

<u>This Week at MRMCM</u>		
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	6:30 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Host: Melody)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers+
Saturday	10:00 am	Climate Justice Conversation in foyer
	11-7 pm	Gym Rental
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	2-4 pm	Youth Volunteer at Village Green
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

Creation Care Prayers

God, we pray for you to raise up a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility for our changing climate, and the part we have played in it. We intercede for our politicians and leaders – cause them to act in the best interests of all nations today, and all peoples’ in the future, in order to avoid catastrophic changes. We ask for a generation of leaders who will be willing to act justly so that those who have contributed so little to the problems we are facing, and have fewer resources with which to face it, are not left to shoulder our burden.

(The Sanctuary Centre)

Today’s Service

Worship Leader: Evan B

Song Leader: Val R

Pianist: Elsie E

Sound: Wes E

PowerPoint: RaeLynn H

Video: Daniel M

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

A Table in the Wilderness

Setting the Table

Call to Worship
Peace Lamp
Opening prayer
Gathering songs *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* VT #9
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer VT #34
Psalm 146: 1, 5-10 Crowe Family
Words of Confession and Assurance

Sitting at Table

Story for all Ages Jo-Anne N
We Sing *Like a Rock* VT #63
Scripture Genesis 21: 8-21
Sermon *The God who sees* Claire E F
Hymn of response *The God of Sarah Praise* VT #190

Sharing at Table

Offertory prayer
Sharing our stories
Sharing our prayers

Leaving the Table

Hymn of Blessing *Go, My Friends, in Peace* VT #839
Word’s of blessing

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:** *Roy W, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Hedio B, Evelyn S, Maureen G, Willard and Kathy W, Agnes and Elmer R, Anne K, Erwin and Tena S, Eric and Doris Q, Grace and Mel B, Betty U*
- **Families of the week:** *Darrell and Shelley B, Harry and Dorothy R, Trevor S*
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$6,665, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- **Pray for MC Alberta** as they join together on March 17 & 18 for worship and discernment at their Annual Delegate Sessions in Pincher Creek, AB. Their theme is "**Hope Trust Transition**".
- Thank God for the safety of Fanosie Legesse and Norm Dyck, MCEC mission ministers, and leaders of Meserete Kristos Church, including President Desalegn, as they visited the Tigray region of Ethiopia where violence related to civil war has destroyed lives, churches and homes. Together, they worked to build peace within the Mennonite church and support and encourage pastors in the area.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **March 27:** Friends, research shows that there is a link between sensory loss and dementia. To learn more about this connection and how you can reduce your risk, you are invited to join a FREE Zoom meeting sponsored by the Alzheimer Society. **Healthier Brains: A Community Presentation** on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 7 pm - 9 pm. Featuring Dr, Paul Mick MD, FRCSC, MPH. Speak to Melody or Claire to receive a registration link.
- **April 14-15,** Wildwood Mennonite Church is hosting a Mental Health First Aid course with Lorraine Harder. The Spiritual Care Ministry Team is inviting interested persons to speak with Claire about your interest.
- **Save the Date. May 28** after worship, join the Summer Festival in Scott Park. MRMC together with the Westmount Community Association is planning a summer day in the park. There will be musical entertainment, food and an opportunity to work with and get to know our neighbours here on the edge of Westmount. So save the date and plan to be part of the work and the fun!
- **We're offering the blue Hymnals and the Sing the Journey and Sing the Story books** to you for your personal use. Feel free to pick up copies for yourself. Remaining books will be offered to the Rosthern Nursing Home and other congregations.
- **We have resumed having fellowship and coffee after the service.** If you are willing to help with set up and clean up, there is a sign up sheet on the board beside Garth's office.

- **Too many travel mugs?** Prairie Harm Reduction will use them! If you have excess travel mugs, drop them off at church and Rita will get them to PHR! There is a box by Gwen's office for drop off.
- **Coins Count:** We are once again collecting coins for *My Coins Count*. There will be a jar placed in the foyer on Sunday mornings. It will be kept in Gwen's office if you wish to donate throughout the week.
- **Reminder:** in order to be considerate to our neighbours we are asking people to please park in the church parking lot or on the church side of street.
- The gym will be closed this week as the floors are being re waxed.

Conference and Community Events

- 1) **March 12 RJC Choirs & Cakes at 7:00pm** Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction.
- 2) **Save the Date. Mar 17:** Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "**Putting on the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition**". This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>.
- 3) **Save the date!** MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church. Stay tuned for more information and visit the website at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>
- 4) **Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking to fill a number of positions** including a permanent Maintenance Worker (up to full time hours) to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a summer camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to shekinah.ca/jobs for more information.
- 5) **MC Sask Camps Review released:** After a thorough, nine-month review process, the Final Report and Executive Summary for the MC Sask Camps Review has been released, and has revealed a deep love for each of MC Sask's three camps (Camp Elim, Shekinah Retreat Centre, and Youth Farm Bible Camp), and a strong desire and commitment to help them grow. As the study began to take shape, the central question that arose was: "what governance, organizational, and ownership structure makes most sense to drive and support the Mission and Vision of MC Sask associated camps? Details, the summary report and full report are available at <https://mcsask.ca/news/11311>