

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
	5:30 pm	Worship Meeting at Bethany Manor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Pickleball
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting (Hosts: Jake and Betty)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers+
	1:30 pm	Pickleball
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth's Choice at NPMC
Saturday	11-5 pm	Rental of the Gym
	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	JRAM service

### Creation Care Prayers

O families and loners, bless God,  
 O babies to oldies, bless God,  
 O sanitation engineers and police officers, bless God,  
 O property developers and planners, bless God,  
 'To You be glory and praise forever.'  
 May you be blessed, O God, in Your city,  
 'To You be glory and praise forever.'

### Today's Service

Worship Leader: Mark H  
 Song Leader: Sarah P  
 Pianist: Pam O  
 Sound: Wes E  
 PowerPoint: Len A  
 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, Let Us All Unite to Sing*  
*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

VT #7  
 VT #170  
 Dave W

Psalm 90: 12-17

Words of Confession and Assurance

#### Sitting at Table

Story for all Ages  
 We Sing  
 Hope for Creation

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Sarah P  
 VT #68

Scripture

**1 Samuel 25**

Sermon

*Not just skin deep*

Hymn of response

*Move in our Midst*

Claire E F  
 VT #827

#### Sharing at Table

Offertory prayer  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers

#### Leaving the Table

Hymn of Blessing  
 Word's of blessing

*Calm Me, Lord*

VT #680

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:** *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, Roy W*
- **Families of the week:** *Matt, Matt Jr and Atheena E, Jake B, Michelle R*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$1,585 given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- Pray for Witness workers Werner and Joanne De Jong as they teach and mentor students in the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia. See Joanne's Lent reflections on fear: <https://mcab.ca/article/11301-what-are-you-afraid-of>
- Pray for peace in Mindanao, Philippines, as Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja, continue to bring people together. Praise God for that the local military is listening to their perspective on justice-based peacebuilding, as reported in their latest newsletter: <https://www.waves.ca/reports/2023/02.2023.DannJojiNewsletter.pdf>

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **March 27:** 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. Speak to Melody or Claire to receive a registration link.
- **April 7 at 10:30 am:** Good Friday service with First Mennonite Church and Wildwood Church.
- **April 9 Easter Brunch:** We will be holding an Easter Sunday potluck. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to Garth's office.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Too many water bottles?** Prairie Harm Reduction will use them! If you have excess water bottles, 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.
- **Employment opportunity:** As of May 1, MRMC will need a new Custodian (Janitor). The position is part time, 14 hours / week. If interested please talk to Len Andres by April 2, 2023.

### Conference and Community Events

- 1) **March 28, 6-7 pm: CMU Open House: At our place or from your place** –In person open house takes place on Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM; virtual open house takes place on Wednesday, March 29, 6:00–7:00 PM CDT. Receive a campus tour, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. Visit [cmu.ca/experience](http://cmu.ca/experience) to register.
- 2) **April 1, 5-7pm: Camp Elim Perogy Supper Fundraiser** at Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current. Adults \$20, Children 7 & under \$10. Proceeds toward Tabernacle Flooring Project.
- 3) **April 1 from 9 am - 3 pm: Bridging Us: A Learning Party is being co-hosted by MCCS and New Leaf Network.** Join us as we explore how we move toward more “us” in our life in a world where there is always a “them”. Speakers include Randy Klassen from MCCS and Lloyd Letkeman from MB Multiply, telling about working to build connections in communities and churches. In person \$35 (lunch included) and online \$20. Please visit this link to register: <https://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/bridgingus>
- 4) **April 2 - Forest church outdoor worship at Shekinah 3:00.** Zac Schellenberg will take the lead as we embrace the coming spring! All are welcome.
- 5) **Save the date!** MCC's annual Relief Sale Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Forest Grove Community Church. More information at this link: <https://www.mccskreliefsale.com/>
- 6) For this year's Relief Sale Festival, we are currently accepting items to be donated for the online auction, which runs from June 7-17. These can include art, food, services, hardware, recreation equipment, and gardening equipment. To donate, please contact us at 306-665-2555 or visit [www.mccskreliefsale.com](http://www.mccskreliefsale.com) for more details.
- 7) **Spring is almost here! Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for seasonal workers:** spring school group programmers, spring/summer maintenance workers, and summer camp counsellors. Please visit [shekinah.ca/jobs](http://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information
- 8) Highlights, videos, report book and more from the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11233>

Folks in the ***Climate Justice conversation group*** want to invite you to sign a letter written to the leaders and relevant ministers from all Canadian federal political parties. This letter was originally prepared by MCC Canada.

### Background

World leaders at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris reached an agreement in December 2015. This agreement states that all signatories (Canada is a signatory) set long-term goals to guide all nations to:

- substantially reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to limit the global temperature increase in this century to 2 degrees Celsius while pursuing efforts to limit the increase even further to 1.5 degrees;
- provide financing to developing countries to mitigate climate change, strengthen resilience and enhance abilities to adapt to climate impacts. (United Nations Climate Action document)

### The Request

We are asking the government “to continue moving both towards and even beyond its Paris commitments. The original commitment was to reduce emissions by 40%-45% by 2030. Given our wealth and per capita emissions, we encourage Canada to reduce its emissions by 60%.”

If you are interested in signing this letter, it will be available in the foyer with information on the bulletin board by Garth’s office. See the letter on the opposite side of this sheet.



### **Letter to Federal Ministers**

Dear Ministers Sajjan and Guilbeault,

I am grateful for Canada’s continued support for addressing the urgent need of climate change and the impacts on the most vulnerable. I am grateful for Canada’s contribution of \$5.3 billion starting in 2021 over 5 years, for Canada’s plans to increase emission reductions, and the increased focus on climate adaptation.

However, given the urgent needs, I urge the Canadian government to continue moving both towards and even beyond its Paris commitments. While I greatly appreciate Canada’s plan to reduce emissions by 40%-45% by 2030, given our wealth and per capita emissions, I call for Canada to reduce its emissions by 60%.

Climate change is impacting so many communities around the world now. A changing climate has resulted in fewer harvests, loss of livestock, stress on water resources, reduced income, food insecurity, and an increased need to migrate to find employment or flee natural disasters. These changes affect families and communities around the world, especially the most vulnerable, including women and girls.

The impacts of a changing climate only hit harder in an emerging global food crisis, and growing conflict in already fragile states.

Again, I support all of the progress Canada has made on these issues, but I truly believe Canada can do more, and be a global leader in climate action around the world.

Sincerely,