

<u>This Week at MPMC</u>		
Monday	7:30 pm	Mr YAHM (virtual)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Youth Mega Menno games night (virtual)
	6-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Rita and Ray)
Thursday	10:30 am	Boomers via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Zoom Gathering

Thought for the week

‘But if we don’t grasp church as Christ’s body, we will always be dissatisfied, impatient, angry, dismayed, or disgusted with what we see. We will never see the elegance and intricacy of church; we will entirely miss the ‘praise of his glory’; we will fail to discern what is going on right before our eyes in our congregation.... ‘When we consider church, we must not be more spiritual than God. Church is a place and a building, church is people and relationships, church is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; all of this at the same time.’

[Eugene Peterson]

Office Hours

Gwen	Tues-Fri	8 am-1:30 pm
Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Wed	11 am – 3 pm

Today’s Service

Worship Leader: Trevor S
 Song Leader: Shelley B
 Pianist: Val R
 Powerpoint: Eric O
 Video: Wes E

Welcome to Mount Royal Mennonite Church

Learning to live - through relationships with Jesus,
 our neighbours and each other

Worship Service 9:30 am

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Prelude
 Announcements
 Silence

Practice Resurrection

The Community in Praise

Call to Worship
 Gathering Prayer
 Gathering Song *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1

The Community in the Word

Psalm 16 Tena S
 Offering
 Story for all Ages Val R
 We Sing *Strong, peaceful man of Galilee* VT #573
 Scripture **Ephesians 2: 11-22**
 Sermon *The Carpenter of New Creation*

Garth E F

The Community in Mission

Hymn of Response *Let Us Build a House (v1,4,5)* VT #36
 Peace Lamp
 Sharing our stories
 Sharing our prayers

Sending Song *For We Are Strangers No More* VT #409

Blessing

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Hedie B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Nettie and Roy W, Ann E, Myrna W, Elmer and Agnes R, Marg W, Alex and Joel S*
- **Families of the week:** *Katie W, Brianna M, Kevin, Esther, Marcus, Arthur and Rowan C*
- Our offering last Sunday was \$11,491, received with joy and thanksgiving for all that God is doing here and in our community.
- MC Sask is currently about \$18,000 behind in donations to date. To donate to the work of MC Sask provincially, nationwide and internationally go to <https://mcsask.ca/giving>

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- If you currently receive the rejoice devotional or don't and would like to please contact Gwen. Deadline is June 11, 2021. Price is \$44.84
- 2021 Community Click & PickNic Virtual Food Drive. This is a virtual food drive is taking place now and will run for the entire month of May. We invite you to participate in a month-long virtual campaign to help bring more food in the doors of the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre. For more information go to <https://saskatoonfoodbank.org/community-click-and-pick-nic>

MRMC Youth

- This past Wednesday, the youth met virtually to play some games and have a bible study where they finished the first episode of the show Kings. The show is a modern retelling of the life of David.
- **May 19 and June 16: Mega Menno Online Games Night on Gather.** In the spirit of creating more opportunities to get together, we're happy to offer two different evenings for youth to connect with one another online, chat and catch up, and play some games. Starting at 7pm each evening, there will be a brief opening, and then it's game time! No registration required. *Gather link:* <https://gather.town/i/FZRKmjWa>. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp (youthminister@mcsask.ca) for more information.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **May 17, 2021: RJC Virtual Info Night:** Prospective students and their families are invited to a virtual information evening at **7:00pm (SK CST)**, featuring a Q & A with staff and students. Register by email to admissions@rjc.sk.ca.
- b) **May 18,19, 25 & 26 mornings: Informal Coaching and Mediation Skills for Church Leaders Course.** Conflict within churches can involve complex dynamics and highly-charged emotions, leaving those

involved with deep hurt and pain. Often people from all "sides" of the conflict look to their pastors and lay leaders for assistance in helping to resolve these tensions. Details available

