

MCC Connects: Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

***Give a Hymnal for Christmas:** You can donate a copy of the “Voices Together” pew addition to our church as a Christmas gift. Call 1-800-245-7894 and they will send you a certificate to give for Christmas. Your gifted book will ship with the rest of our church’s order upon the release of the hymnal.

OMC CALENDAR

Dec 22 Children’s Christmas program 10: 00 am with Special Christmas coffee to follow.
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7:00 pm
Jan 3/20 Deacons committee meeting, 12:45 pm
Jan 8 Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm
Jan 8 Community Connections meeting 4:30 pm
Jan 13 Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Worship committee meeting @ Kathryn’s, 7:00 pm
Jan 15 Executive mtg, 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg

Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Dick B / Rob B Nursery: Diana Buhler

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 22, 2019

Fourth Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of eternity, when the voices of prophets are silent and the faith of your people low; when darkness has obscured light and indifference has displaced zeal; you see that the time is right, and prepare to send your Christ.

All: Set us free from fear and faithlessness that we may be ready to welcome the One who comes as Saviour and Lord.

Lighting of Advent candles

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #212 “O come, all ye faithful”

Blue/HWB #201 “Hark! the herald angels sing”

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16; Isaiah 11:6

Song: “Twinkle Twinkle” (insert)

“Follow the Star”

(Created by Susie Williams, Luke Gambill and David Ebensberger)

Follow the Star

Children’s Choir

Scene I – The court of King Herod

Adult Choir: Bell Carol of the Kings (*arr. Philip Kern*)

Scene II – Bethlehem

Out of the Bethlehem Sky Children’s Choir
Scene III

Adore Him Children’s Choir
Scene IV

Hymn: Blue/HWB #318 “Joy to the World”

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9

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!

Song: “Der Friedensfürst”

Benediction

Follow the Star Cast (in order of appearance)

STAR	Bree
ANGEL	Olivia
SHEPHERD 1	Dylan
SHEPHERD 2	Eli
PAGE	Braden
HEROD	Zoe
CHIEF PRIESTS	Benjamin and Zenon
MELCHIOR	Lanae
BALTHAZAR	Nora
GASPAR	Rachel
SHEPHERD 3	Mikwanis
SHEPHERD 4	Oren
JOSEPH	Emmett
MARY	Anna
SHEEP	Bruce, Jeremiah, Morrison, Walter

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.

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.
- **Special Christmas coffee** served in the gym after the worship service.

THIS WEEK:

- **Tues, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Special Coffee served by Tony & Jacqueline Funk.**

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 29: First Sunday of Christmas

“Herod’s Story” -monologue by Stephanie Siemens

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg Sound: Dick B / Rob B

Nursery: Sarah Buhler Ushers: Karl Martens and John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES in 2020

Jan 5 “Christ the Light” Epiphany Service

Jan 12 Karl Martens preaching

Jan 19 Nora Pederberg preaching

Jan 26 MCC 100th Anniversary Service and Potluck, at OMC.
Eileen Klaassen-Hamm speaking.

Patty’s Week: Off

Nora’s Week: On Holiday Dec.24-Jan.5

Remember in Prayer:

-our Sunday school Christmas program and a peaceful, healing Christmas for all

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Sunday school Christmas 2019 Giving Project: MCC MeadowGreen Neighbourhood Youth Christmas Party and gifts hosted by Kaytee Edwards Buhler. Giving Box in the lobby. You may also designate your offerings for this as well.**

*Today, Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Lucy Friesen, and Jake Buhler are leading the worship service at Bethany Manor.

*Jake Buhler attended the memorial service this week of Fred Kauffman in Philadelphia who died of a sudden heart ailment. Jake and Louise served with Fred and Minh Kauffman in Indochina with MCC for 7 years. Fred and Minh were like an uncle and aunt to Sarah and Elizabeth.

***Today, December 22, 11:30 Buffet Lunch in Osler Cafe Backroom** for those needing a place to hang out between church and Osler Choral Society at 2:00 Barn Playhouse. Please join Patty and Mom for lunch and fellowship but pay for your own meal :)

***Today, December 22, 2:00 pm: The Osler Choral Society** presents "Carols at the Barn" at the Barn Playhouse. See poster on the bulletin board for details.

***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.

***Friday, December 20, 7:00 pm: RJC Choir Christmas Concert** at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

***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.

***Wonderful Winter Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Bible Study in January** with George Janzen and Patty Friesen in the Coffee Room. A study on the book of Matthew.

***The Centering Prayer Group** will not be meeting over Christmas, and in the new year we will begin meeting **in Saskatoon**. If anyone would like more info on this they can speak to John Gascho.

*The next meeting for the **OMC Men's Group** will be in January – date to yet be determined.

RJC OPEN HOUSE & FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - Friday, January 17 - Parents and students are invited to come learn about the RJC difference by attending our Open House and student coffeehouse, Friday Night Live. Enjoy a free dinner, interactive tour, and live entertainment by RJC students! Dinner & Tours @ 5:30 pm, Coffeehouse @ 7:00 pm. RSVP to Alex Tiessen at admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222.

RJC TOURNAMENT OF MEMORIES - January 31-February 1 - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 27 by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) or phone (306-221-2846). Basketball games will be played Friday evening and Saturday. Hockey teams spanning many years will play together on Saturday at the RJC arena. A nutritious lunch will be served in the dining hall for all participants and spectators.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

Isaiah 11:6

...the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them..."

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice in heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your ruler comes to you: victorious and triumphant, humble, riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*On behalf of the 180 residents and our RPC team, we thank everyone for their wonderful support. Special thanks to our friends and partners at Ebenezer Baptist Church (providing for the women residents) **Osler Mennonite Church (Coca Cola)** and Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church (hot chocolate and Krispy bars). Our high schools (St Joe's, Holy Cross and E.D Feehan) once again contributed hand made cards, popcorn, hot chocolate and candy canes . Thank you! The residents again we're excited and happy to receive these boxes. They presented us with a card signed by most of the residents. One fellow wrote " Thank you for being a huge impact on me, and caring for everyone equally". Merry Christmas

Song: Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle shining bright,
On that first Christmas night.
Shepherds heard the angel say
"A Saviour born for us today!"
Twinkle, twinkle shining bright,
On that first Christmas night.

Twinkle, twinkle little star
Led the wise men from afar
To the manger where He lay
Baby Jesus in the hay.
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Led the wise men from afar.

Twinkle, twinkle little star
God loves you, as you are.
Shine your light to share God's love
God sent Jesus from above.
Twinkle, twinkle little star
God loves you, as you are.