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OMC CALENDAR

- Dec 20 Adult Choir practice, 7:00 pm
- Dec 22 Youth Christmas party at Terri Lynn & Thomas’, 6:30pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candle light service, 7:00 pm
- Jan 5/19 Taste of Syria, 5:30 pm
- Jan 10 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
- Jan 20 Winter Study & Potluck
- Jan 25 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
- Feb 2 Annual General Meeting, 9:30 am
- Feb 10 Communion
- Feb 8-9 Church picture days for Photo Directory

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
 Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen
 Ushers: Karl Martens, Anna Peters Nursery: Marlene Campbell

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, for things are about to change.
People: Every valley shall be filled in and every mountain made low.

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah, we are called to prepare our minds and our hearts for his coming.

People: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God to renew us and work within us.

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Lighting of Advent Candles

Youth Spoken Word: *And There Was Light! Emmanuel!* (by Lois Siemens)

Hymn: Blue/HWB #204 “Gloria”

Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #201 “Hark, the herald angels sing”
 (on screen) **“See, Amid the Winter Snow”**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer Quartet

Song: (on screen) “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”

STAR OF WONDER

By Dave Clark and Jayme Thompson

♪ Intro

Scene I

♪ Look Up Children's Choir

Scene II

♪ Hangin' Around the Heavens Children's Choir

Scene III

♪ God Chooses Who God Uses Children's Choir

Scene IV

♪ While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night
Congregation

Scene V

♪ Wee Three Kings Children's Choir

Scene VI

♪ Shine on Us Children's Choir

Scene VII

♪ Joy to the World Congregation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #208 "Love came down at Christmas"

Sunday School Project Offering Received by Stars, Wee King and
Wee Queens.

Hymns: Blue/HWB #210 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
Blue/HWB #204 "Gloria"

Benediction

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY:

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for Youth and Adults** begins at 11:15 am.

THIS WEEK:

- **Thursday, Dec 20: Adult Choir practice, 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY: Adult Choir Christmas Program

NEXT WEEK: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday, Dec 23: Adult Choir Christmas program

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Choir leader: Keith Boldt

Pianists: Lynette Janzen, Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Soloist: Merel Kreigsman Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery: Lucy Friesen Ushers: Karl Martens, Anna Peters

Patty's Week: Tues. sermons, visit; Wed: office, visit; Fri. office, visit.

Terri Lynn's Week: Wed: office(am), RJC concert (pm); Thur: choir; Fri: office (am); Sat: Youth Christmas Party.

Terri Lynn will be on holidays beginning Dec 25, returning Jan 9.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 23 Adult Choir Christmas program

Dec 24 Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

Dec 30 "Mary's Ponderings" by Patty Friesen

Jan 6 "It Takes a Family and Friends to Raise a Child" by
Patty Friesen

Jan 13 "It Takes a Church Community to Raise a Child" by
Patty Friesen

***December Sunday School schedule:**

Children's Sunday School: No Sunday School today.

Youth & Adults: Regular Sunday School today.

No Sunday School for all ages on Dec 23 and Dec 30.

***ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Keith and Merel will lead the adult choir. This will culminate with a **Christmas Choir program on Sunday, December 23** during the worship service. **Dress rehearsal will be on Thursday this week at 7:00 pm.**

Taste of Syria - On Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 5:30pm OMC will host a Syrian meal prepared by the Alnouri family with help from the Sponsorship group. We encourage the church family to come out, enjoy the food and get to know the family that we and the Living Sky group have sponsored and continue to support. More information about the family was in the last church newsletter. Come help us bring in the new year by celebrating the Alnouris' first 8 months in Canada. To help cover the cost of the meal we are suggesting donations of \$10.00 per adult or \$20.00 for a family. If you plan to come please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board before Dec. 30th to assist in planning. If you have any questions please talk to Linda Stucky or Margaret Dyck.

***Save the Date: Church Photo Directory pictures will be taken here on February 8 & 9. If you will not be able to come to have your picture taken on those dates, please submit your own photo by Feb 3.**

***The MCCS Thrift Store in Warman has a job opening for a Co-Manager.** The Co-Manager will supervise the overall operations of the Shop at 115 Klassen Street in Warman. This Co-Manager position is a 1.0 FTE (full time equivalency), is salaried and includes benefits, and will work in a collaborative manner with the other Co-Manager. Legal eligibility to be employed in Canada is required. Start date is December 17, 2018. For a full job description go to <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/co-manager-warman-thrift-shop-0>

Remember in Prayer:

-students writing finals

-those missing loved ones this season

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Warman Community Band is playing their Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 17 at Warman Mennonite Church 112 6th Ave. N. at 7:30 p.m.

***There is an opportunity for Caroling at City Hospital** on Dec. 25 at 8 a.m. Contact Lucy Friesen 306-239-2039 if interested or just show up at the volunteer office on that morning.

*Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Shekinah Cabin Project. You have the opportunity to contribute up until December 31, after which funds donated will be forwarded to Shekinah.

***Committee Reports** due Tues. Jan. 8 for AGM book to karlwmartens@gmail.com.

***Service opportunities in January:** Please check bulletin board for January sign-ups for Friendship Inn, Sunday school and Coffee. Thank you for serving our community in this way.

***Considering baptism or church membership in the new year?** Please talk to Terri Lynn or Patty for a possible March 24 Shekinah Retreat Joining Day.

***RJC CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:**

Concert #1 - Wednesday, December 19, 7:30pm at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon.

Concert #2 - Friday, December 21, 7:00 pm at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

***Our Sunday School Giving Project** this year is *Buckets of Thanks* - a Mennonite Central Committee program that provides essential hygiene supplies for families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Relief buckets are one of MCC's most requested material resources, and for every \$50 that we collect, a relief bucket can be sent to somewhere like Jordan, Haiti, Ukraine, or Syria. This is a project for everyone, regardless of your age or the size of your contribution! There are learning resources for families, and the youth have helped decorate the donation bucket in the lobby. Thanks for considering *Buckets of Thanks* as part of your Christmas giving.

***Note from our Treasurer:**

Budgeted giving to Dec 14 is \$181,250.9

Actual giving to date is \$165,364.4

We have given 91% of what we said we'd give. This doesn't reflect all the other, non-budgeted giving people have done through-out the year. People have been very generous this year and we are nearly at our goal for the year. Talk to me if you would like to give a gift outside of your regular amount. Thank you.

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR:

Youth Christmas Party! - Sat, Dec 22 - 6:30-8:30pm at Terri Lynn & Thomas' (419 Ave E S Saskatoon)

A fun evening of Christmas festivities: snacks, cookie decorating and games! Friends are welcome! If you are able to drive, please respond on the google calendar invite.

***Frozen Meal Drive** for Baby Doucette (Erica and Robin) and Baby Tataryn (Kathryn and James). Please help yourself to foil pans and make double when making supper, label and freeze and bring to deacons' freezer Room 007. Pineview Farms meat and Prairie Meat meals are an option as well - see fundraiser note on bulletin board. Any part of a meal welcome also - cookies, muffins, etc. Gluten-free if possible for Janzen/Tataryn.

“Star of Wonder” Cast

Evening Star	Zoe Schellenberg
Shooting Star	Nora Bergen-Braun
North Star	Benjamin Clark
Lucky Star	Lanae Martens-Funk
Falling Star	Eli Schellenberg
Super Star	Emmett Bergen-Braun
Wishing Star	Dylan Martens
Rock Star	Rachel Clark
Blinking Star	Bree Schellenberg
Twinkling Star	Novinya Doucette
Twinkling Star	Natalia Guenther
Twinkling Star	Olivia Martens
Twinkling Star	Anna Neufeld
Twinkling Star	Bruce Sawatzky
Wee Queen	Ava Boldt
Wee King	Walter Tataryn
Wee Queen	Uma Boldt