

**MCC Connects:** Are you a young adult interested in building relationships and exploring our global inter-connectedness? SALT - Serving & Learning Together is currently seeking applicants between the ages of 18 - 30 for a one-year Service and Learning experience. Visit [salt.mcc.org](http://salt.mcc.org) for more info today or call Erica Baerwald at MCC Saskatchewan (306) 665-2555.

**\*WEEK OF PRAYER for Christian Unity** has opportunities for intentional prayer in Saskatoon every day from January 20 -25. Please see the bulletin board poster for details.

**\*RJC Tournament of Memories- Feb 1-2** - Alumni, family and friends should register for basketball by Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: email [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) Hockey will consist of current students, young alumni and not so young alumni (figure out where you fit!) To register or for info, contact Jamieson Fitzgerald ([jamiesonfitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:jamiesonfitzgerald@gmail.com)) Questions: contact Denelda at [306-221-2846](tel:306-221-2846) or RJC office at [306-232-4222](tel:306-232-4222).

### OMC CALENDAR

Jan 20 Winter Study & Potluck.  
Jan 24 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm  
Feb 2 Annual General Meeting, 9:30 am  
Feb 2-3 YOUTH: Senior High Retreat @ Shekinah  
Feb 8 & 9 Picture days for OMC Photo Directory

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Lloyd Sawatzky  
Nursery: Diana Buhler

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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

January 20, 2019

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The grace of God has appeared in this Epiphany season, bringing salvation to all.

**Many: The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with us all.**

One: Bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting.

**Many: Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.**

One: You are the Creator, you alone; you have made heaven and heaven of heavens, with all their host,

**Many: the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.**

One: To all of them you give life, and all worship you.

Invocation: Our mouths are filled with your praise, O God and with your glory all day long. Your steadfast love never ceases, your mercies never come to an end. Amen.

**Hymns: Green/SJ #9 “Come, now is the time to worship”  
Blue/HWB #346 “Dona nobis pacem”**

Children’s Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children’s Time: Patty Friesen

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #298 “Veni Sancte Spiritus”**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Hymn: Purple/SS #68 “Kyrie”**

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-11

Sermon: **“From Death to Life”** Pauline Steinmann

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #353 “Lord, listen to your children”**

Spoken Benediction: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May God embrace us and grant us peace.

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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.

**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. The recording will be paused during the sharing of joys and concerns.

**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.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Winter Study:** “Spiritual Practices” by Pauline Steinman and the MCSK Spirituality Team including John Gascho, Eileen Klaassen and Melody Neufeld. The day will include the *Worship service, Adult Sunday School presentation at 11:15, Potluck (please sit in Birthday month groups for Potluck) and an afternoon follow-up session.*  
**Lunch Committee Group M-Z in charge of potluck set-up & clean-up.**

**THIS WEEK:**

- Thursday, Jan 24: “A Session on Reconciliation” at the Osler Community Hall, 7:00 pm. See poster for more details.

**Next Sunday, Jan 27:** “The Spirituality of Social Justice” – Jan Bigland-Pritchard  
Worship Leader: Adeline Cox  
Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg  
Children’s Time: Adeline Cox Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
Nursery: Lucy Friesen Ushers: Carl MF, Dick B

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon at home, chaplains meeting; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: choir; Fri: office, visits. Sunday: NPMC for Patrick's last sermon before sabbatical. Sun. Jan. 27-Fri. Feb. 1 skiing Elkridge; Sat. Feb 2, AGM.

**Terri Lynn’s Week:** Today: winter study & youth Sunday School; Mon: visits; Tues: Silent Retreat Day; Wed: office, visits (am); Fri: office (am); Sat: 'Unsettling Discipleship' event @ Eigenheim.

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

- Feb 3 “Where is God? -Joe Heikman, Wildwood Mennonite Church  
Feb 10 “They left everything and followed” - Patty Friesen;  
Communion  
Feb 17 “The Beatitudes” - Patty Friesen  
Feb 24 “The Sermon on the Plain” - Patty Friesen
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**Remember in Prayer:**

- Olivia Cox's dissertation defence and second baby
- Julie's dad -Wallah's immigration,
- Rachel's journey -Dayna's family at her grandfather's death.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Church Photo Directory pictures will be taken here on February 8 & 9. There is a Sign-up sheet in the foyer to book your picture appointment time.** If you will not be able to come to have your picture taken on those dates, please submit your own photo by Feb 3.

**\*OMC Directory Address Update:** If there are changes to your mailing address, email address or phone numbers, please make the changes in the blue directory book next to the photo appointment sign-up sheets.

## **YOUTH EVENTS:**

### **\*Sr. High Retreat @ Shekinah - Feb 2&3 - Gr.9-12**

There has been a change to the Sr. High Retreat schedule. We are now beginning on **Saturday, Feb. 2 at 5:00pm**, and concluding Sunday, **Feb. 3 at 7:00pm**. Full revised schedule, and updated poster on bulletin board and youth update email. Still at **Shekinah**, cost has been reduced to reflect changes - **\$75/person. Please let Terri Lynn know if you're going by Jan 24!**

### **\*MegaMenno Ski Trip to Table Mountain - Sat. Feb.23**

## **MC SK EVENTS:**

**--January 25 - 27 Eigenheim Mennonite Church invites you to**

**“Unsettling Discipleship: The Cost of Colonialism and the Joy of Jubilee,”** with **Steve Heinrichs**, Director of Indigenous Relations for Mennonite Church Canada. Sessions will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. Lunch will be provided. Call or text Donna Schulz (306-232-7447) if you plan to attend Saturday’s sessions. You are also welcome to join us Sunday morning when Steve will lead the adult Sunday school class beginning at 10 a.m. and present the message during worship, which begins at 11 a.m. ***Terri Lynn is going on Sat, Jan 26 so if you’d like a ride, please contact her.***

**--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.

**--March 8 & 9** MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Zoar Waldheim co-hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite and Zoar Mennonite

**\*An INVITATION from the Vine & Table:** We are hosting a 4-week Dinner/Discussion Group at The Vine & Table. We will gather for dinner, and then watch a four-part video series called Food Forethought published by Regent College that explores food, community and creation through the lens of our Christian faith. The group will meet for **4 Wednesdays, beginning this week - January 16, from 6-8pm**. We have enough space for a few more people to join us, so please talk to Terri Lynn or Thomas if you're interested.

**\*\* If you're interested but can't commit to these dates - talk to Terri Lynn about hosting it again as a film night at OMC. \*\***

**“Who the Mennonites are: A Look at the various Traditions and Beliefs”** with Jake Buhler. MCC – 600 45 St W, Saskatoon. **Wednesday, Jan 23, 7:00 pm**. See the bulletin board poster.

**\*Are you interested in experiencing a week of an MDS service trip?** There are currently openings in February and March in California, Texas and Florida. Check the MDS website for more info.

**\*OMC Church Family Exchange** now on bulletin board across from mailboxes for home businesses, school fundraisers, wanted ads. Please date and update every 6 months. Talk to Christy with questions.

**\*Winter Walking** available at Community Hall Mondays and Thursdays 10:00-11:00 with Forever in Motion. Winter Walking and Children's Winter Playtime at OMC Wednesday and Friday mornings 10am - 12 noon. Please bring a separate pair of clean, non-marking shoes for use in the gym.

**\*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.

### **Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Spirituality Resource Team**

**Pauline Steinman**, former pastor at Wildwood Mennonite Church, currently attends Tiefengrund Mennonite Church and has recently done interim ministry at Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Pauline completed a 40 Day Ignatian Prayer Retreat and will preach about this life-changing experience on January 20 at OMC.

**Eileen Klaassen** is a retired chaplain from City Hospital where she worked with Julie Bergen. Eileen is serving as interim pastor at Wildwood Mennonite Church along with Joe Heikman. Eileen is a spiritual director and attends Mount Royal Mennonite Church.

**John Gascho** works for the Town of Osler and leads Centering Prayer at Osler Mennonite Church and teaches youth Sunday School, God bless him.

**Melody Neufeld** is a social worker with seniors and attends Mount Royal Mennonite Church where she leads Adult Education. Melody preached about her pilgrimage on the Camino trail in Spain at OMC July 2016 but the power was out because a bird hit the transformer, so she couldn't show her slides.

### **\*CHOIR SEEKS SINGERS!**

We're looking for **well-intentioned amateurs** to join us weekly, for a 90-minute rehearsal, AKA "Worship Through Music".

We (Merel & Keith) have picked pieces that will blow open closed hearts. And put you in touch with the magnitude of this thing called "life".

Our community choir is open to anyone who loves music and wants to learn more. Please bring your friends and neighbours!

Ready to surprise yourself (and your church family), singing better than you'd ever imagined? Want to discover the tricks of creating a performance that sends shivers up peoples' spines, and makes them cry? **Join us for rehearsals every Thursday at 7:00 pm at Osler Mennonite Church** (healthy snack is included).

### **\*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.

### **\*Calling all friends of Mennonite Central Committee & Rosthern**

**Junior College:** You are invited to join the "Global Choir" with RJC students in preparation for our February 10th "Global Songs & Sweets" event in Saskatoon, an joint event with MCC featuring global music, student sharing and Syrian sweets. For those interested in joining the choir, there will be two rehearsals in Rosthern (at RJC) on January 29 and February 5 at 7:00 pm where you will learn two songs to sing with RJC students at the event. A third rehearsal at 1:30 PM on February 10 at Grace Westminster United Church will allow anyone to join last-minute and learn 1 additional song just before the 2:30 event. Email Richard Janzen <[richard@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:richard@rjc.sk.ca)> to join the choir, or for more information. We hope to see you there!

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Ezekiel 37:1-14** (The Inclusive Bible)

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley – a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, "Mere mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH." And God said, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to

them: 'Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH! Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH'"

So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, mere mortal, and say to it: 'Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet – a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, "Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.' Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, 'Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.'" "

### **John 15:1-11** (The Inclusive Bible)

"I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine grower who cuts off every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield. You've been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you. Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Those who don't live in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned. If you live on in me, and my words live on in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Abba will be glorified if you bear much fruit and thus prove to be my disciples. As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete."