

**MCC Connects:** Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

**RJC TOURNAMENT OF MEMORIES - January 31-February 1**

- Basketball and Hockey! Register by January 27 by email ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)) or phone (306-221-2846). Basketball games will be played Friday evening and Saturday. Hockey teams spanning many years will play together on Saturday at the RJC arena. A nutritious lunch will be served in the dining hall for all participants and spectators.

**OMC CALENDAR**

Jan 6,13,20,27 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm  
Jan 8,15,22,29 Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm  
Jan 8 Community Connections meeting 4:30 pm  
Jan 13 Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm  
Worship committee meeting @ Kathryn's, 7:00 pm  
Jan 15 Executive mtg, 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm  
Jan 18 Serve at Friendship Inn  
Jan 26 MCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration service.  
Eileen Klaassen-Hamm preaching . OMC'ers MCC stories & Potluck

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp

Song Leader: Kevin Boldt

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Nursery: Adeline Cox

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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 5, 2020**

*Epiphany Sunday*

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Christ is come among us.

**All: Give glory.**

Leader: Christ has come down from heaven.

**All: Give glory.**

Leader: Christ is on earth.

**All: Give glory.**

Leader: Christ gives light to the world.

**All: Give glory.**

Leader: Christ is with us always.

**All: Give glory.**

Lighting of the Christ candle

Invocation: Christ, as a light, illumine and guide us. Christ, as a shield, overshadow and cover us. Christ be under us. Christ be over us. Christ be beside us, on left and on right. Christ be before us. Christ be behind us. Christ be within us. Christ be without us. Christ, as a light, illumine and guide us.

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #442 “Christ be with me”**

**Blue/HWB #212 “O come, all ye faithful”**

Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Wilf Buhler

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #216 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”**

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

**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!**

Epiphany Readings & MCC 100 sharing: John R, Sarah B, Patty F

**Sung Benediction: Purple SS #32 “Oh beautiful star” vs 1,2**

Spoken Benediction: May God bless you and keep you; may the light of Christ surround you; may the Holy Spirit send you out with joy.

**Sung Benediction: Verse 3 of “Oh beautiful star”**

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**To all our visitors: WELCOME.** We are delighted that you are worshiping 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](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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**TODAY:**

- **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:**

- **Mon, Jan 6: Kids Bible & Adult Convo, 7:00 pm**
- **Wed, Jan 8: Adult Bible Study, 1:00 pm**
- **Wed, Jan 8: Community Connections Committee meeting, 4:30 pm**

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**NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 12: Karl Martens preaching**

Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Kevin Boldt

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Sound: Steph S + Micah G

Children’s Time: Nora Pederberg

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Jan 19** Nora Pederberg preaching

**Jan 26** MCC 100th Anniversary Service and Potluck, at OMC. Eileen Klaassen-Hamm speaking. Please wear MCC Thrift Store clothes to church.

**Feb 2** Patty Friesen preaching

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**Patty’s Week:** Tues: sermon or curling; Wed: office, visits, CC mtg; Fri: office, visits.

**Nora’s Week:** Mon-Fri: In Gospel of Matthew course; Sat: work from home; Sun: Childrens Story & Youth movie day.

**Remember in Prayer:**

- Tony and Jacqueline's 40th anniversary,
- Zac preaching at Rosthern -all struggling with colds
- Bill Kruger in palliative care (no visitors please)
- teachers and students returning to school
- our new year of Sunday school, committee work and budget plans.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***A huge thank you** to all who came out to sing in our Advent Choir! I appreciated all your hard work and was moved by the music you made. -Michelle

\*Please return all choir music to Michelle as soon as possible. Thanks!

\***Love Meals** from leftover Christmas delights or making a double batch to deliver fresh or frozen to Rachel Buhler and Clint Neufeld in the next weeks, please call and deliver to Wilf and Ruth's house or to the deacons' freezer in Room 007 for deacon delivery. Contact deacons with questions.

### January Christianity and Culture Adult Sunday School class

Sun. Jan. 5 - Introduction to Restorative Justice: Dave Feick  
Sun. Jan. 12 - Biblical perspective on Restorative Justice : Dave F  
Sun. Jan. 19 - Restorative Justice and older adults - exploring ageism, elder abuse, etc. and what an RJ response might be: Dave Feick  
Sun. Jan. 26 - MCC 100th SS Forum with Eileen Klassen-Hamm  
Sun. Feb. 2 - Community relations: Patty F

### Wonderful Winter Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Bible Study in January with George Janzen and Patty Friesen in the Coffee Room

Wed, Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. Intro to Matthew - How Matthew is Different in Birth Narratives - Patty  
Wed, Jan. 15, 1:00 p.m. Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount - George Janzen  
Wed, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m. Parables in Matthew's Gospel - Patty  
Wed, Jan. 29, 1:00 p.m. The Death and Resurrection of Christ in Matthew - George Janzen

**RJC OPEN HOUSE & FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - Friday, January 17** - Enjoy a free dinner, interactive tour, and live entertainment by RJC students! Dinner & Tours @ 5:30 pm, Coffeehouse @ 7:00 pm. RSVP to Alex Tiessen at [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 2:1-5**

This is what Isaiah ben-Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:  
2 In the last days, the mountain of YHWH 's Temple will be established as the most important mountain and raised above all other hills— all nations will stream toward it. 3 Many people will come and say: “ Come, let us climb YHWH 's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths.” Instruction will be given from Zion and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem. 4 God will judge between the nations and render decisions for many countries. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war. 5 O house of Leah and Rachel and Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of YHWH !

### **John 1:1-18**

In the Beginning there was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. 2 The Word was present to God from the beginning. 3 Through the Word all things came into being, and apart from the Word nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light—  
5 a Light that shines in the darkness, a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

6 Then came one named John, sent as an envoy from God, 7 who came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through his testimony everyone might believe. 8 He himself wasn't the Light; he only came to testify about the Light—the 9 true Light that illumines all humankind. The Word was coming into the world— 10 was in the world - and though the world was made through the Word, the world didn't recognize it. 11 Though the Word came to its own realm, the Word's own people didn't accept it. 12 Yet any who did accept the Word, who believed in that Name, were empowered to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor urge of flesh nor human will— but born of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and stayed for a little while among us; we saw the Word's glory— the favor and position a parent gives an only child— filled with grace, filled with truth. 15 John testified by proclaiming, “ This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.’ ” 16 Of this One's fullness we've all had a share— gift on top of gift. 17 For while the Law was given through Moses, the Gift – and the Truth- came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; it is the Only Begotten, only at Abba side, who has revealed God to us.