this holiday season? MCC Thrift has put together a free resource called *How to Have a More Peaceful Christmas*. Visit this link for some helpful ideas for adding a bit more calm to your life amidst all the busyness of Christmastime: <https://thrift.mcc.org/peaceful-christmas>
- 5) **MCC Quilt sale 50% OFF!** Thanks to generous donors, we have everything from placemats, to couch quilts, to twin and queen quilts available. Get yours today before they're gone! <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>
- 6) **The MC Sask office will be closed from December 27-30.** Emails and phone messages will be checked. Regular hours resume on Jan 3, 2023.