

MCC Connects: If you haven't had a chance to check out our Quilt Sale yet, now is the time! All remaining quilts are 50% off their listed price! Follow our [Facebook event page](#) or visit our website at <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-saskatchewan-quilt-sale> to see the amazing quilts donated by our skilled and very generous donors. These quilts are also displayed in our viewing room at the MCC office in Saskatoon (600 45th St W) so feel free to pop by and admire them. If you have any questions, or wish to purchase a quilt, call 306.665.2555.

*Got a new laptop for Christmas? Used laptops with Zoom capability needed for community. Drop off at church.

***Pastoral Transitions: Pleasant Point & Warman Mennonite Churches** are excited to share that they have jointly called Len Rempel to be their pastor. Len, and his wife Kathleen, currently live near New Hamburg, ON. He will serve .5 FTE with each congregation and will begin in late spring, 2021.

OMC CALENDAR

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Facebook only service 7:00 pm

Upcoming In Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

Dec. 20, Fourth Advent: Singing Service and Children's Video Program

Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on OMC Facebook only

Dec. 27: Christmas Sunday: Anna in the Temple; Julian in the Anchor-hold by Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg Children's Time: Lynette Janzen
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Lynette Janzen, Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Harold Loewen

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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 20, 2020

Fourth Advent
On the road to revelation

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship & Advent Candle Lighting: *Adapted from Psalm 89:1-2, 26*

Leader: O God, We will sing of your steadfast love forever;

People: we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All: You are our Creator, our God, and the Rock of our salvation!

**Light Fourth Advent Candle*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn – HWB #211 O How a Rose E'er Blooming

Gospel Reading Monologue: Based on Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

26 Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. 28 Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, "Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you! Blessed are you among women!" 29 Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered what the angel's greeting meant. 30 The angel went on to say to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. 31 You'll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus—'Deliverance.' 32 His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of God. God will give

Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, 33 to rule over the house of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have never been with a man?” 35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will be called the Holy One of God. 36 Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. 37 Nothing is impossible with God.” 38 Mary said, “I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.” With that, the angel left her.

Mary said: “My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, 47 and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior. 48 For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed. 49 For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name. 50 Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. 51 You have shown strength with your arm; you have scattered the proud in their conceit; 52 You have deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. 53 You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. 54 You have come to the aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy— 55 the promise you made to our ancestors— to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever.”

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!

Special Music: Hallelujah

Hymn – HWB #201 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering Prayer / Offertory HWB #204 Gloria

Isaiah 40 (selected)

“Comfort, comfort my people says your God. Speak tenderly to (them) that their warfare is ended.. A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Hymn - HWB #210 Good Christian friends rejoice

“²¹ Did you not know?

Have you not heard?

Was it not told to you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was found?

²² YHWH sits above the vaulted roof of the world,
and its inhabitants look like grasshoppers!...

God stretches out the skies like a curtain,
and spreads them out like a tent for mortals to live under!...

²⁵ “To whom can you like me?

Who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and ask yourself

who made these stars,

if not the One who brings out their host by number, calling them each by name?

...not a single one is missing.

²⁷ How can you say,

tribe of Leah and Rachel and Jacob,

“My destiny is hidden from YHWH.

my rights are ignored by my God?”

Hymn - HWB #195 It came upon a midnight clear, verses 1,4,5

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

YHWH is everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.
This God does not faint or grow weary;
with a depth of understanding that is unsearchable.
29 God gives strength to the weary,
and gives power to the faint.
30 even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young women and men shall fall exhausted:
31 but those who wait for YHWH
shall renew their strength:
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Hymn – I am Jesus’ Little Lamb

I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad of heart I am
For my shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well
provides me,
Loves me every day the same, even calls me by my name.
Day by day, at home, away; Jesus is my staff and stay,
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me. Into pleasant pastures leads me,
When I thirst he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Kids Christmas Program

Sung Benediction – HWB #318 Joy To the World

Spoken Benediction: People of God, people on the road: as you go
forth, find rest and security in the knowledge that the God you serve
is faithful, a God whose promises will be fulfilled.

Postlude

Patty’s week: Patty will not be in church office Dec. 21-Jan. 2 but in
church Dec. 27, Jan.3.

Nora’s Week: on holidays from Dec 21-Jan3.

NEXT SUNDAY: Dec 27: Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Children’s Time: Patty Friesen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen Sound: Doug McKinnell

Song Leaders: Michelle McKinnell

Ushers: Bill & Anna Peters

Remember in Prayer:

students finishing semester
children who prepared today’s video program
Education Committee and musicians who prepared Christmas Eve
everyone who donated to Christmas hampers and Community
Connections for assembling them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There a drop off box at the church for people wishing to donate
items for the **Christmas food hampers.**

***Committee Chairpersons – please have your committee reports
in to Karl Martens before January 9th. Please email to
karlwmartens@gmail.com**

*OMC Mask Quilt: Please save your cloth masks for an OMC Mask
Quilt after the pandemic!

*Thank you to Loretta for her years of ministry/admin assistance to
us. **There will be a Zoom appreciation party held Weds. Jan. 13,
7:00 p.m. Link coming soon.**

***Friendship Inn:** Thank you to everyone who donated items for
moms and their babes.

***From Re-opening Committee:** Due to the current COVID
regulations and for the safety reasons, the church rooms will no
longer be available for rentals. This policy will be updated when the
provincial regulations change and we feel we can keep people safe.

***From Nominations Committee:** Thank you to those who let their names stand for committees this year. One position that we have not been able to fill is our Thrift Store board representative. Please consider letting your name stand for this position and let Doug, Michelle, Kathy or Loretta know by December 23rd. Thank you.

***From the Re-opening and Executive committees:**

If you can use live stream to connect with the worship service, we would ask you to stay home and connect virtually through Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, due to the 30 person limit (for us it would be 20 people plus the worship team), **people attending in person are required to register with Loretta by Friday NOON so we know who can be accommodated that week. You can email the church office at oslermcoffice@sasktel.net or text Loretta at 306-281-2237.**

***Student Bursary Fund:** The Bursary fund was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who will be attending one of our church schools. Originally, it was a once in a lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student. In 2016 the bursary was changed to be up to **twice in a lifetime**. One bursary is available for a student when attending a Mennonite high school and one bursary when attending a Mennonite college or university. The bursaries will be made available for as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify the applicant or its parents must be members of Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. If you qualify, please obtain a form from the office and submit it to either Doug McKinnell, Margret Boldt or Adeline Cox.

***You are invited to spend A Very Shekinah Christmas with Shekinah Retreat Centre!** Join us online for 12 Days of Christmas, starting December 13 and ending Christmas Eve. Enjoy stories, music, and singing with the Shekinah board, with Friends of Shekinah, and with the Shekinah staff. See our website for more information: <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/a-very-shekinah-christmas>

***OMC December Outdoor Activities** with safe distancing and weather permitting (306-260-6069)

Sun. Dec. 20, 1-3 p.m. Ski Warman trails - meet at Lions Park, 9Av North.

Sun. Dec. 27, 1-3 p.m. Skate around Osler tree 2nd Ave. Masks required.

Sun. Jan. 3, 1-3 p.m. Snowshoe Shekinah trails by chalet with campfire ring. \$10/day use

Let Pastor Patty know if interested 306-260-6069,
oslermcpastor@sasktel.net

***Wednesday Wellness Zoom Check-Ins with Deacons' Care Groups. Julie's group: Weds. Dec. 23, 7:00 p.m., Wilf's group: Weds. Dec. 30, 7:00 p.m., Frieda's group: Mon. Dec. 28, 7:00 p.m. for Frieda's 75th birthday party.** Zoom links are the same so if you want to see other people you are missing, please join in.

And then, Save the Date: Deacons' Fab Feb 7 Faspa @ 5:00pm.

A frozen faspa could be delivered to your door and Zoom eating with other church folks. Don't need to have Zoom on computer; you can call in or just eat with rest of church in spirit. **To order your faspa: call/email/text Patty, oslermcpastor@sasktel.net, 306-260-6069.**

***Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic. **This is a NEW link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301> Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301

***2020 Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Lina Refugee Fund.** Through Advent and at Christmas Eve pre-recorded service, we will be receiving gifts for Lina Al-Nouris Refugee Fund in anticipation of their arrival in the new year. Please pray for Lina, Ayiat, Hajar, Hussein, Abdal, and Mohammed as they prepare for their new life in Saskatoon. Please also check out <http://www.oslermennonitechurch.org> for an updated list of household items also needed.

Contact Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576; sgrismer1@sasktel.net) if you can donate, pledge to provide, or have questions.