



## *A Brief Introduction For Newcomers*

# Welcome to Northview Community Church!

## We're glad you're here!

Whether this is your first time walking into a church or you're considering a new church home, this little booklet is designed to help you get to know us a bit better. For more about us you can check out our website: [www.northview.sk.ca](http://www.northview.sk.ca) and/or pick up a "Community Booklet" for this year. It has a listing of all the ministries and events that are planned for this year so far.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions:

- \* Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 am
- \* We encourage you to come a bit early so you can grab a coffee, tea, or water and get yourself settled and feeling comfortable
- \* You don't have to be invited or know someone to come and worship—just come!
- \* You can wear whatever you are comfortable in, you don't need to "dress up"
- \* You can choose your seat, there isn't any saved seating, just make yourself comfortable
- \* We do take up an offering each week but you are not obligated to give any money; we would encourage you to give as you're able only when giving is understood as worship by you
- \* If you have any other questions, find a member of our welcome team and they will answer them for you!

# About Us

Northview Community Church is a member of **the Free Methodist Church in Canada**. The FMCiC is rooted in historic, orthodox Christianity. It has been influenced by the early Church Fathers, the Anglican Church, the Anabaptist movement, Methodism, the Holiness movement, and the wider Evangelical tradition. The FMCiC has an ongoing desire for renewal and reformation in personal spirituality, as well as in congregational and community life.

***Northview's mission*** is to embody Jesus in our neighbourhoods. This means that we engage in God's mission to the world by being present to our neighbours in tangible, Christlike ways, both as individuals and as a Jesus community.

***Northview's vision*** for community is to be meaningfully and powerfully led by the Holy Spirit through worship and prayer. The church makes a lasting difference in people's lives, connecting with the surrounding community and wherever God leads. We train as disciples of Jesus, are given the tools for lifelong learning, and serve in ministries where we are gifted. Everyone feels accepted, supported, and genuinely loved by others.

***Northview's staff*** are responsible for equipping everyone who calls Northview home to grow in Christlikeness and to engage in God's mission in Argyle Park, Englewood, and Hawkstone, as well as in our own neighbourhoods.

*Pastor David* is the Lead Pastor and offers vision and direction for all the ministry at Northview.

*Pastor Natasha* is the Intergenerational Pastor and seeks to integrate all ages and stages of people into a discipleship community of Jesus.

*Pastor Calvin* is the Youth and Young Adults Pastor and ensures that discipleship is happening during times of life transition that comes with entering adulthood.

*Pastor Carol* is the Seniors Pastor and forms community of support for seniors, integrating them into the whole life of the church.

### ***Scripture Centred***

We believe that Scripture, understood through the person of Jesus, should be at the centre of who we are and what we are to do. By doing this we ensure that we remain kingdom focused (Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16–17).

### ***Missionally Minded***

We believe that mission is the reason for the church's existence. Scripture describes God's great mission to redeem and renew all of his creation, particularly humanity. God has called us to participate in that mission, in the power and under the direction of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18–20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8).

### ***Community Oriented***

We believe the community called church is a new family. This means we intentionally invite people to become a part of our life together. As well, we foster an environment in which we openly share what is happening in our lives with each other and seek to respond to each other with love and concern. We also seek to be a place of healing for all people (Mark 3:34–35; Acts 2:44–45; James 2:15–17, 5:13–16).

### ***Discipleship Focused***

We believe that God is transforming us into the image of his Son. This means that we are intentionally submitting ourselves to be re-formed through daily practices that lead to spiritual growth. We also recognize that at the heart of our mission as a church, we are to disciple others through those same daily practices (Matthew 28:18–20; Romans 12:2).

### ***Spiritually Equipped***

We believe that God has gifted his body of believers, men and women equally, for the work of discipling and mission. Every believer has been equipped by God's Spirit to build up the body and/or to do works of service for the world. Everyone is encouraged to discover their gifts and share them to the best of their ability (Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; Ephesians 4:11–13).

### ***Prayer Dependant***

We believe that prayer is essential to following after God. Like Jesus, we need frequent times when we are seeking God for a reaffirmation of our identity as God's people and a reminder of our mission. Like Scripture, prayer is a major discipline for our corporate body (Matthew 6:9–13; Mark 1:35; Acts 4:23–31).

### ***Worship Driven***

We believe that authentic worship is everything that honours God. Worshiping God is the greatest fulfilment of our vocation to be bearers of God's image. Worship is an individual and corporate whole life offering which is grounded in our regular gathering for that purpose. Worship is about God first and last (Genesis 1:26–30; Exodus 20:1–17; Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Romans 12:1).





As a member church of the Free Methodist Church in Canada, Northview Community Church is led by a collaboration between the Lead Pastor (clergy) and a group of qualified partners (laity).

Meeting monthly (3rd Tuesday, typically), the Northview Board works together with the Lead Pastor to discern and set the direction for the ministry of the church body. Additionally, the Board handles the majority of the administration of the church's staff, buildings, and finances.

This document seeks to outline the roles and responsibilities that make up the Northview Board. For more detailed description of the Board and its officers, see chapter 3 of the FMCiC Manual ([www.fmcic.ca](http://www.fmcic.ca)).

## **BOARD CHAIR**

The Board Chair is responsible for organizing and facilitating the monthly board meetings. As Chair, they are also responsible to ensure that the meetings are on-topic, productive, and value everyone's time.

*For more information speak with Chris Fisher, our current Chair or Rick Fox or Mark Dynna, past Chairs.*

## **VICE- CHAIR**

The Vice-Chair is responsible to assist the Board Chair in her/his duties. At Northview, our Chair has tasked our Vice-Chair with the work of soliciting agenda items and creating the agenda for the board.

*For more information speak with Kim Ebert, our current Vice-Chair or Rick Fox or Ishmael Wireko, past Vice-Chairs.*

## **SECRE- TARY**

The Secretary records the minutes of all Board Meetings and Society Meetings. (S)he is responsible for the maintenance of these records.

*For more information speak with Jeremy Guebert, our current Secretary or Melanie Martin, past Secretary.*

## **TREAS- URER**

The Treasurer is responsible to administrate the church's financial resources and report the financial status to the body.

*For more information speak with Norma Trower, our current Treasurer or Michele Morrison, past Treasurer.*

## **DELE- GATE**

The Delegate is responsible to maintain communication between the Free Methodist Church in Canada Head Office and Northview. (S)he conducts the Lead Pastor's annual 360 review and votes at General Conference.

*For more information speak with Jordan Lougheed, our current Delegate or Alfred Armah or Cassidy Schuchardt, past Delegates.*

## **GFC**

The Grounds and Facilities Liaison is responsible for ensuring the church's property is being maintained. Chiefly, this should entail organizing and overseeing volunteers and the church custodian.

*For more information speak with Lila Gaertner, our current GFC or Jamie Wolf or Dylan Lougheed, past GFC's.*

## **PRAYER COORD.**

The Prayer Coordinator is responsible for connecting with fellow board members in the area of prayer needs. The PC will then dedicate her/himself to praying for those needs, and when appropriate, will ask the board to pray as well.

*For more information speak with Andrew Dinsmore, our current Prayer Coordinator or Chris Fisher or Linda Smith, past Prayer Coordinators.*

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Email the board at any time:  
[board@northview.sk.ca](mailto:board@northview.sk.ca)



# WELCOME

## Northview's Small Groups

At Northview, we have two different types of small groups: Purpose Groups and Life Groups.

**Purpose Groups** are groups designed for a particular demographic and focus on the particular needs and interests of those participants. These are important communities and we invite you to find one that fits your needs and interests.



