

| <u>This Week at MPMC</u> | | |
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| Monday | 6:00 pm | Pickleball |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Senior's Breakfast – Grainfields |
| | 9:30 am | Forever in Motion |
| | 5:30 pm | SPT Meeting – Art room |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Ukulele Gathering |
| | 6:00 pm | Pickleball |
| Thursday | 7-8 pm | AA Meeting (Hosts: Wilf & Cheryl) |
| | 9:30 am | Forever in Motion |
| | 10:30 am | Boomers |

Creation Care Prayers

Canticle of the Creatures (St. Francis of Assisi)

All praise be yours, My Lord, through all that you have made.
 And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day....
 How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendour!
 Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
 All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
 In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.
 All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air....
 All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
 so useful, lowly, precious, and pure.
 All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
 through whom you brighten up the night....
 All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother, who feeds
 us...and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs....
 Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
 And serve him with great humility.

Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Melody N
 Song Leader: Grace P
 Pianist: Val R
 Sound: Aaron 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
 Land Acknowledgement
 Announcements
 Silence

NEW YEAR, SAME PROMISES

GATHERING

Gathering words
 Gathering prayer
 Gathering songs

Joy to the world VT #240
O Beautiful Star VT #275
As with Gladness VT #277
 Psalm 111 Monica D

Offertory prayer

HEARING

Story for all Ages
 We Sing
 Scripture

Away in a manger Shelley B
 VT #257

Sermon

Matthew 2:1-12
God's promise of welcome Claire E F

SHARING

Hymn of response *We Worship God the Rock* VT #424
 We welcome a new member – Hilda S
 Peace Lamp

Sharing our joys and concerns
 Sharing our prayers

LORD'S SUPPER

SENDING

Sending song
 Blessing

Arise, Your Light Is Come VT # 273

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Amen

Postlude

Coffee and Fellowship after the service

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:** *Dennis and Grace A, Joe and Kerry G, Elmer and Agnes R*
- Our offering for the last week of 2022, was \$11,831 received with joy and thanksgiving for all the donations given in faith to support what we are doing in God's service here and in our community.
- As we begin a new year, pray for peace in areas of conflict; from South Sudan to Ukraine, Myanmar to Afghanistan, and the many other locations in the world. Pray that the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression would be transformed. May God grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace.
- 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 each week, contact the church office to be put on an email list

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- We are continuing to collect winter wear for **Prairie Harm Reduction and Global Gathering Place**. There is a bin in the foyer.
- **Thursday, January 12 @ 6:30 p.m.** Women Together meet for sharing and to discuss Chapter 4 in The Power of Sisterhood. Meeting via Zoom.
- **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."
- **Saturday, January 21 @ 10 a.m.** Creation Care Conversation. If this is a topic that you are interested in discussing, please join us in the Church foyer on Saturday morning. We have invited Erika Thogorsen from MCCSk to join us and provide us with some facilitation help. We are hoping to share our questions and concerns in a non-confrontational manner. We expect no hidden agendas, but are willing to invite "experts" to share their insights with us, should

we invite them. Please consider this your personal invitation to come and be part of an ongoing important conversation.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **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. Open to students in Grade 7-11.
- 2) **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 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) **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>
- 5) **The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.** In our current issue: learn about the activity of MDS Canada throughout 2022; read the inspiring reflections of an MDS volunteer in Monte Lake, BC; and get details on how to register for the upcoming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3BSqFaC>
- 6) **SAVE THE DATE!** ReNew: A Resourcing Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders, **January 30–31**. Our theme this year is Living Call Stories: Dynamics of the Pastoral Vocation with Kathleen Cahalan, Professor of Practical Theology at St. John's School of Theology and Seminary. More information to follow, visit cmu.ca/renew for further description of the conference.