

# Millwoods Community Church

## May 2022

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### Dear Millwoods Community Church,

It's all about appropriate timing. That's what I keep telling myself as I work on starting the garden this year. Each crop needs to be started at an appropriate time. Some need to be started earlier, others need to be started later. Some need to be started inside, and some need to be started outside. It all boils down to appropriate timing.

I'll be honest and admit I have lost that sense of timing right now. I need to look up when I need to start my squash and zucchini, and when I need to transplant my ground cherries (they're in the tomato family). It's a simple task, but at the moment I have lost a sense of timing.

We joked early on in the pandemic that we could not keep the days of the week straight or that we could not remember what meeting we had over zoom and when it was. It seems like most of us have remastered our calendar management again, but I wonder how many of us have misplaced our sense of timing in life. I wonder how many of us have intentionally sat down to discern what season of life we are in or need to move towards.

Some of us are overly busy and need to transition to a time of rest while others need to move from rest to activity. Some of us need a season to reflect while others need a season of distractions. I encourage all of you to take some time to intentionally pray about what season you need to be in at this point in your life and talk it over with a close friend or family member.

We can learn from Job's friends how to do this and also how to not do this. They hear about the terrible misfortune their friend has endured, losing everything from his property to his health and even his family. They come to sit with him. The Bible says, "they sat with Job on the ground seven days and seven nights, not speaking a word to him, for they saw that he was in excruciating pain" (Job 2:13). All of this is good. It's good to simply sit with loved ones who are going through something without trying to talk or control the situation. So ask your loved one if they would sit with you and listen to you tell your story, or what you're going through now, but ask them to not offer advice or suggestions because that is where Job's friends mess up.

They are fine while they sit with Job, but the rest of the book (40 chapters) is them offering advice trying to explain why Job has suffered and then Job cuts through their arguments and explanations. So, ask your loved one to ask questions to help understand what you are saying without offering answers. Ask them if they hear a thread of simplicity in your story. Ask them if they hear you expressing something you need that you just have not heard yourself saying yet (sometimes we just need to hear someone reflect back to us what we've already said for us to truly hear it).

You can also do this by journalling and then reading what you have written looking for that thread of simplicity or the expression of what you need that you have not yet realized. I am also happy to sit with you over tea or coffee and listen to your story to help you discover the season of life you are in at this time (or even just confirm what you already know).

As Ecclesiastes says, "there is a time for everything" and we are wise to pay attention to the time and season we are living in. May God be with you as you discern your time and your season, and my God bless you with friends who will listen to understand, not to judge or advise.

Peace to you, Pastor Aaron

## **F.Y.I Corner**

### **WINGS Mother's Day Tea**

Special Mother's Day Program streamed live with *emcee Seanna Collins & Entertainment by Harpist, Keri Zwicker, as well as a Special Guest Speaker.*

Date: Saturday, May 7th, 2022, from 2 pm – 3 pm

Tickets: \$60 (with a \$30 tax deductible receipt)

Your Tea Ticket includes: Delivery to your home of 1 Tea Package (Portion size for 1) which contains: Sandwiches, Lemon Tart and Marble Brownie, Scones with Jam and Butter, Organic Earl Grey Tea, Chocolate Covered Strawberries. Choose from a Standard English Tea Assortment, Vegetarian, or Gluten-Free (will contain nuts). We are unable to accommodate any further dietary requests. 50/50 Tickets will be available for purchase at your door when your Tea Package is delivered. Remember to have cash on hand!

Tickets for this year's Raffle Packages will be available through [rafflebox.ca](https://www.rafflebox.ca).

We have GREAT packages for you to choose from:

- Women In Business – <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wings-womeninbusiness>
- YEG Eats – <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wings-yegeats>
- Smokin' Patio Party – <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wings-patio>
- YEG Social Spirits – <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wings-socialspirits>
- Alberta Leisure – <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/wings-albertaleisure>

*All proceeds support WINGS programs, which provide hope and healing to women and children who have escaped domestic violence.*

### **Volunteers Needed! Many hands make less work!**

We are in need of Volunteers to help us run our Sunday worship service. Help is needed in media, sound, reading, greeting, ushering, and coffee fellowship time. Please sign up on Sunday mornings to help us out. We miss all of our volunteers and we look forward to seeing you again. We would not be able to do it without you!

### **Streaming**

Our next streamed worship service will be May 15th, and we'll be accompanied by Saxophobia! Spread the word!

### **Moravian Star Order**

Pastor James is making an order for Moravian Stars and would like to know if anyone would be interested in ordering with him? Pastor James will need to know by May 15, 2022 what star you would like to order. You can check out what stars are available [here](#). Please let Pastor James know @ [Church@rioterracechurch.org](mailto:Church@rioterracechurch.org)

### **Golf Weekend Save the Date!**

The Golf Weekend is tentatively scheduled for June 11. Pencil it in on your calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan P, Kevin B, or Ron A.

# Community Care & Connection

## **Visitations**

Need a visit or call from your Pastor or know someone who does? Just let him know. If you or someone you care about would appreciate a pastoral call or visit please give Pastor Aaron a call at 780-862-9453 any time!

## **MWCC Digital Campus!**



The primary goal of Millwoods Community Church Online is to make Christ's love and community more accessible to everyone by providing a place to develop relationships, learn, and engage in ministry.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera and you'll be taken directly to the group. Click Join, accept the group rules, answer the membership questions, and then wait for an Administrator to let you in. The rules and the questions are to help ensure that MWCC Online is a safe space for its members to share and grow! Only members of the group will see what is in the group

## **Millwoods Prayer List**

Jessica, Bill and Gladys, Velma & Lawrence, Elizabeth & Audie, Carol & Irene, Kendell & Cheryl, Peter, BECD, the people of Ukraine, those who are affected by Covid-19, and MWCC Unified Board.

## **Dear Moravian Members:**

780-922-2457 [www.van-es.ca](http://www.van-es.ca)  
PO Box 57063 Eastgate  
Sherwood Park, Alberta  
T8A 5L7

The Van Es Camp Board would like to update everyone on our Retreat House renovations. The 45 year-old caretaker's house has been sitting empty since July of 2019. We desperately need to get this project finished and back into our revenue stream. When the Retreat House is complete, it will provide a venue for spiritual amp; business retreats and help to generate revenue required to keep Camp Van Es a viable operation. We receive calls every week for a small retreat venue like this camp; we believe that significant revenue can be realized. We need to raise \$125,000.00 to finish the interior renovations, paint the house inside and out, top up the attic insulation, complete the garage renovations, buy new appliances and furnish the house.

Camp board members have volunteered their time this past winter and made significant progress in the renovation of the garage. The garage will be used as a 4-season craft area, particularly for our summer camp; fall camps and other rental opportunities as they arise. We need to raise the full amount before we continue with the project. In the past, Van Es always raised the required monies before starting new capital projects. Borrowing the money and making monthly payments is not an option for us. The chosen renovation contractor is "Homes by Twin R", the builders of the awesome "Unity" facility. They will only proceed when we have all the funds in place. There is momentum here now and we need to keep it going. We hope you will give prayerful consideration and be a part of this project with a donation – big or small!

Donations can be sent to Van Es Camp & Conference Centre using our mailing address listed above.

Please indicate "Retreat House" on the memo line of your cheque. Van Es Camp & Conference Centre can also accept E-transfers. If you choose to do an E-transfer, please use our email address [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca) and indicate that it is for the Retreat House. If you so desire, you can contact one of our board members who are listed below, contact Van Es at 780-922-2457 or email us at [van-escamp@shaw.ca](mailto:van-escamp@shaw.ca).

Thank you!

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Randy Nehring – 780-446-2774  
Pastor Aaron Linville – 780-862-9453  
Neil Fenske – 780-996-9310  
Keith Wyllie – 780-916-932

Emma Martin – 403-996-7063  
Barry Gurnsey – 403-996-7063  
Randy Downing-780-996-2127  
Blake Holt – 780-934-5332  
Pastor James Lavoy – 780-802-6189

## **Worship**

### **Communion Sunday Service dates**

Here are our Communion Service Dates for 2022. May 8, June 5, July 3, August 14, September 11, October 2, November 13, December 4, 2022.

### **Join us for Sunday Worship Service**

We are excited to invite you to in person services on Sundays at 10:30am. We can't wait to see you here!

### **Musicians for Sunday Worship**

Are you interested in joining us by using your talents and skills in music for our Sunday morning services? If you are interested in doing this please contact Katie with a few Sundays you are free to participate in.

### **Donate**

If you would like to give an offering to our church you may do so by: mailing in your offerings, sending an E-Transfer to [office@mcchurch.ca](mailto:office@mcchurch.ca), or go to [www.mcchurch.ca](http://www.mcchurch.ca) and click on the donate button on the top of the homepage, and choose which method of donation you wish to use.

### **MWCC's Choir**

Katie is preparing a few pieces for our choir to perform for Easter! Please let Katie know if you are interested in joining us in the future by emailing her at [tilbury.katie@gmail.com](mailto:tilbury.katie@gmail.com).

# May 2022 Event Calendar

<b>1</b> Worship Sunday 10:30	<b>2</b> Sermon Q&A every monday at 6:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Wings Mother's Day Tea 2:00
<b>8</b> Communion Sunday 10:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
						
<b>15</b> Worship Sunday 10:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship Sunday 10:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship Sunday 10:30	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>