at <https://mcsask.ca/event/10284>

- c) **May 29, 2021: 15th Annual RJC Golf Classic:** Join us at Valley Regional Park Golf Course, Rosthern for our annual golf classic fundraiser! Registration deadline is **May 22, 2021**. More info and registration information can be found at rjc.sk.ca/golf.
- d) **June 6 - 2:30pm Experience the glory and presence of God in outdoor worship with forest church at Shekinah.** With creation as our sanctuary, we will worship God outside with music, scripture, community, and time to encounter the beauty of Shekinah. With enough interest, this may be the first in a monthly series. All are welcome. Check back for more information coming soon to the Shekinah website.
- e) **MCC Connects:** We'll be holding MCC Relief Sale events from May 29th to June 12th. Kicking off our relief sale activities is our Plant Sale. Pre-order your plants now by calling Phyllis Goertz at 306-242-8367. The last day to order is May 25. You can pick up your plants on May 29. For more information about the Plant Sale, Online Auction, Food Drive Thru, and Online *Salebration* featuring comedian Leland Klassen - live streamed on Facebook and YouTube, visit mccskreliefsale.com.
- f) **MCC Connects:** Within our communities and families we have seen how division and polarization can cause injustice, broken relationships and violence. This practical online class will provide peace skills to a cohort of amazing individuals with the goal of equipping participants for the courageous act of conflict transformation. This course is appropriate for anyone who would like to practice peace skills to make a difference in their families and communities. All sessions will be held via zoom. Register at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformationPracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace> or email heatherpeters@mccsk.ca with any questions.
- g) **The Tabernacle at the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be open for a few weekends starting on May Long Weekend.** The Tabernacle is a museum quality replica of the Old Testament tabernacle made straight from the details in Exodus, and it is the only one in Canada! It is a fun, family friendly way to learn more about the Old Testament and how it relates to the New Testament. Tickets need to be pre-purchased at www.yfbc.com. The petting zoo, jumping pillow, train ride and more will be open for attendees as well.

Call to worship

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—
members of God's family,
and brothers and sisters to one another.
There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.
For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
Let's join together in worship!

From: **Christine Longhurst, re:Worship**

Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1

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1. Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity:

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being,
one of faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
ev'ry person in God's image
ev'ry person, God's delight:

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being,
one of faith and love and praise.

5. Draw together at one table
all the human family;

shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.

Refrain

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being,
one of faith and love and praise.

Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee VT 573

Text: Harry W. Farrington (USA), 1021, *The Hymnal for Boys and Girls*, 1935, alt.
Music: John B. Dykes (England), *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

Strong, peaceful man of Galilee,
robed with your strength we long to be—
not to revenge; to heal and pray,
to turn the cheek, and tribute pay.
Robed with your strength we long to be,
strong, peaceful man of Galilee.

Strong, righteous man of Galilee,
dressed with your peace we long to be—
in temple court, your cleansing rod;
on greed and lies, the wrath of God.
Dressed with your peace we long to be,
strong, righteous man of Galilee.

Strong, suffering man of Galilee,
clad in your grace we hope to be—
love at the well, share Martha's loss,
forgive the nails, and take the cross.
Clad in your grace we hope to be,
strong, suffering man of Galilee.

God's peaceful man of Galilee,
Love's triumph, we at last will see—
to crumble ev'ry bound'ry wall,
build highways to the hearts of all.
Love's triumph, we at last will see,
God's peaceful man of Galilee.

Let Us Build a House VT 36

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Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

For We Are Strangers No More VT 409

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Music: Dianne Huffman Morningstar (USA), © 1979 Dianne Huffman Morningstar
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Refrain
For we are strangers no more, but members of one family;
strangers no more, but part of one humanity;

strangers no more, we're neighbours to each other now; strangers no
more we're bound to one another now.

1. Come walk, with me, we'll worship God together,
As we join song to song, and prayer to prayer.
Come, take my hand, and we will work together
by lifting all the burdens we can share.

Refrain
For we are strangers no more, but members of one family;
strangers no more, but part of one humanity;
strangers no more, we're neighbours to each other now; strangers no
more we're bound to one another now.

2. Where diff'ring cultures meet, we'll serve together.
Where hatred rages, we will strive for peace.
Come, take my hand, and we will pray together
that justice come, and strife and warfare cease.

Refrain
For we are strangers no more, but members of one family;
strangers no more, but part of one humanity;
strangers no more, we're neighbours to each other now; strangers no
more we're bound to one another now.

3. There is a love that binds the world together,
A love that seeks the last, the lost, the least.
One day that love will bring us all together
in Christ, from South and North, from West and East.

Refrain
For we are strangers no more, but members of one family;
strangers no more, but part of one humanity;
strangers no more, we're neighbours to each other now; strangers no
more we're bound to one another now.