

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	8:00 am	Seniors Breakfast at Grainfields
	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Host: Melody)
	7:15 pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	BB+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	6-9 pm	Gym Rental
Friday	10:00 am	Coffee Time at Bethany Manor
		Gym Rental
Saturday	10-8 pm	Gym Rental
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service
		Gym Rental

### ***Prayer***

**God, give us patience as we wait. Help us keep awake and watch for signs of your hope all around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Today's Service**  
 Worship Leader: Jo-Anne N  
 Song Leader: Grace P  
 Pianist: Esther C  
 PowerPoint: Len A  
 Sound: Travis  
 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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### **First Sunday of Advent**

Carol Singing

*To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

VT #259

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

VT #252

*Away in a Manger*

VT #257

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Silence

### **GATHERING**

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VT #210

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

VT #218

Psalm 80: 1-7 & 17-19 Tena Siemens

Offertory Prayer

### **HEARING**

Drama

"How Long?"

Evan B

Story for all Ages

Grace P

Advent Candle Lighting

We Sing

*Gloria*

VT #94

Scripture

**Isaiah 64: 1-9**

Sermon

***Hope in Waiting***

Don F

### **SHARING**

Hymn of Response *Longing for Light (1,2,5)*

VT #715

Communion and Response

Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns

Sharing our prayers

### **SENDING**

Sending song

*Joyous Light*

VT #504

Blessing

**Leader:** *Together we wait.*

**Congregation:** *How long must we wait?*

**Leader:** *No one knows when the time will come. So, go! Keep alert, strengthened by God's faithfulness to you.*

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Present Concerns:** *Elsie K. E, Eric and Doris Q*
- **Continued Prayer Support:** *Maureen G, Anne K, Marg W, Evelyn S*
- **Families of the week:** *Wes and Jodi E, Mark, RaeLynn and Tyreese H, Trevor S*
- Our offering last week was, \$3,305, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.

### MRMC Notes and Events

- a) **We are looking for volunteers to help with youth events.** If you are interested, please contact Evan Bueckert.
- b) Gwen will be away from the office all Mondays until the new year.
- c) **Dec 17 at 4:30 pm:** Sunday School and Choir Program. Following this will be a finger food potluck. Details to follow

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **Dec 3, today: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Join Amy Peters around the fire to begin the Advent season in outdoor worship. All are welcome!
- 2) **December 3 & 4: Bethany Chorus, under the direction of Duff Warkentin and accompanied by Verna Olfert, invites you to our concert, “Christmas Notes of Celebration”** with special guest Wes Froese, on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 and on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Manor, 110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon. Entrance is by honorarium at the door. Come enjoy Christmas music and sing some favourite carols.
- 3) **Dec 4: Join Micah Mission at Wanuskewin for our learning series, *Conversations in the Spirit of Truth & Reconciliation*,** as we dive into the theme of Justice. Cost: \$30.00. Contact [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org) for more information and to buy tickets.
- 4) **Dec 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm, the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper.** Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry
- 5) **Dec. 9 – Mega Menno Christmas with MCC!** Join us at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon at 7:00pm for a night of making upcycled Christmas decorations, Christmas goodies, and considering how we can foster generosity this season. Pick-up is at 9:00pm, contact Kirsten for more information – [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

- 6) **Dec 10: A Very Shekinah Christmas** at 3 pm with North Sky Chorale conducted by Richard Janzen. There will be a formal farewell for Ron and Sue. Goodies to follow. Admission by donation.
- 7) **Dec 19: RJC Christmas Concert at 7:00pm** Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the RJC Christmas Concert. In the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation. Live-stream option will be available.
- 8) **As you give this Season of Giving, forget the things that you’re about to give.** And open your eyes to the goodness of God for enabling you to give. Be glad, for not everyone has something to give. Donations to MC Sask spread your generosity locally, nationwide and globally. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving>