

MCC Connects: MCC invites post-secondary students to attend our annual student seminar February 20-22, 2020 in Ottawa. This year's theme is *Non-Violence for Social Change: Active Peacebuilding*. Students will explore what active citizenship looks like, learn about faith-based advocacy, hear from Parliamentarians & civil society advocates, and take part in Ottawa's Winterlude festivities! Register at mcccanada.ca/ottawa and contact Myriam at myriamullah@mccsk.ca to apply for a travel subsidy by December 13th, 2019.

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OMC CALENDAR

Dec 2, 9, 16 Kids Bible & Adult Convo, 7:00 pm
Dec 3 Centering Prayer Group 7:30 pm
Dec 6 Osler School choir concert @ OMC, 10:00 am
Dec 13-14 Osler-Warman Youth Overnighter @ OMC
Dec 15 Christmas Singing Sunday service 10:00 am
Dec 16 Blue Christmas service, 8:00 pm
Dec 22 Children's Christmas program 10: 00 am
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg Sound: Matt S/James T
Nursery: Lucy Friesen
Ushers: Karl Martens and John Gascho

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis.



Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 1, 2019

First Advent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 2, Psalm 122)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: let us go to the house of the Lord!

Leader: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!

Invocation

Lighting of the first Advent Candle

Hymns: Blue/HWB #172 "O come, O come, Immanuel

Verse 1 – Merel Kreigsmann & Keith Boldt

Verses 4,5,6 - Congregation

Blue/HWB #174 "Bless'd be the God of Israel"

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time – Wilf Buhler

Offertory Prayer / Offering

Choir: "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Purple/SS #28

"Holy Child within the manger"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:1-25

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Joseph" Patty Friesen

Communion

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #182 "Oh, how shall I receive thee" verses 1 & 2

Spoken Benediction: In our weariness and fears, may the God of peace carry us, awake and ready for God's breaking in of peace.

Sung Benediction: Verse 3 of "Oh, how shall I receive thee"

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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.

Live Stream: For those wishing to join us for worship, but unable to attend in person, our services are live-streamed to our Facebook page.

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

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

TODAY:

- **Adult Christmas Choir practice 9:00 am**
- **Centering Prayer** in Prayer Room #003 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am

THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, Dec 3: Centering Prayer Group 7:30 pm**
- **Friday, Dec 6: Osler Division 2 School Choir concert @ OMC, 10:00 am.**

NEXT SUNDAY: Adult Christmas Choir practice 9:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 8: 2nd Advent:

"Wisdom Seekers" by Patty Friesen Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Children's Time: Edna Zacharias Sound: Matt S/James T
Nursery: Adeline Cox Ushers: Karl Martens and John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 15 Christmas Singing Sunday 10:00 am

Dec 16 Blue Christmas service 8:00 pm

Dec 22 Children's Christmas Program 10:00 am

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

Dec 29 My Point of View by King Herod (monologue by Stephanie Siemens)

Patty's Week: Tues: curling counselling; Wed: office, visit; Thurs: choir; Fri: office, visit.

Nora's Week: MON: Work from home; WED: Work from Osler; FRI: Work from Osler.

Remember in Prayer:

-Bill and Anne Peters' new great-grandson, Noah

-all those with health concerns and missing loved ones this first Christmas

-Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation because of their recent loss of young people who took their lives. (Condolences to school and community can be sent to Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation, Box 340, Loon Lake, SK S0M 1L0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Voices Together" Hymnbooks: There is an opportunity to purchase gift or memorial hymnbooks for the church. Information is on the table in the foyer.

***Thanks to Edna** for our gluten-free communion bread this morning.

***8 Christmas Care Packages are in the lobby** until December 15 for students and young adults.

***Dec. 13th-14th Youth Overnighter at OMC:** Osler-Warman youth group will be having a sleep over here at the church Friday-Saturday! Bring Board games and favorite snacks.

***Sunday, Dec 15:** 10:00 Christmas Singing Sunday
11:15 Christmas Coffee
11:15 Council Budget Meeting Room 3
12:00 Pizza
12:30 Children's Program Rehearsal

*****Special Christmas Coffee on Dec 15 and 22 at 11:00 am:** If you are willing to bring some Christmas baking for these Sundays, please contact Julie.

***Monday December 16th 8:00pm Blue Christmas:** This is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. It is a small service creating space to bring our struggles and hold a moment together for acknowledgement, comfort, and hope in the presence of one another and the Spirit.

***Sunday, Dec 22 after Children's Program - 11:30 -1:00 Cafe Back Room reserved** for those who want to eat buffet together.

***Church Office Closed December 23-January 2.** Feel free to call Patty's cell for emergencies 306-260-6069

***MCC 100th Celebration:** Community Connections Committee is **looking for people who did a term of volunteer service with MCC to share about their experience.** We would like to do this during the sharing time during the month of January. If you are willing to share please let Shelley Penner or Patty Friesen know.

RJC NEWS:

***RJC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** - Concert #1: **Wed, December 18,** 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. Concert #2: **Friday, December 20,** 7:00 pm at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

*Please sign Makwa Saghaiehcan First Nation Sympathy Card on lobby table.

***Today, Dec 1, 7:30 pm: Lighthouse Benefit Christmas Concert** at Cornerstone Church in Saskatoon. For tickets go to www.christmasiscominghome.ca/ See poster for more details.

