

<u><b>This Week at MRMC</b></u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	MR YAHM
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	6:30 pm	Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Hosts: Garth and Claire)
	5:30 pm	PCRC Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers +
Friday	5-7 pm	JRAM Youth in Sanctuary
	7-9 pm	Youth Movie Night
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service- Advent 1

### **Thought of the Week**

Love is something we abide in, something we fall into—usually when we're out of control, when we're failing and faltering and we can't do it right. When we reach the end of our resources—and we have to start relying on a power greater than ourselves—that's when we fall into the Great

Love that is God.

(Richard Rohr)

### **Office Hours**

Garth and Claire	Tues-Thurs	8:30 am – 3 pm
	Fri	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Zach	Mon & Wed	10 am – 2 pm
Gwen	Mon - Fri	8 am-12:00 pm

### **Today's Service**

Worship Leaders: Helmut and Dory I  
 Song Leader: Verna O  
 Pianist: Val R  
 Prelude: Esther C  
 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  
 Announcements  
 Silence

### **ETERNITY SUNDAY**

#### **GOD IS WITH US!**

Call to Worship  
 Opening Prayer  
 Gathering Song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT #7  
 Offertory Prayer  
 We Sing *There is Enough for All* VT #757

#### **HEAR GOD'S MESSAGE**

Psalm 139: 1-8 Erna W  
 Story for all Ages Claire E F  
 We Sing *Come to the Table of Grace* VT #461  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 13  
 Sermon *'the greatest of these...'* Claire E F  
 Hymn of response *Gott ist die Liebe* VT #158

#### **RESPOND IN LOVE**

Service of remembering Melody N & Tena S  
 We Sing *When Peace Like a River* VT #617  
 Peace Lamp  
 Sharing our stories  
 Sharing our prayers  
 We Sing *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* VT #610  
 Words of Blessing

**Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen**

Postlude

### Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Eric and Verna O, Agatha W, Hedie B, Maureen G, Elsie S, Eric and Doris Q, Betty U, Roy W, Anne E, Marg W, Alex and Joel S, Jon and Roxanne K*
- **Families of the week:** *Victor and Erna W, Al and Anne P, Al R*
- We are thankful for last week's offering of \$3,026, given in support of our ministry here and around the world.
- **Please be in prayer for the people of BC.** Intensive rainfall over the weekend has closed all major highways leading into and out of Vancouver and Fraser Valley, flooding in lower areas has meant evacuations for many people, other people have been stranded away from home because of impassable roads. MCBC has one church (Yarrow) in an evacuated area. Some other churches are dealing with flooding in basements and leaking roofs
- **Prayer Request, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:** Ryan Siemens (Executive Minister) has recently announced he will be resigning his position at the end of January 2022 to take on the role of Executive Director with MCC Alberta. Pray for Ryan and his family (Sandra, Isaiah, Elliott, Bennett), as well as MC Sask staff and leadership as they navigate and prepare for this transition.

### MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- Margaret M's new address is 104-201 Centennial Blvd, Warman, SK, S0K0A1
- Gwen L's new address is 526 Christopher Lane, Saskatoon, S7J 3S5
- The Photo Directories are finally done and have been placed in mailboxes!
- **Nov 24 PCRC Meeting:** Please share any joys or wishes that you may have regarding our pastoral team with one of the committee members. The committee members are Dave W, Trevor S, Maggie P or RaeLynn H.
- **Dec 4:** The Annual Meeting will be held on Dec 4 from 9-12 pm. The meeting once again will be via Zoom. The booklet was sent out via email and there are some copies on the table by Gwen's office.
- Please pray for the MRMC ministries as some positions come to an end. The Chair positions of both the Worship Ministry and the Education Ministry end in December. Please consider volunteering for one of these roles. Speak to Rita, Garth or Claire if you're interested in these or any ministry role.
- We are looking for volunteers for an MDS trip to the US the last week in March. Anyone interested to contact Ron or Heather. If restrictions make it too difficult to travel, we will try to find a project in Canada to tap into in the spring, summer, or fall.
- **Volunteers needed:** There is an AA meeting that is held at MRMC every week. This group meets from 7 - 8 pm Wednesday's and from 6 - 8 pm on the 2nd last Wednesday of each month. Looking for volunteers starting in the new year to open up the church, say a friendly hello and do a quick wipe down and lock up at the end of the evening. It's a great time to read

a book, catch up on emails, mark exams or just relax. Please contact Cheryl F if you are interested in helping. Thank you. 306-229-1740 or [wcfunk1@sasktel.net](mailto:wcfunk1@sasktel.net)

