

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Adult Education TODAY** after worship. Mosaic class in sanctuary and on Zoom. Weekly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89364827220>

Meeting ID: 893 6482 7220

Jake's Bible class in Room 7

***Voices Together** – Learning about Our New Hymnal Adult Education Series with Nutana Park Mennonite Church via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. October 19 – November 23. Email npmc@npmc.net for the zoom link.

October 19: General Introduction to Voices Together. Facilitator – Susanne Guenther Loewen and Rachel Regier.

October 26: What kinds of music are included? Do we need that diversity? What about our “heart songs”? Facilitator – Duff Warkentin.

November 2: Why are there hymns from different cultures and languages? Should we sing the songs we don't do very well? Facilitator – Geraldine Balzer.

November 9: Who are the contributors for our new hymnal? How much does that matter? Do we need both old songs and new songs? Facilitator – Lori Weiler-Thiessen.

November 16: Why did we need a new hymnal anyway? Has our world changed that much? Is our theology changing? Facilitator – Edna Froese.

November 23: Wrap-up session. Facilitator – Rachel Regier.

***MC Sask**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!

Save the date! The Micah Mission's AGM will be November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to info@themicahmission.org. The Zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the meeting.

RJC Choirs & Cakes Fundraiser - October 30, 7:00pm (SK CST):

Join us for our annual fundraising concert & dessert auction in support of RJC. This event will be held in-person at the RJC Gymnasium with a livestream option available. The livestream link and online cake auction will be at rjc.sk.ca/cakes.

RJC Annual Corporation Meeting - October 26, 7:00pm (SK CST):

All are welcome to attend RJC's annual report to the community, held over Zoom. Please email office@rjc.sk.ca to pre-register for this event by **October 22**, and you will be sent the meeting agenda and Zoom link.

MCC Connects: Save the Date! MCC Saskatchewan's 3rd Annual Peace Conference, "Restoring Justice," will explore how to do justice better. Responding to the biblical call to "do justice and love mercy," we will look beyond the constraints of the current justice system to explore more human-centered approaches. This virtual conference will take place on Saturday, November 6th. More details coming soon!

*Just to let you know, John's Dad, Norman Gascho, is now considered palliative in hospital in Cambridge, ON. His heart & kidneys are both failing. Treatment for one, stresses the other and vice versa. John is happy to have had a good visit with his parents in Sept. at their 70th anniversary. John's dad is almost 91. Thanks for keeping John & his parents in mind. *And all the family.*

*From Ronda Gascho – My dad, Ernie Hildebrand, is publishing his memoir, *Guiding Diverse Flocks: Tales of a Rural Mennonite Pastor* If people are interested, here is the link from the publisher:

<https://books.friesenpress.com/store/title/119734000203066202>

And here is the link for pre-orders through Common Word:

<https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/24749>

If anyone wants to pre-order through me, they can e-mail j.rgascho@sasktel.net

Weds. Oct. 27, 7:00 **Deacons Check-In Zoom** with Julie for everyone who would like to connect. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955>
Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

*The Refugee Family is expected to arrive on the 25 – because of COVID protocols there will be no large welcome at the Airport Al-Nouris' (Lina - 34, Ayiat - 15, Hajar - 13, Hussein - 11, Abdal - 9, Mohammed - 6).

Thank you to the Refugee Committee (George, Brandee, Sandra, Kaytee plus Wildwood Mennonite's Theresa and Brenda) for their years of work and patient waiting and for all our donors and prayers.

*Community Connections looking for donations of garden veg/donations for Osler store certificates to Community Aid Fund. If questions talk to Kaytee, Adeline, Diane, Alex.

A message from Mennonite Church Canada's executive ministers:

We are responding to inquiries from constituents regarding religious exemption from COVID-19 vaccines. For a religious exemption to be granted, rationale for exemption must be clearly indicated within our sacred texts or confessional statements.

We wish to clarify that there is nothing in the Bible, in our historic confessions of faith, in our theology or in our ecclesiology that justifies granting a religious exemption from vaccinations against COVID-19.

We have heard concerns from some members of our constituency regarding the vaccines. However, we do not believe these concerns justify an exemption from COVID-19 vaccinations on religious grounds from within a Mennonite faith tradition.

From the earliest biblical writings, in the words of Jesus Christ and in ecclesial writings since Jesus' ascension, the command to love God and love our neighbour is paramount. Vaccinations allow us to live out this command. Not only do they reduce the severity of symptoms for those who become infected with COVID-19, but they reduce the risk of spreading the virus to those around us. We also note that individuals should make personal health care decisions based on advice given by their doctors.

We pray for unity among us in the Spirit of Christ, who calls us into this life of love, especially for our most vulnerable neighbours.

Doug Klassen, Mennonite Church Canada

Garry Janzen, Mennonite Church British Columbia

Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, Mennonite Church Alberta

Ryan Siemens, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Michael Pahl, Mennonite Church Manitoba

Leah Reesor-Keller, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

MCC Blankets on Display will be selling via Silent Auction to raise money to purchase supplies for the fall MCC blanket Making. Starting bid is \$25. with bids open until the end of October. (*Donations also accepted*) Facebook people may call the church office with their bids. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lovely red dress/orange shirt display these past months. Items are on rack by office for pick-up.

Christmas is coming. :) In past years, OMC has collected donations of food items for Christmas hampers to assist families in the community thought to be in need. Are boxes of KD and canned soup the best way to meet the needs of families experiencing economic hardship; especially at a time of year where financial stress is often increased? Community Connections is looking for your suggestions about how to provide meaningful help this Christmas. Please share your ideas with C.C. committee members: Kaytee E., Diane M., Adeline or Alex.

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NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM: October 24

Speaker: Nora Pederberg (she/her) Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leaders: Kevin, Michelle Accompanist: Melanie
Children's Time: Adeline Sound: James/Keri Usher: Harold
Kids Sunday School Teachers: Loretta & Karl

OMC CALENDAR

- Oct 17 10:00 am Anita Retzlaff speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
- Oct 18 7:00 pm Worship Committee mtg
- Oct 20 6:00 pm Exec mtg
7:00 pm Council mtg
- Oct 24 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
- Oct 27 7:00 pm Community Connection mtg
7:00 pm Deacons Check-In Zoom with Julie Bergen
- Oct 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking** (*also on Facebook*)
- Nov 7 10:00 am Nora Pederberg (she/her) speaking** (*also on Facebook*)