

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

July 2, 2017

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Gathering...

Welcome and Announcements

Jesus, we are here

STJ #6

We worship God the Rock

STJ #28

Holy Spirit, come with power

HWB #26

Call to Worship

Prayer

Confessing...

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Litany (Insert)

Listening...

Scripture: John 14:15-27; John 16:5-16

I'm pressing on the upward way

STJ #96

Meditation: "The Impact and Role of the Holy Spirit"

Responding...

Joys are flowing like a river

HWB #301

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Spirit of the living God

HWB #349

Sending...

Move in our midst

HWB #418

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Song Leaders – Jim & Eileen Ewert

Pianist – Josie Braun

Sound – Steven Lehr

Ushers – Edith Fransen, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 53

Offering – \$4269.30

Sent to Canadian Foodgrains Bank - \$4200.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber

Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, August 14-Thursday, August 17

6:30-8:45 p.m. – Kingdom of the Son VBS. There will be music, drama, crafts, games, snack and awesome bible stories based on the Lord's Prayer.

We could also use some help in planning and setting up the decorating. If you would like to volunteer to help out any or all evenings that would be great. Please pray for VBS 2017. Pray that we will get enough volunteers, pray for the kids that will be coming, and pray for me as I am in full swing planning and preparing for another awesome week.

Saturday, October 28-Sunday, October 29

Sheila Klassen-Wiebe will present CMU Portable "Practical Faith: Discipleship and the letter of James".

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Please consider spending some of your summer volunteering at the Community Gift & Thrift. This is one of the busiest time of year for donations and we need all the extra help we can get! Your support is essential to our mission.
- If you are interested in being a delegate to the MC Canada Special Delegate Assembly in Winnipeg October 13-15, 2017 please contact the office ASAP. We are allowed two delegates and registration must be in by **Sept. 15**.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Wednesday, July 19

Foodgrains Bank (SK) Innovative Partnerships BBQ – You're Invited!! In conjunction with our presence at Ag in Motion (Outdoor Farm Expo), the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be hosting a BBQ for supporters (and others who are interested) in Langham at the Langham and District Heritage Museum, 302 Railway Street. It'll be a time where we connect local and global stories of ag innovation, particularly in regards to protecting and building healthy soil, and the people behind this work. RSVP by July 16 to saskatchewan@foodgrainsbank.ca. For more info contact Rick Block at 306-384-1366 or 306-222-9877.

Saturday, August 12

10:00 a.m. – 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival, Spruce River Farm (20 km north of PA on Highway 2). Pipe ceremony and stories, and music from 1-6 p.m. Performers include Sparky and the Plugs, Joseph Naytowhow, and Well Sister. Food available. For info or to volunteer, contact Heather Driedger 306.763.6224, email parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com. See poster.

Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16

Refresh, Refocus, Renew Fall Mini Retreat

Friday, October 13-Sunday, October 15

MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg

Saturday, October 28

MC Sask Equipping Day

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Prayer Request: Pray for Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine and Israel Resolution Working Group as they continue to develop resources supporting the Palestine and Israel resolution passed at Assembly 2016 and nurture relationships among Palestinian and Jewish neighbours. May such efforts raise awareness and encourage action toward peace and justice today. Pray for open hearts and minds to receive new understandings of justice and peace in this conflicted land. See the congregational study, Pathways for Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel at www.commonword.ca/go/1032

MC Sask Connects: Lord, open us to Your future. We are told by the prophet Jeremiah that God has a plan, and we know that this plan is still at work today. May thy kingdom come, Lord; in our churches, in MC Sask, and around the world.

MC Canada Connects: MC Canada Special Assembly Alert: Over the course of the summer, churches can expect to receive documents pertinent to the Special Assembly in Wpg. Oct. 13-15. Please be on the alert for a Future Directions Final Report, new bylaws for MC Canada, and a proposed budget for the re-organized structures.

Save the date: The MC Canada Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of July 12 and will be live streamed for those who wish to take part. A live stream link will be provided in a future announcement.

Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

Get your bikes and feet tuned up for a fantastically fun national church bike-a-thon Sat., Sept. 30 in several locations across Canada. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Be a part of the "MC Canada" team in support of the Witness workers of your choice. Register at rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca or contact Jason Martin at jmartin@mennonitechurch.ca or (226) 747-1833.

MCC Connects: MCCS is hosting "Raise the Peace Camp" August 21 – 25. The camp will provide an opportunity for youth to learn about peacebuilding. We are looking for volunteers to help cook meals and supervise kids. We would like to borrow 30 sleeping bags and pillows for the week. If your church is looking for a summer service opportunity, consider serving MCC locally by sponsoring the camp monetarily or with food donations. Please contact Gabby Martin at 306.665.2555 for more information.

CMU Connects: CMU serves the church, individuals, and pastors with many resources that can come to where you are to help your congregation flourish. Check out www.cmu.ca/cfl for more info. Thanks be to God for the many ways our schools help the church to thrive!

Two Canadian Mennonite University professors teaching at Menno Simons College have received prestigious federal grant funds for research intended to benefit the most vulnerable. Dr. Jerry Buckland is researching the economic, social, and regulatory implications of financial products and policies for vulnerable Canadians, with a view to financial empowerment. Dr. Kirit Patel's research is focused on disadvantaged communities in India and the impact and trade-offs of environmental legislation on the poor. These CMU professors, and many others, reflect a mission commitment to teaching, research, and service that builds reconciliation in church and society. To read more go to media.cmu.ca.