- We are in need of some volunteers to help with the Junior Sunday School class. If you are interested, please contact Sharon, Garth or Claire.
- "True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant." (Menno Simons) This applies to our response, or lack of response, in the current climate crisis. Please read the document 7 Calls to Climate Action for Mennonite Church Canada which is found online at <http://www.7callstoclimateaction.com>. A summary of this document is posted on the bbd beside Garth's office. You will also find a statement prepared by the Mennonite Church Canada Executive Ministers. Let's read and pray and respond as God calls us to respond.
- **Dec 14 & 15:** Cheer Crates, thanks to the Saskatoon Public School Foundation will again be packed in our multi purpose room. Seven hundred and fifty families will receive food hampers and recreation and educational materials to help make this Christmas season more enjoyable.

### Conference and Community Events

- a) **RJC Spend-A-Day scheduled for November 24 has been cancelled**
- b) MC Sask Fall Leadership Assembly, scheduled for Nov 27 via Zoom has been cancelled.
- c) **Mega Menno 'Winter-Menno Games,' Friday Dec. 3, 7:00pm, MCC Centre.** Get a taste of the upcoming Winter Olympics in China Menno style with Witness Workers George and Tobia Veith! Do you have what it takes to be a Menno-Olympian?? Come and find out! Contact [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) to RSVP or for more details.
- d) **Host families needed for RJC International students.** Would you like to support RJC in a different way? RJC is looking for individuals, couples, or families who would be open to hosting an International student during closed dorm weekends or extended holidays. If you are interested please email [deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:deansoffice@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.
- e) **MCC Connects:** Theatre of the Beat invites you to *Forgiven/Forgotten*. This audio-visual presentation follows the varying responses of a community that learns an ex-offender will be serving his parole in their midst. This emotionally driven piece addresses issues of crime, reintegration, and our responses to those affected by these themes most. Digital screenings are available from November 26th to 28th. Community/church screening kits will be available starting in December! Reach out to [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca) if you are interested. For more info head to [www.theatreofthebeat.ca/forgivenforgotten](http://www.theatreofthebeat.ca/forgivenforgotten).

## GLOBAL GATHERING PLACE:

The MRMC Missions and Service Committee has been in conversation with the Global Gathering Place over the past several months looking at ways to help them meet difficult situations. Global Gathering Place has roots in Mennonite Central Committee's Refugee Program which began in 1998 to address the needs of newcomers to Canada who did not qualify for many of the existing settlement services. Through the support of many volunteers from our local churches, Global Gathering Place was able to support and assist newcomers to Canada, especially refugees, in their successful resettlement. Volunteers continue to be a significant element in Global Gathering Place's delivery of services. Newcomers who received the support in those early years now also volunteer.

The needs at Global Gathering Place are great and varied. Many refugees come with physical and special needs which require equipment, aids, and other essential items that we take for granted, and are not funded adequately or at all through regular streams. GGP is currently assisting 200 Afghan refugees to resettle in Saskatoon, in addition to a flood of other newcomers from many other places.

How can we help?

Local volunteers are used in almost all of GGP's programs, from language instruction, coffee and conversation, transporting newcomers to appointments, filling out forms, help with running programs for children, and administrative work. Because new arrivals do not yet have health cards, they are ineligible to receive vaccinations from pharmacies and clinics, volunteers transport them to pop-up clinics in the city. Some may need to isolate and are unable to access services or food supplies in addition to facing climate changes, and daily challenges in settling into a new community. A small donation can help in a big way.

GGP is in need some very basic supplies:

- Tylenol
- Warm Mitts
- Toques/neck tubes
- Blankets (new or gently used and cleaned)
- Warm socks
- Children's activity books
- Cash donations to purchase grocery gift cards or to cover other immediate needs.

