

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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

February 2, 2020

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Unison Opening Prayer (Micah 6, Psalm 15, Matthew 5, 1 Corinthians 1)

Loving God,

we come this morning

seeking to abide in your presence.

Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,

that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,

that we may love all your people with a love

that speaks of justice, kindness,

and radical grace.

May this time of worship

be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

Offering

We welcome Mennonite Trust Ltd. to our worship service this morning with a presentation of "Pilgrim's Progress in Mountain Music".

Sending

Table Grace

Benediction

(There will be NO Sunday School for the children this morning)

Worship Leader – Irene Bartel

Sound – Peter Nicholson

Ushers – Myrven Kline, Ken Friesen

There will be a potluck lunch following the worship service.

Everyone is invited.

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 64 Offering – \$1080.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Pastor Dan and Rose will be on vacation until Tuesday, February 4 and will be out of regular contact. If you have concerns, please contact the deacons.

Wednesday, February 5

2:00 p.m. – Cheerful Mission meets at the Villa.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- The Community Gift and Thrift Store Board sends a very warm thankyou to the North Star congregation for their generous donation of \$25,000.00 towards the mortgage of the new building. Hopefully our 20 year mortgage will be paid off in 10! Thank you for supporting the good work of this store and MCC as a whole.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Friday, February 7

7:00 p.m. – RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy Presentation/Alumni & Friends Gathering (Saskatoon). Short presentation by Principal Ryan Wood in the Cyan Room which will include time for questions. Following the presentation there will be a RJC 115 Alumni & Friends Gathering at State & Main, across the street. If you are travelling for this event and would like to book a room at the Alt Hotel mention RJC for a discounted rate (\$129/night, regular \$169/night). Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to ryan@rjc.sk.ca if you are planning to attend.

Saturday, February 29

9:00-5:30 – One Thing I Ask: To Dwell With God – Silent Lenten Retreat at Ancient Spirals Retreat. See poster or go to <https://mcsask.ca/silent-retreat/> for details.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

MC Sask Annual Delegate Session at First Menn. Church, Saskatoon, co-hosted with Wildwood Menn. Registration forms available in the office or online at <https://mcsask.ca/2020-mc-sask-annual-delegate-sessions/>. Our delegates are Peter Nicholson, Marlys Jantz, Floyd Bartel & Lisa Martens Bartel.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: MC Sask Pastoral Leadership Commission asks for your prayers in two areas: One, for wisdom as we seek to equip our pastors for ministry to our churches; and two, that our congregations will be led to encourage, and nudge, people toward discerning pastoral gifts.

MCC Connects: We would like to draw your attention to the newly released children's book Nutai's Cap by Bob Bartel! Bob (who grew up in Waldheim) and his family worked with MCC in Labrador from 1986-89 supporting the Innu people - engaging with them in protests for their rights and land. Nutai's Cap is a moving story of determination and protest, written in English as well as two other languages common to the Innu people. This book can be found at a bookstore near you!

CMU Connects: What might recent discoveries in the cosmos tell us about our understanding of scripture, God, and ourselves? Explore this question with Dr. Deborah Haarsma, this year's CMU Scientist in Residence, in her free public lecture entitled, 'God and the Multiverse'. Dr. Haarsma is President of [BioLogos](#), and former professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Calvin College. Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons. *This event will be live-streamed.* cmu.ca/sir

Face2Face - Us and Them: How did we become so polarized? Join a former radio host, mediator, farmer-writer, and student to explore why our public and churchly discourse is so often characterized by 'us and them' divisions between people and groups who see and understand the world differently. Reimagine the role of listening, dialogue, patience, and bridge-building with those with whom we differ. *This event will be live-streamed.* Monday, February 10, 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons cmu.ca/face2face/

ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry conference takes place February 11 – 12 at CMU. The conference' theme 'Christians are Made, Not Born: Transforming Faith Formation' will explore how we might more faithfully nurture faith through all stages of life and within the whole congregation. Keynote speakers include Dr. Andy Root, Professor and Chair of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, Minnesota; Tom Yoder Neufeld, Professor Emeritus, Religious and Theological Studies, Conrad Grebel University College; and Lynda Loewen, Instructor of Psychology at CMU. See www.cmu.ca/renew for details.

Students in grade 11 & 12, check out the Discover Outtatown day on Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Learn about Winnipeg's inner-city, experience wall-climbing, and discover how a year on Outtatown will shape your faith and how you see the world. Remember, CMU pays **up to \$400** of your total travel cost to Winnipeg! Go to <https://enrolment.cmu.ca/register/discover-outtatown-feb-2020> for details.

As people of peace in a world with much violence, the Canadian School of Peacebuilding is a great place to learn peacebuilding skills, to connect with other peacebuilders, and to hear inspiring stories. Come join our wildly diverse community for a 5-day session, Jun. 8-12 or 15-19, 2020. Apply today at csop.cmu.ca!

In five minutes *Still Speaking* tells stories about people, places, and events preserved in documents and artifacts in the MHC Archives on the CMU campus. The goal of *Still Speaking* is to learn about the past, offer insights into the present, and emphasize the important role of archives in our church and society. Together we can listen to the people of the past "still speaking." Check out *Still Speaking* episodes at <https://www.mharchives.ca/features/still-speaking/>.