

Medicine Hat Campus Ministry Newsletter
January 2025

Sometimes God just works things out in amazing ways! We decided to feature Ukrainian cuisine for our January 14 Community Cooking Event. As it turned out, January 14 was Ukrainian "Old New Years Day." In addition to our usual number of close to 20 attendees, we were blessed to welcome 6 guests from the Ukrainian community who are connected to the LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) program at the college. As we interacted over borscht, perogies and sausage, and Korolevsky (King's Cake),



new friendships were formed and a group of people displaced from their homeland under tragic circumstances were enfolded into a new community. Students lingered well into the evening!

The 2024 Fall Semester at MHC ended, at least from a campus ministry perspective, in typical fashion with the snack cart being wheeled throughout campus a couple times per day during the exam period. Students are always so grateful for a piece of fruit, a granola bar or

other snack, and fruit juice as they are studying for exams.



In addition to snacks, and with the help of a few friends, we served 30 students a Mashed Potato, Meatball and Vegetable Dinner during exams.

And then, the College was closed. From December 24th – January 1st the College closes for the semester and Christmas break. However, our family was blessed during this time to welcome a few students who don't have family in Canada to join us as we

celebrated the birth of our Savior.



Christmas Eve Worship followed by dinner at our house!

And then a new semester began! On January 2nd and 3rd we welcomed the winter 2025 intake of students to MHC with a number of New Student Orientation events. Over the past couple of weeks we have been getting to know our new students, and have also said goodbye to some who have completed their studies. One of the students who has now completed her studies brought her mother to the Interfaith Center and said “Mom, this is the place I was telling you about.”

With the start of the new semester, the rhythm of campus ministry gets re-established. Noon Huddles on Monday. Lunch Hour Prayer and Community Cooking on Tuesday. Chaplain’s Coffee, Free Soup Lunch and Bible Study on Wednesday, the monthly trip to Brooks Campus on Thursday, and Talk-O-Friday. All this, in addition to countless prayers and conversations which take place every day.

To all the supporters of Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry, a huge Thank You for your vital role in Sharing the Love of Jesus

with the MHC community and rich Blessings in the New Year!

George

And, lest we forget, Thank You Trevis for the amazing fundraiser concert!!!



Trevis De Silva is an MHC Alumni and a huge fan of Campus Ministry!!!