**Prayer Group**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
of the Month  
7–8 pm



**Christian Education**  
Wednesdays  
7–8:30 pm



**Youth Group**  
Thursdays  
& Fridays  
@ 7 pm



**Young Adults**  
Select  
Sundays  
5–8 pm



**Mom's Group**  
Select  
Mondays  
7–9 pm



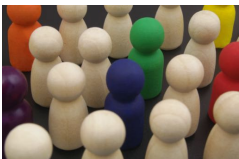
**Men's Recovery**  
Tuesdays  
7–9 pm



**Seniors Group**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
1:30–3:30 pm



**Kids Crafts**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
Oct–Dec  
6:30–8:30 pm



**Leadership Group**  
3 Saturdays  
8 am–12 pm

For more information about any of these groups, please contact the church:  
[office@northview.sk.ca](mailto:office@northview.sk.ca)



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**Life Groups** are more broad and diverse, encouraging people of all ages and stages to gather around living out our Christian lives in our day to day context. These groups typically centre around sharing our lives and struggles, discussion, prayer, and Scripture. Often Life Groups gather around a meal.



Hosted by the Schuchardts  
(Typically) the last Sunday of the Month  
1–3 pm  
Book Study: *The Screwtape Letters*  
**Space Available to Join**



Hosted by the Frentzes  
(Typically) the last Sunday of the Month  
1–3 pm  
Book Study: *Unoffendable*  
**Space Available to Join**



Hosted by the Kardynals  
One Sunday per Month  
1–3 pm  
Focus: Ten Commandments  
**Group is at Capacity**



As we would like everyone who calls Northview home to participate in a Life Group, we are in need of new leaders. If you would consider leading a group, please contact Pastor Natasha. She would be happy to help get you started!



# Truth & Reconciliation Team

***The Truth and Reconciliation Team*** helps Northview to engage in the conversation and action required for us to enter into Truth and Reconciliation with our First Nations neighbours. This team is led by Jaylynn Fox and consists of people who call Northview home and are passionate for healing to occur in this area.

## **Truth and Reconciliation at Northview**

A few years ago Northview began to participate in the Truth and Reconciliation conversation by observing an “Orange Shirt Sunday.” This was accompanied by reading a Treaty 4 Land Acknowledgement. Shortly after this, we included the Land Acknowledgement as a regular slide in our pre-service scroll. Then in June of this year we participated in “the Blanket Exercise” led by Jonathan Maracle from Broken Walls and Adam Kline, who heads up the Intercultural Engagement Team for the Free Methodist Church in Canada.

During this ministry year we want to continue to engage in the Truth and Reconciliation conversation in a variety of ways. However, it is important for us as a church to understand **why** we are doing what we are doing and **what** we hope to accomplish.

## **Why We Are Engaging in Truth and Reconciliation**

Some might think that we are simply bowing to the prevailing culture by joining this conversation. Some may fear that we are exchanging the “real” gospel of Jesus in favour of a “social” gospel. We want to be clear that our engagement in this work is both consistent with our mission and gospel-centric. Our church has discerned our mission to be: to embody Jesus in our neighbourhoods. *We are engaging in this work because we believe that the Indigenous Peoples in Regina and the surrounding area are our neighbours and we are called to love them by extending the Shalom (peace) of the Kingdom that Jesus has established through his cross.*

## **What We Hope to Accomplish Through This Engagement**

As we’ve said before, the Indigenous Peoples are not a problem to be solved, but a people to be loved. So, we first of all hope to be obedient by loving our neighbours. And, through this obedience, we hope to become better ambassadors of the kingdom, so that our Indigenous brothers and sisters would know that they can embrace Jesus as Lord without having to give up their Indigenous identities. Additionally, we want to take responsibility for the hurts of the past that have an ongoing traumatic effect on the Indigenous Peoples today. This is not about assigning blame, but enabling healing to begin.

We hope you join in! If you have any questions or concerns regarding Northview’s engagement in Truth and Reconciliation, please contact Pastor David.

# Protection Teams

***In order to worship, learn and grow as disciples, and engage in mission, Northview must be a safe place and a safe people.*** For this reason we have two Protection Teams: our ***Child Protection Team*** and our ***Sexual Conduct Team***.

**The Child Protection Team** is led by Sarah Schuchardt and Kelsey Sawatzky. ***This team exists to ensure that our youngest and most vulnerable members are safe from spiritual, sexual, emotional, or physical harm.*** They accomplish this by ensuring that a Child Protection Policy & Procedures exists, that everyone working with children at Northview are trained in it, and that the Northview Kids leadership is following it. To contact the Child Protection Team email: **[cpolicy@northview.sk.ca](mailto:cpolicy@northview.sk.ca)**.

**The Sexual Conduct Team** is led by Pastor Carol Smith and comprised of people who call Northview home and who are passionate about keeping the people of Northview safe. ***This team exists to ensure that everyone who participates in the life of Northview is in fact safe from any kind of abuse, assault, or harassment.*** They accomplish this by establishing a Sexual Conduct Policy & Procedures that the leadership of Northview are trained in. Additionally, this team stands ready to be first responders in the event of an inappropriate incident. By being so proactive in this area, it is our hope to create a culture of mutual respect and safety at Northview. To contact the Sexual Conduct Team email: **[northviewregina.scc@gmail.com](mailto:northviewregina.scc@gmail.com)**. Only the Team will receive your email. It will remain confidential, you will remain in control of any action taken, and you'll be heard, believed, and cared for.

# Prayer Team

Northview's Prayer Team is led by our *Prayer Point Person*, Alfred Armah and is supported by our *Board Prayer Coordinator*, Andrew Dinsmore.

The Prayer Team is comprised of people who are gifted and passionate about prayer and people.

***They exist to support the ministry of Northview and to pray for needs both inside and outside of our church.***

Many of our Prayer Team participate in the monthly Prayer Hour on the first Tuesday of each month. By inviting the people who call Northview home to participate in this time of prayer, they hope to contribute to the growing role of prayer in the life of Northview and its people.

If you would like prayer support by a smaller group of people than the whole church email list or you would like to learn how to grow in your own prayer life, please contact our Prayer Team:

[prayer@northview.sk.ca](mailto:prayer@northview.sk.ca)



# Care Team

Northview's Care Team is led by our *Intergenerational Pastor*, Natasha Frentz and is supported by the other Northview Pastors, David, Calvin, and Carol.

The Care Team is comprised of people who are gifted in the area of hospitality and passionate about helping people.

***They exist to care for and assist people both inside and outside of our church.***

The Care Team meets with Pastor Natasha on a regular basis to review the ongoing needs of those who call Northview home, praying and planning how to best give support. They also respond to needs and requests that come to Northview from our neighbourhoods. As well they assist with outreach opportunities such as Northview's Clothing Giveaways.

If you are in need of assistance, whether emotional, spiritual, or material, or you would like to become a part of this team (even casually) please contact:

[care@northview.sk.ca](mailto:care@northview.sk.ca)



# Worship Team

***Northview's Worship Team facilitates regular opportunities for participants to give expression to their love of God, personally and corporately, in praise and worship.***

Northview's Worship Team is comprised the following subgroups:

***The Welcome Team*** ensures that everyone who comes to participate in worship at Northview is welcomed and comfortable in our collective worship space. They assist with needs such as seating, questions about the service, ensuring everyone who would like one has a copy of the bulletin. They also will direct newcomers to facilities such as the washrooms, kids classrooms, and the coffee bar. Members of the Welcome Team also ensure the safety of our upstairs classrooms for Northview Kids by being a hall monitor. Speak with Pastor Natasha to join this team: **[natasha@northview.sk.ca](mailto:natasha@northview.sk.ca)**.

***The Audio & Visual Team*** enables participants in person and online to enter into the fulness of worship by ensuring needed images, videos, words, lyrics, and sound are provided at the correct time. Speak with Webster Fox to train and participate in this ministry team: **[av@northview.sk.ca](mailto:av@northview.sk.ca)**.

***The Music Team*** facilitates songs of praise that fit with the weekly service themes by using a diversity of instruments, team compositions, and voices. Through this variety of style, we desire to authentically make worship together. To join this ministry email: **[music@northview.sk.ca](mailto:music@northview.sk.ca)**.

***The Preaching Team*** is made up of individuals who have established Christian character and have made Northview home. These people have insight into Scripture and an ability to express the word of God in a compelling manner. To be a part of this team speak with Pastor David: **[david@northview.sk.ca](mailto:david@northview.sk.ca)**.

***The Liturgy Team*** includes the welcome and greeting, prayer, offering, announcements, Scripture reading, and communion serving. These roles unify us as a worshipping body and enables us to give corporate expression to our worship. Speak with Pastor David to participate: **[david@northview.sk.ca](mailto:david@northview.sk.ca)**.

# Other Teams

**The Northview Society** is made up of Partners (members) of Northview Community Church. The Society is responsible for giving direction to the official Board of Trustees, amend and/or approve the annual operating budget, and vote in new board and nominating members. The Society usually meets on the Saturday of the first weekend in February. Everyone who calls Northview home is welcome to attend and enter the discussion, but only the Society can vote. To become a Partner at Northview, speak with Pastor David: [david@northview.sk.ca](mailto:david@northview.sk.ca).

**The Nominating Team** is an elected group of Partners and adherents of Northview Community Church. The Nominating Team is responsible to solicit names annually to replace vacancies on the Official Board. Once names have been gathered, the team meets with potential board candidates and prayerfully selects the candidates to present to the Society at the annual Society Meeting. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, speak with Pastor David: [david@northview.sk.ca](mailto:david@northview.sk.ca).

**The Grounds and Facilities Team** is led by the board GFC Liaison and is responsible for ensuring our buildings, property, and equipment are properly maintained and in working order. Volunteers are notified when projects and issues arise and those who are available and qualified will work together to complete the respective tasks. To be a part of this team contact Lila Gaertner: [lila.gaertner@gmail.com](mailto:lila.gaertner@gmail.com).

**The Finance Team** is led by the Board Treasurer and is made up of people who call Northview home. This team is responsible for receiving, receipting, and accounting for charitable giving. To become involved on this team speak with Norma Trower: [trower.nj@gmail.com](mailto:trower.nj@gmail.com).

**The Planning Team** is led by our Intergenerational Pastor and is comprise of people who call Northview home. This team is responsible for designing events and opportunities that allow Northview to connect with our wider neighbourhoods as well as within our own community. To participate on this team, speak with Pastor Natasha: [natasha@northview.sk.ca](mailto:natasha@northview.sk.ca).

# Take the Next Step

## **I consider Northview my church home**

- ◆ Sign up for the church directory and add your profile
- ◆ Attend as often as possible and give as you're able
- ◆ Join in the events to get better connected to the community

## **I'm curious about God & Christianity, so I've started to come to church**

- ◆ Read a Gospel at your own pace (take a Bible if you need)
- ◆ Talk to God, it doesn't need to be fancy, just tell God where you're at and what you need
- ◆ Connect with Pastor Natasha so she can pair you with a mentor

## **I've grown up in the church and I'm figuring out what I believe**

- ◆ The best way to do this is by having conversations; connect with one of our pastors who will wrestle with you through your questions

## **I believe in Jesus and I want to own my faith**

- ◆ Speak with Pastor David about being baptized (there is a class)

## **I want to grow in my faith so that my whole life is about Jesus**

- ◆ Actively pursue discipleship by connecting with a Pastor to make a discipleship plan
- ◆ Get connected into a small group or a discipleship triad

## **I am an active disciple of Jesus and I want extend my faith outwards**

- ◆ Contact Pastor David to become a Partner at Northview (there is a class)
- ◆ Find places inside and/or outside the church to serve with your gifts

## **I want to have a bigger impact in the world**

- ◆ Connect with Pastor David about opportunities to serve the Free Methodist Church in Canada
- ◆ Join in a trip to Sri Lanka
- ◆ Come along as we develop relationships with surrounding First Nations Reserves

## **I sense God calling me to serve in a more formal capacity**

- ◆ Speak with Pastor David about your calling and begin to test out your gifts through an internship at Northview

