

**MCC Connects:** As 2018 comes to a close, we encourage you to contribute to a project close to your heart. MCC works in a variety of capacities including work in the following areas; food, water, peace, education, health, welcome and relief. Donate before December 31<sup>st</sup> to receive your 2018 tax receipt. We need your help to meet these commitments. Please donate by visiting [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca) or calling 306.665.2555 today.

**\*Sing, Sip & Socialize** – January 26, 7:00 pm at the MCC Centre, Saskatoon. Come join us for an evening of hymn singing (led by Sparky & the Plugs), coffee, and fellowship with the MC Canada Joint Council. The Joint Council will also be available to give updates and answer questions about MC Canada.

### OMC CALENDAR

Jan 5/2019	Taste of Syria, 5:30 pm
Jan 8	Executive meeting, 5:30 pm Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 10	Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 15	Worship committee 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: Patty Friesen	Sound: Doug McKinnell
Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky	Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg
Ushers: Karl Martens, Anna Peters	Nursery: Sarah Buhler

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 30, 2018

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship:

Leader: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

**People: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.**

Leader: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

**People: And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.**

*All: Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we now experience!*

Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #213 “Let all together praise our God”**  
**Blue/HWB #208 “Love came down at Christmas”**

Children’s Gathering Song: Jesus Loves me

Children’s Time Wilf Buhler

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #198** “Let our gladness have no end”

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #13** “Blessed Jesus at your word”

Gospel reading: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: “Mary’s Ponderings” Patty Friesen

**Sung Benediction: Purple/SS #31** “Jesus, be the center”

Spoken Benediction: Go into the world with the peace of Christ in your hearts, spreading love into the darkest corners and bringing the kingdom of God to our world. Go in peace. Amen.

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**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.

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**TODAY:**

**Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.

**Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.

**No Sunday School.**

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Saturday, January 5, 5:30 pm: A Taste of Syria**
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**Next Sunday, Jan 6: “It takes a Family & Friends to Raise a Child” by Patty Friesen.**

Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens Song leader: Kevin Boldt

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Nursery: Adeline Cox

Children’s Time: Edna Zacharias

Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Dick Braun

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**Patty’s Week:** Wed: office, visits; Fri. office, visits.

**Terri Lynn’s Week:** on holidays beginning Dec 25, returning the week of January 7.

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Jan 13 “It Takes a Faith Community to Raise a Child” by Patty Friesen

Jan 20 “My Journey with Ignatian Prayer” by Pauline Steinman, MC SK Spirituality Resource Team

Jan 27 “The Spirituality of Social Justice” by Jan Bigland-Pritchard

**Remember in Prayer**

-Thanksgiving for Christmas holidays with family and friends.

-Congratulations to Kathryn Janzen and James Tataryn on the birth of Norman Nathan Tataryn on Christmas Eve. He weighed 9 lb 5 oz.!

-Thank you to everyone who made Frozen Meals in the Deacons’ Freezer or delivered to 222 Isabella Avenue, Saskatoon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **Taste of Syria – Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm – Today** is the last day to sign up for this event. Please make sure your name is on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are planning to come. Contact Linda Stucky or Margaret Dyck if you have any questions.

\*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.

\*Note that Jan 6 bulletin will be printed on Thursday Jan 3. Please have all info in to the church office by Jan 2. Thank you.

**\*Committee Reports due** Tues. Jan. 8 for AGM book to [karlwmartens@gmail.com](mailto:karlwmartens@gmail.com). **Our AGM is on Saturday, February 2, 9:30 am**

**\*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.

**\*Winter Study on January 20:** “Spiritual Practices” by Pauline Steinman and the MCSK Spirituality Team of John Gascho, Eileen Klaassen and Melody Neufeld. The day will include the worship service, Adult Sunday School presentation, Potluck and an afternoon follow-up session. **Lunch Committee Group M-Z with leaders Carl Martens-Funk and Diane McKinnell, in charge of potluck set-up & clean-up.**

**\*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.

**\*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.**

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26**

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” <sup>49</sup> He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.