

MCC Connects: This Christmas give a gift that gives back! The 2019 MCC Christmas catalogue has gifts of all sizes. Start a new family tradition, join with friends or colleagues and make a difference in the lives of people around the world!
Visit mcccanada.ca/Christmas to find the perfect gift!

OMC CALENDAR

Dec 9, 16 Kids Bible & Adult Convo, 7:00 pm
Dec 3 & 17 Centering Prayer Group 7:30 pm
Dec 11 OMC Men's Group 7:30 pm
Dec 13-14 Osler-Warman Youth Overnighter @ OMC
Dec 15 Christmas Singing Sunday service 10:00 am with Special Christmas coffee to follow.
Dec 16 Blue Christmas service, 8:00 pm
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 8 Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Sound: Matt S/James T Nursery: Adeline Cox

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 8, 2019

Second Advent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God of Advent, in the darkest days and nights of the year

All: Our hearts turn toward your promises light.

One: With the first faint glimmer of a candle dancing into the light of many bright flames

All: Our hope is ignited once more.

One: In these Advent days, lead us in your light

All: To a manger where the face of God shines bright and clear.

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #189 “To us a Child of hope is born”
Blue/HWB #199 “The first Noel, the angel did say”**

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time – Edna Zacharias

Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Kaytee Edwards Buhler

Offertory Prayer / Offering

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymns: (insert) “We Three Kings of Orient are”
Purple/SS #32 “Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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: "Wisdom Seekers" Patty Friesen

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #219 "Bright and glorious" vs 1-4

Spoken Benediction: May the God of boldness share that boldness with us. May we be moved to confidence and trust in the One who makes all things new.

Sung Benediction: Verse 5 of "Bright and glorious"

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.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am

THIS WEEK:

- **Wed, Dec 11: OMC Men's Group 7:30 pm**
- **Dec 13-14: Osler-Warman Youth Overnighter at OMC.**

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 15:

9:00 Adult Christmas Choir practice

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

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 15: 3rd Advent: Christmas Singing Sunday
Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen
Pianist: Lynette Janzen Children's Time: Marlene Campbell
Sound: Steph S/Micah G Nursery: Marlene Campbell
Ushers: Karl Martens and John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES

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: sermon, visit; Wed: office, visit; Thurs. choir; Fri. office, visit.

Nora's Week: MON: Work from Home; WED: Office in Morning; FRI/SAT: Youth Overnighter (prep & clean up)

Remember in Prayer:

-students during finals (care packages leave today)

-Dayna and Matthew's engagement -Rachel's eye treatments

-Martha Janzen and family on the passing of George Janzen (long-time missionary) Abbotsford, BC, on November 21.

-Randy & Robin Sawatzky on the passing of Randy's dad John Sawatzky. The funeral will be at the Hague Mennonite Church on Monday, Dec 9, 2 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Sunday school Christmas 2019 Giving Project: MCC**

MeadowGreen Neighbourhood Youth Christmas Party and gifts hosted by Kaytee Edwards Buhler on December 17. Giving Jar in lobby.

***Gently Used/New Boys Clothes Needed Ages 5-11.** Please contact Anne Peters.

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

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

*****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.

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

***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.

***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.

***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.

***Today, 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.

*All are invited to **Bethany Manor** for their Christmas Chorale Concert on **Tuesday, Dec 10 at 7:30 p.m.** Free admission.

***Warman Community Band** will be playing at Saskatoon City Hospital on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m and on Dec. 16 at the Warman Gospel Church at 7 p.m.

***The Osler Choral Society** will be the special guest choir at the RJC Christmas concert at Knox United Church (838 Spadina Cres E) on **Wed, December 18, 7:30 pm**. The Choral Society is also having their own Christmas Concert at the Barn Playhouse on **Sunday, December 22, 2:00 pm**. See poster on the bulletin board for ticket 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.

***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.

***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.

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage.” 3 At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem.

4 Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they informed him. “Here is what the prophet has written: 6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” 7 Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, “Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too.”

9 After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. 10 They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, 11 upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.