

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.

OMC CALENDAR

Jan 3/20 Deacons committee meeting, 12:45 pm
Jan 6,13,20,27 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 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
Jan 18 Serve at Friendship Inn
Jan 26 MCC 100th Anniversary celebration service.
Eileen Klaassen-Hamm preaching . OMC'ers MCC stories & Potluck

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

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Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 29, 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #208 “Love came down at Christmas”
Purple/SS #28 “Holy Child within the manger”

Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Community

Hymn: Blue/HWB #201 “Hark! The herald angels sing”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

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!

Monologue: “Herod's Story”

Stephanie Siemens

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #319 “Jesus shall reign” vs 1-4

Spoken Benediction: May the God of mercy, who is well acquainted with grief, bless us with gentle comfort and healing for our sorrows.

Sung Benediction: Verse 5 of “Jesus shall reign”

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:

- **Centering Prayer** in Prayer Room #003 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Special coffee** served after the worship service by Tony and Jacqueline Funk.

THIS WEEK:

- **Fri, Jan 3,2020: Deacons committee meeting, 12:45 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 5: “Christ the Light” Epiphany Service
Worship Leader: John Reddekopp Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Sound: Doug McKinnell
Children’s Time: Wilf Buhler Nursery: Adeline Cox
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

UPCOMING SERVICES

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:

-all those travelling during the holiday season

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.

***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.

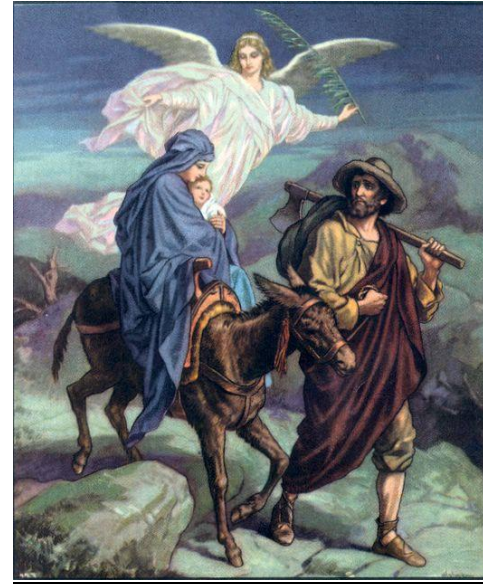
***Wonderful Winter Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Bible Study in January** with George Janzen and Patty Friesen in the Coffee Room. A study on the book of Matthew.

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 SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:13-23

13 After the astrologers had left, the angel of God suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph with the command, "Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you otherwise. Herod is searching for the child to destroy him." 14 Joseph got up, awakened Jesus and Mary, and they left that night for Egypt. 15 They stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill what God had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I have called my Own." 16 Herod became furious when he realized that the astrologers had outwitted him. He gave orders to kill all male children that were two years old and younger living in and around Bethlehem. The age of the children was based on the date Herod had learned from the astrologers. 17 Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah sobbing and lamenting loudly: it was Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, for they were no more." 19 After Herod's death, the angel of God appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 with the command, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead." 21 Joseph got up, awakened Jesus and Mary, and they returned to the land of Israel. 22 Joseph heard, however, that Archelaus had succeeded Herod as ruler of Judea, and Joseph was afraid to go back there. Instead, because of a warning received by Joseph in a dream, the family went to the region of Galilee. 23 There they settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way what was said through the prophets was fulfilled: "He will be called a Nazarene".



January Christianity and Culture Adult Sunday School class

- Sun. Jan. 5 - Introduction to Restorative Justice: Dave Feick
- Sun. Jan. 12 - Exploration of a biblical perspective on Restorative Justice : Dave Feick
- Sun. Jan. 19 - Restorative Justice and older adults - exploring ageism, elder abuse, etc. and what an RJ response might be: Dave Feick
- Sun. Jan. 26 - MCC 100th SS Forum with Eileen Klassen-Hamm
- Sun. Feb. 2 - Exploration in relation to what we can be doing in our community: Patty

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- Wed, Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. Intro to Matthew - How Matthew is Different in Birth Narratives - Patty
- Wed, Jan. 15, 1:00 p.m. Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount - George Janzen
- Wed, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m. Parables in Matthew's Gospel - Patty
- Wed, Jan. 29, 1:00 p.m. The Death and Resurrection of Christ in Matthew - George Janzen