***Christmas Hampers:** Community Connections Committee will be assembling Christmas Hampers on **Saturday, December 21.** We are asking the congregation for cash & food donations. Also if you are aware of a person/family that could benefit from a hampers please let Harold Loewen or Patty Friesen know.

***Friday, Dec 6, 10:00 am: Osler School Division 2 Choir** will present a Christmas concert here at OMC. All are welcome to bring family and friends to this hour of beautiful Christmas music.

***Saturday, Dec 7: Station Singers and the Saskatoon Brass Band** present "Gloria" - a Christmas concert at Rosthern Mennonite Church 7:30 and at Christ Church Anglican in Saskatoon Sunday Dec 8th at 2:30. Tickets available from choir and band members as well as at McNally Robinson and Station Arts Centre.

***Saturday, Dec 7: "Christmas Presence"** - Burnt Thicket Theatre presents a unique mashup of stories and songs that explores the incarnation with a messy but joyful hope. Everyone is welcome, including kids! One show only: Dec 7th, 7:30pm @ College Park Covenant Church, 909 Acadia Dr. Admission by suggested donation of \$10 and/or a new stuffie for Stephen's Backpacks to support kids in need in Saskatoon. Details at: burnthicket.com.

***Sunday, Dec 8: A Very Shekinah Christmas**

Come and enjoy some snacks, pose for our fun Christmas themed photo booth, and enjoy Christmas music with friends. Doors open at 2 pm. Carol singing starts at 2:30 pm with the concert portion beginning at 3 pm. Musical Guests: Coro Nova choir & soloist Vic Krahn. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

***Coro Nova** invites you to join us for our Christmas Concert on **Saturday December 21** at 7:00pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Many of the singers are rooted in experiences at RJC, Sonrisa, and A Buncha Guys. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, Children are free.

***Sunday, January 26, 2020:** MCC 100th Anniversary Service and Potluck, at OMC. Eileen Klaassen-Hamm speaking.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:1-25 First Nations Version

Here is the record of the ancestry of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) - the Chosen One - a descendant of Much Loved One (David) and of Father of Many Nations (Abraham). From Father of Many Nations (Abraham), He Made Us LAugh (Isaac), Heel Grabber (Jacob) Give Him Honor (Judah) and his brothers, He Breaks Through (Perez) and his brother First Light (Zerah) whose mother was Fruit of Palm Tree (Tamar), Circle of Teepees (Hezron), He is Lifted Up (Ram), Noble Relative (Amminadab), Talks with Snakes (Nahshon), He Makes Peace)Salmon), Moves with Strength (Boaz) whose mother was Boastful Woman (Rahab), He Works Hard (Obed) whose mother was Beautiful Friend (Ruth), Original Man (Jesse), who was the father of the great chief Much Loved One (David).

From Much Loved One (David) top the removal to Village of Confusion (Babylon), the ancestors of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) were: Much Loved One (David), Stands in Peace (Solomon) whose mother Daughter of Seven (Bathsheba) was the wife of Fire From Creator (Uriah), Big People Maker (Rehoboam), He is My Father (Abijah), Gathers the People (Asa), He Makes Wrongs Right Again (Jehoshophat), Creator is Above (Jehoram), My Great Power (Uzziah), Creator Has No Equal (Jotham), Held by Creator (Ahaz), He Will Be Strong (Hezekiah), He Made Them Forget (Manasseh), Burden Bearer (Amon), Good Medicine (Josiah), Chosen by Creator (Jeconiah) and his brothers at the time of the removal to Village of Confusion (Babylon).

From the removal to Village of Confusion (Babylon) to the birth of Creator Sets Free (Jesus), his ancestors were: Chosen by Creator (Jeconiah), Ask Creator (Shealtiel), Born In Village of Confusion (Zerubbabel), Father Boasts in Him (Abihud), He Builds Up (Eliakim), He Helps Him (Azor), STands With A Good Heart (Zadok), Makes Him Strong 9Akim), Power of Creator (Eliud), Creator Helps Him (Eleazar), Gifted by Creator (Matthan), Heel Grabber (Jacob), He Gives Sons (Joseph) who was the husband of Bitter Tears (Mary) who gave birth to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) who is the Chosen One. And so there were fourteen generations from Father of Many Nations (Abraham) to Much Loved One (David), fourteen more generations from Much Loved One (David) until the removal to Village of Confusion (Babylon), and then fourteen more from the removal to Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One.

Here is the story of how the Chosen One was born: His mother, Bitter Tears (Mary), had been promised in marriage to He Gives Sons (Joseph). But before they came together in marriage, while still a virgin, she found out that she was carrying a baby in her womb from the Holy Spirit. Because He Gives Sons (Joseph) was a man of honour, and did not want to bring her trouble and open shame, he thought about secretly releasing her from the marriage promise. As he wondered about these things, a messenger from the Great Spirit appeared to him in a dream and said, "He Gives Son (Joseph), descendant of Much Loved One (Daivd), do not be afraid to take Bitter Tears (Mary) to be your wife, becasue the Holy Spirit has given her this child. She will give birth to a son. You will name him Creator Sets Free (Jesus), because he will set his people free from their bad hearts and broken ways."

This gave full meaning to the words of Creator spoken long ago by the prophet, "A young virgin will be with child and give birth to a son. They will call his name Immanuel, which in our tribal language means Creator Is With Us. When He Gives Sons (Joseph) woke up, he followed the guidance given him in the dream and took Bitter Tears (Mary) to be his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until after the child was born and he named the child Creator Sets Free (Jesus).