[www.globalgatheringplace.com](http://www.globalgatheringplace.com)

**Help us fill the bucket. Orange buckets will be placed on the table by the bulletins each Sunday. Drop off your item or designate your giving to the GPP through MRMC.**

Thank you again for helping us to give back.



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## **Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7**

Text: anon. ca. 1812, *Millennial Praises* (USA) 1812

Music: Edmond S. Lorenz (USA), *Notes of Triumph: For the Sunday School*, 1886

1. Come, let us all unite to sing,  
God is love.  
Let heav'n and earth their praises bring,  
God is love.  
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,  
let ev'ry heart sweet music make,  
and sing with us for Jesus' sake,  
for God is love.

Refrain  
God is love!  
God is love!  
Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.

2. O tell to earth's remotest bound,  
God is love.  
In Christ we have redemption found,  
God is love.  
His blood has washed our sins away,  
His Spirit turned our night to day,  
And now we can rejoice to say that God is love.

3. What though our mortal flesh shall fail,  
God is love!  
Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail,  
God is love!  
While endless ages roll along,  
we'll triumph with the heav'nly throng,  
and this shall be our sweetest song,  
that God is love!

4. How happy is our portion here,  
God is love.  
These promises our spirits cheer,  
God is love.  
God is our sun and shield by day,  
our help, our hope, our strength and stay;

and will be with us all the way:  
our God is love.

## **There's Enough for All VT 757**

Text: Bryan Moyer Suderman (Canada)

Music: Bryan Moyer Suderman; acc. Charlene Nafziger (Canada), 2008

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There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,  
there's enough for all if we would learn to see.  
There's enough for all.  
Let's bring our loaves and fishes,  
and offer them to Jesus.  
There's more than enough for you and me.

## **Come to the Table of Grace VT 461**

Text: Barbara Hamm (USA)

Music: Barbara Hamm

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Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table;  
it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace . . .  
3 Come to the table of love . . .  
4 Come to the table of hope . . .  
5 Come to the table of joy .

## **Gott ist die Liebe VT 158 (I Know God Loves Me)**

Text: German: August Rische (Germany), 1852; trans Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, 2019

Music: Thüringer traditional (Germany), ca. 1840

1. Gott ist die Liebe  
lässt mich erlösen,  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
er liebt auch mich.

*I know God loves me  
with love unending.  
I know God loves me,  
for God is love.*

Refrain

Drum sag ich noch einmal:  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
er liebt auch mich.

*And so I sing again  
of how God loves me;  
I know God loves me,  
for God is love.*

2. Ich lag in Banden  
der schönsten Sünde,  
Ich lag in Banden  
und konnt nicht los.

*Though sin surrounds me,  
God's love is stronger.  
Though sin surrounds me,  
God loves me still.*

Refrain

Drum sag ich noch einmal:  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
er liebt auch mich.

*And so I sing again  
of how God loves me;  
I know God loves me,  
for God is love.*

3. Er sandte Jesum,  
den truen Heiland,  
er sandte Jesum  
und macht mich los.

*God sent us Jesus,  
our faithful saviour;  
God sent us Jesus  
to set us free.*

Refrain

Drum sag ich noch einmal:  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
er liebt auch mich.

*And so I sing again  
of how God loves me;  
I know God loves me,  
for God is love.*

4. Jesus, mein Heilan  
Gab sich zum Opfer,  
Jesus, mein Heiland,  
büßt meine Schuld.

*My saviour Jesus.  
you know my sorrow;  
my saviour Jesus,  
you give new life.*

Refrain

Drum sag ich noch einmal:  
Gott ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe,

*And so I sing again  
of how God loves me;  
I know God loves me,*

er liebt auch mich.

*for God is love.*

## **When Peace like a River VT 617**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford (USA), *Gospel Hymns, No. 2*, 1876, alt.  
Music: Philip P. Bliss (USA), *Gospel Hymns, No. 2*, 1876

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this best assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. Redeemed! Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought:  
My sin- not in part, but the whole-  
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand VT 610

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey (USA), 1932, © 1938, renewed 1966 Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp.

Music: George N. Allen (USA), *The Oberlin Social and Sabbath School Hymn Book*, © 1844; adapt. Thomas A Dorsey, 1932, © 2012 Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. (admin. Alfred Music Publishing Co., Inc.)

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Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the Night,  
lead me on to the light,  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.