

MCC Connects: Mark your calendars and join us for **Global Songs and Sweets**, Sunday, February 10th, 2:30pm at Grace Westminster Church, Saskatoon. This first-annual fundraising event for MCC and Rosthern Junior College will feature choral music and stories by RJC students, highlighting our global relationships. Sweets will be served.

***RJC Tournament of Memories- Feb 1-2** - Alumni, family and friends should register for basketball by Jan 28th: email 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) Questions: contact Denelda at [306-221-2846](tel:306-221-2846) or RJC office at [306-232-4222](tel:306-232-4222).

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 2-3 YOUTH: Senior High Retreat @ Shekinah
Feb 2 Annual General Meeting, 9:30 am
Feb 7 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Feb 8 & 9 Picture days for OMC Photo Directory
Feb 10 Receiving new members & Communion, 10:00 am
Feb 14 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Feb 20 Worship Committee meeting @ Terri Lynn's
Feb 21 M & S meeting, 7:00 pm
Feb 24 Potluck & Play Day, starting at noon.
Feb 28 Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Dick Braun
Nursery: Lucy Friesen

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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

January 27, 2019

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**ALL: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.***

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #51 “Let the whole creation cry”

Blue/HWB #50 “Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Adeline Cox

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #369 “Lord, whose love in humble service”

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Hymn: Green/SJ #14 “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: “Hear-Understand-Worship-Weep-Walk”
Jan Bigland-Pritchard

Hymn: Blue/HWB #307 “Will you let me be your servant”

Spoken Benediction

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.

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.

THIS WEEK:

- **Thursday, Jan 31:** Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, Feb 2: AGM, 9:30 am**
- **Feb 2-3: Senior High Youth Retreat @ Shekinah.**

Next Sunday, Feb 3: “God is Personal” -Joe Heikman, Wildwood MC

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Song leader: Ben Buhler
Pianist: Diana Buhler Children’s Time: Kathy Braun
Sound: Stephanie Siemens Nursery: Marlene Campbell
Ushers: Dick Braun, Cornie Guenther

Patty's Week: Today: NPMC for Patrick's last sermon before sabbatical. Sun. Jan. 27-Fri. Feb. 1 skiing Elkridge; Sat. Feb 2, AGM.

Terri Lynn’s Week: Tues: sermon/SS prep; Wed: office, visits (am); Thurs: spiritual direction; Fri: office (am); Sat: AGM/youth retreat.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 10 Receiving New Members & Communion

Feb 17 “The Beatitudes” - Patty Friesen

Feb 24 “The Sermon on the Plain” - Patty Friesen

Remember in Prayer:

-Senior High Retreat at Shekinah

-Dan's back pain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We welcome Jan Bigland-Pritchard to speak this morning.** Jan is a retired Anglican priest and chairs the Anglican Diocese Refugee Committee. She is married to Mark Bigland-Pritchard and has two adult children.

***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.

***With joy we will receive Brandee and Rob Borne's transfer of membership** from Nutana Park Mennonite Church on February 10.

***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.

***Calling all friends of MCC & RJC:** 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. 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> to join the choir, or for more information. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

***Monday, February 18: Shekinah Retreat Centre presents Winter Fun Day 2019 from 9am-4pm.** Activities include sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, crocacurl, skating, and horse sled rides. New this year we will have a bunny hill and ice fort building activities for younger children. Admission by donation and lunch and refreshments provided. For more information contact craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org. Let's have fun this winter as a community!

***The season of Lent is rapidly approaching.** This season is a time of reflection, fasting and prayer as we prepare for Easter. Whether you're looking for a family or adult study, a DVD series, or a book of prayers, CommonWord has something for you. Resources can be found at <http://www.commonword.ca/go/1451>.

***RJC Admissions Officer Job Posting**

RJC is accepting applications for a part or full-time Admissions Officer, and will be accepting resumes until Friday, Feb 15. For more information about our school or the position please visit our website or call the school at 306-232-4222. Please submit resumes to Ryan Wood, RJC Principal, at ryan.wood@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca

***Thank you to everyone who baked and cooked** frozen food for our families with new babies. Please consider cooking and freezing extra for the Buhler family and others. Can be delivered to them or put in deacons freezer in Room 007.

***Sunday, March 24 OMC Retreat @ Shekinah Retreat Centre** (no service in Osler)
10:00 Early Bird coffee, 11:00 worship, 12:15 lunch, 1:00-3:30 Free Time, 3:30 Prayer Walk and Cabin Tour, 4:30 Weiner Roast and Singalong at Chalet fire-ring. **Suggested donation \$20/adult, Children/Youth Free.** Bring table games, outdoor play clothes, instruments for fireside singalong, camp (lawn) chairs.

*Wanted: A ball air pump for church use.

***Winter Walking** available at Community Hall Mondays and Thursdays 10:00-11:00 with Forever in Motion. Winter Walking and Parent-Supervised 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.

***CHOIR SEEKS SINGERS!**

We're looking for **well-intentioned amateurs** to join us weekly, for a 90-minute rehearsal, AKA “Worship Through Music”. Our community choir is open to anyone who loves music and wants to learn more. Please bring your friends and neighbours! **Join us for rehearsals every Thursday at 7:00 at OMC.**

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**. - \$75/person.

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

MC SK EVENT:March 8 & 9 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions at Zoar Waldheim co-hosted by Eigenheim Mennonite and Zoar Mennonite.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(The Inclusive Bible)

All the people came together in the broad expanse before the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses which God had given to Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the scribe brought out the Book of the Law before all the assembled people, women and men, and children old enough to understand the reading. Ezra read the book aloud from early morning till noon while facing the broad expanse before the Water Gate, in the presence of the women and men and children. All listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra, standing on the raised platform, opened the book in the presence of all the people. When he opened the book all stood up.

Reading from the Book of the Law, they interpreted it and gave it meaning so that the people understood it. Then Nehemiah the governor and Ezra the priest and scribe, along with the Levites, instructed the people, saying to all of them, "This day is holy to the Most High, your God. Do not mourn. Do not weep" –for the people all had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah continued, "Go now and enjoy rich food and sweet wine, and be certain that you send a share to those who cannot provide for themselves, for this day is holy to YHWH. Let no one be sad, for YHWH's joy is your strength."

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (The Inclusive Bible)

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts – many though they are – comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit. And the Body is not one part; it is many.

If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," does that make it any less a part of the body? If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the body were all eye, what would happen to our hearing? If it were all ear, what would happen to our sense of smell? Instead of that, God put all the different parts into one body on purpose. If all the parts were alike, where would the body be?

They are indeed many different members but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," any more than the head can say to the feet, "I do not need you." And even those members of the body which seem less important are in fact indispensable. We honor the members we consider less honorable by clothing them with greater care, thus bestowing on the less presentable a propriety which the more presentable do not need. God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to the lowly members, that there may be no dissension in the body, but that all the members may be concerned for one another. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members share its joy.

You, then, are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it. Furthermore, God has set up in the church, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then miracle workers, healers, assistants, administrators and those who speak in tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles or have the gift of healing? Do all speak in tongues or do all have the gift of interpretation of tongues?

Set your hearts on the greater gifts.

Luke 4:14-21 (The Inclusive Bible)

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

"The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the Most High has anointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison – to proclaim the year of our God's favor."

Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he said to them, "Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled."