

<u>This Week at MRMC</u>		
Monday	7:00 pm	MR YAHM
Tuesday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	1:00 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Pickleball
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bethany Bible Study
	7-8 pm	AA Meeting in Gym (Host: Bryan)
Thursday	9:30 am	Forever in Motion
	10:30 am	Boomers +
	1:00 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Pickleball
	6:30 pm	Women Together via Zoom
Friday	10:00 am	Bethany Manor Coffee Time
	5-7 pm	JRAM Youth in Sanctuary
	5-10 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
	7-9 pm	Mega Menno at MCC Centre
Saturday	3-7 pm	JRAM in Sanctuary
Sunday	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service- Advent 2

94 Calls to Action were prepared following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings where we heard many accounts told by survivors of the Indian Residential School system. As we seek reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, let's use them to inform our prayers and actions. We will print two actions each week for the coming year. (Complete list [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#))

LEGACY - Child welfare

1. We call upon all levels of governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care.
2. We call upon the federal government to prepare and publish annual reports on the number of Aboriginal children who are in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children: reasons for apprehension; total spending on preventive and care services; effectiveness of various interventions.

Today's Service

Worship Leader: Jo-Anne N
 Song Leader: Sarah P
 Pianist: Verna O
 PowerPoint: Kevin C
 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		
Carol Singing	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (1,3,7)</i>	VT #210
	<i>To us a child of hope is born</i>	VT #259
Announcements		
Silence		

ADVENT 1- THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN

INVITING THE MYSTERY

Gathering words		
Gathering Prayer		
Gathering Song	<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	VT #65
Advent candle lighting		
Psalms 25: 1-10		Crowe Family

ENGAGING THE MYSTERY

Story for all Ages		Val R
We Sing	<i>My soul cries out (v1,4)</i>	VT #412
Peace Lamp		
Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21: 29-36	
Sermon	<i>'The days are surely coming'</i>	Garth E F

CELEBRATING THE MYSTERY

Hymn of response	<i>View the present</i>	VT #407
Lord's Supper		

PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY

Offering		
Sharing our stories		
Sharing our prayers		
Sending Song	<i>Go, my friends, in grace</i>	VT #810
Sending words		

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD! Amen

Postlude

Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *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, Eric and Verna O*
- **Families of the week:** *Darrell and Shelly B, John and Shirley K, Marg W*
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$3,621, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Prayers for RJC students & staff.** RJC students will be participating on their grade-based initiative travel week to Winnipeg, Regina, and Camp Valaqua, AB for a time of out-of-classroom learning November 29-December 3. We ask that you pray for positive learning experiences and safety during this time.
- 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.

MRMC Coming Events and Notes

- **Dec 3** from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. the Spiritual Care Ministry Team is providing a coffee time for all MRMC residents at Bethany Manor in the former dining area. Come prepared to visit and have a good time with your neighbours.
- **Dec 4:** The Annual Meeting will be held on Dec 4 from 9-12 pm. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The meeting will be streamed into the sanctuary for those who would like to attend and participate in person. All are welcome, whether you are an official member or not, we'd love to have you join the meeting and discussion.
- **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.
- Gwen will be away from the office **Nov 29-Dec 3**. Len will be in the office to cover while she is on holidays.
- All who attend Mount Royal may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered by mail and email. To start a new subscription or to change your delivery preferences (to receive print, digital or both), please contact Gwen by Dec 10.
- Pickle ball will happen on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm, as well as Thursday, same times. We ask that you be double vaxxed.

- "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. Let's read and pray and respond as God calls us to respond.

Conference and Community Events

- a) **Dec 3: Mega Menno 'Winter-Menno Games,' at 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 to RSVP or for more info.
- b) **Dec 5, 3:00pm, Forest Church at Shekinah.** Storyteller Ric Driediger leads us this month. Dress warm and enjoy the beauty of a crisp winter's day and the warmth of community
- c) **Dec 15 RJC Christmas Concert at 7:00pm (SK CST).** Music and performances by RJC students and staff. Livestream for those who wish to enjoy the program at home can be found at rjc.sk.ca. Saskatchewan public health orders will be followed at this event.
- d) **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 if you are interested. For more info head to www.theatreofthebeat.ca/forgivenforgotten.
- e) **MCC Connects:** Receive 50% off our MCC quilts for our Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale! Use Coupon code BLACKFRIDAY50 at www.mccskquiltsale.com or when you call in to receive 50% off your purchase. Code expires Monday, November 29.

Volunteer Opportunities

MRMC

- 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 Funk if you are interested in helping. Thank you. 306-229-1740 or 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.

WIDER COMMUNITY

- **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Canada is calling for volunteers** to help with cleaning out homes in Princeton, B.C. following the catastrophic flood. **Around 20 volunteers are needed by December 6** to help people in that community clean out their flooded homes. Contact Kelsey Friesen at 204-261-1274, 1-866-261-1274, or kfriesen@mds.org for more information. Volunteers should be 16 years of age and older, and must be fully vaccinated. Accommodation and food will be provided.
- **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 or call (306) 232-4222.

O Come, O Come, Immanuel VT 210

Text: anonymous, O Antiphons ca. 8th-9th c., "*Veni, veni Emmanuel*", 12th c.; stanzas 1-5 trans. John M. Neale (England), *Medieval Hymns and Sequences*, 1851, alt.; stanzas 6-7 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin (USA), *Hymns of the Kingdom of God*, 1916

Music: trope melody (present-day France), 15th c.

1. O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease.
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born VT 259

Text: based on Isaiah 9:6-7; John Morison (Scotland), *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781
Music: Lowell Mason (USA), *Occasional Psalm and Hymn tunes*, 1837 or 1838, alt.

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a son is giv'n.
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n,

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His name shall be the Prince of peace,
forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord,
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the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know.
Justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below,
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and peace abound below.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence VT 65

Text: from the Greek Liturgy of St. James of Jerusalem (Mediterranean), 5th c.; trans.
Gerard Moultrie, *Lyre Eucharistica*, 2nd ed., 1864, alt.
Music: French traditional, *Chansons populaires des provinces de France*, 1860

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes, our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of heaven now incarnate
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows pass away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherub with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

My Soul Cries Out VT 412

Text: based on Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney (USA)
Music: Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney
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1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about the turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
and the world is about to turn!

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast;
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound, '
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near

and the world is about to turn!

View the Present VT 407

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View the present through the promise,
Christ will come again.
Trust despite the deep'ning darkness,
Christ will come again.
Lift the world above its grieving
through your watching and believing
in the hope past hope's conceiving:
Christ will come again.

Probe the present with the promise,
Christ will come again.
Let your daily actions witness,
Christ will come again.
Let your loving and your giving
and your justice and forgiving
be a sign to all the living:
Christ will come again.

Match the present to the promise,
Christ will come again.
Make this hope your guiding premise,
Christ will come again.
Pattern all your calculating
and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting:
Christ will come again.

Go, My Friends, in Grace VT 810

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Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.

Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.

Walk, my friends, in peace, within this fallen world.
Where you walk, God is there, within this fallen world.

Serve, my friends, in love, your neighbours and your foes.
Where you serve, God is there, in neighbours and in foes.

Come again, my friends, to worship and to pray.
When we meet, God is here, Benedictus Deus.