

MCC Connects: MCC would like to thank you for continuing to partner with us in providing relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We wish you an abundance of blessings and look forward to working with you in the new year.

OMC CALENDAR

Jan 5/19 Taste of Syria, 5:30 pm
Jan 10 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 12 YOUTH: MegaMenno Mall Hunt, 2:00-4:00 pm
Jan 15 Worship Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 17 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Jan 18 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
Jan 18 YOUTH: Friday Nite Live @ RJC: Meet at OMC
5:00 pm.
Jan 19 Serve at Friendship Inn
Jan 20 Winter Study & Potluck.
Jan 24 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Jan 31 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Feb 1-3 YOUTH: Senior High Retreat @ Shekinah
Feb 2 Annual General Meeting, 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Dick Braun Nursery: Adeline Cox

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 6, 2019

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

People: Nations will come to the light, kings and queens to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through Jesus Christ.

People: We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God.

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come!

Invocation

Hymns:

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time Edna Zacharias

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Hymn:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Hymn:

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: "It Takes Family & Friends to Raise a Child to Love God"
Patty Friesen

Sung Benediction: Purple/SS #31 "Jesus, be the center"

Spoken Benediction: Go now, following the light and being the light to all the world, living with kindness and justice and spreading the love and the peace of Christ to all you meet. Go in peace and pass the peace of Christ.

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.

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:

- **Tuesday, Jan 8: Executive meeting, 5:30 pm**
Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm
 - **Thursday, Jan 10: M & S meeting, 7:00 pm**
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Next Sunday, Jan 13: "It Takes a Faith Community to Raise a Child"– Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terri Lynn Friesen
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Children's Time: Lacey MacKenzie Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
Nursery: Marlene Campbell Ushers: Carl MF, Lloyd S

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, exec, council; Wed: office, visit; Thurs: M&S; Fri: office, visit.

Terri Lynn's Week: Tues: Youth Pastors' Mtg, Exec & Council (pm); Wed: office (am); Fri: office(am); Sat: MegaMenno Mall Hunt

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 20 "My Journey with Ignatian Prayer" – Pauline Steinman,
MC SK Spirituality Resource Team

Jan 27 "The Spirituality of Social Justice" – Jan Bigland-Pritchard

Feb 3 "The Spirituality of the Enneagram for a Congregation"
-Joe Heikman

Remember in Prayer:

- thanksgiving for Syrian New Year celebration with the Alnouri's.
- Rachel's brain biopsy
- those travelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHOIR SEEKS SINGERS!**

Saint Augustine said it (and we agree): "He who sings, prays twice". That's why 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?

For all of that (plus, the obvious pro of earning celestial brownie points), join us for the first rehearsal on THURSDAY, January 17, 7:00 p.m. at Osler Mennonite Church (healthy snack is included).

***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.

***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.

YOUTH EVENTS:

***Mega Menno Mall Hunt - Saturday, Jan 12 @ 2-4pm, Midtown Plaza.** It's the return of an old favourite! Youth will have to seek out sponsors dressed in disguise throughout the mall. Drivers needed. Meet at the food court to begin the hunt!

***Friday Night Live - Fri Jan 18th @ RJC!** Starting with supper at 5:30pm @ RJC. Meet at OMC @ 5pm for carpooling. Please RSVP to Terri Lynn via the google calendar; RJC needs numbers in advance to serve us a delicious dinner!

***Sr. High Youth Retreat @ Shekinah - Feb 1-3** - For Gr. 9-12. Save the date; details to come this week.

MC SK EVENTS:

--At MC SK, in 2019 we will begin the weekly practice of praying for each other, for the congregations and ministries that make up MC Sask. For Epiphany Sunday we invite your prayers for Ryan, Kirsten and Marianne in the MC Sask office as they meet with others and prepare for the year ahead. Pray for wisdom, guidance and the presence of the Holy Spirit as they seek to faithfully serve.

--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

***Committee Reports due** Tues. Jan. 8 for AGM book to karlwmartens@gmail.com. **Our AGM is on Saturday, February 2, 9:30 am**

***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.**

***Winter Study on January 20:** “Spiritual Practices” by Pauline Steinman and the MCSK Spirituality Team of John Gascho, Eileen Klaassen and Melody Neufeld. The day will include the worship service, Adult Sunday School presentation, Potluck and an afternoon follow-up session. **Lunch Committee Group M-Z with leaders Carl Martens-Funk and Diane McKinnell, in charge of potluck set-up & clean-up.**

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.

*A Summary report of the Congregational & Pastoral Review is available in paper copy on the podium. The congregation can talk with any member of council if they would like further information.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of God is rising upon you! Though darkness still covers the earth and dense clouds enshroud the peoples, upon you Yahweh now dawns, and God's glory will be seen among you! The nations will come to your light and leaders to your bright dawn! Lift up your eyes and look around: they're all gathering and coming to you - your daughters and your sons journey from afar, escorted in safety; you'll see them and beam with joy, your heart will swell with pride. The riches of the sea will flow to you, and the wealth of the nations will come to you - camel caravans will cover your roads, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of God.

Ephesians 3:1-12

For I, Paul - a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - am sure that you have heard of God's grace, of which I was made a steward on your behalf; this mystery, as I have briefly described it, was given to me by revelation. When you read this, you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was unknown to the people of former ages, it is now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. That mystery is that the Gentiles are heirs, as are we; members of the Body, as are we; and partakers of the promise of Jesus the Messiah through the Good News, as are we.

I became a minister of the Good News by the gift of divine grace given me through the working of God's power. To me, the least of all believers, was given the grace to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ and to enlighten all people on the mysterious design which for ages was hidden in God, the Creator of all.

Now, therefore, through the church, God's manifold wisdom is made known to the rulers and power of heaven, in accord with the age-old design, carried out in Christ Jesus our Saviour, in whom we have boldness and confident access to God through our faith in Christ.

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.