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Shekinah Retreat Centre board and staff would like to thank Russ & Val Regier, Lynne Driedger-Enns, Deborah Rodger, Brenda Epp, Buncha Guys, Sonrisa and all who attended the fundraising concerts at Knox United Church and Shekinah. Shekinah received a total of \$10,207 in donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Choir Leader: Lynette Janzen
Accompanists: Lynette Janzen and Mark Bigland-Pritchard
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 19, 2010

ADVENT 4: Choir Christmas Performance

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! Show us your face!

P: Stir up your might, O God: shine forth!

Let your face shine, that we may be delivered.

L: Ask a sign of the Lord your God;

Let it be deep as the grave or high as the heavens.

P: The Lord gives us a sign. Look, the young woman bears a child, and calls him Emmanuel, God with us.

L: He is declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness.

P: He is our Lord, through whom we have received grace. He has sent us among all outsiders.

***Hymn: HWB#210
HWB#213**

**“Good Christian friends, rejoice”
“Let all together praise our God”**

Chiming and Silence

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Stephanie Siemens

PRAISING AND HEARING

Invocation and Prayer of the church

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-5

Choir: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Reader's Theatre: "In His Presence"

Theme Song: SS #49 "I will come to you in the silence"

New Testament Lessons: John 1:14; Colossians 3:1-4
Chiming and Silence

Hymn: HWB #211 "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

Choir: "When the Stars Fall"

Hymn: "See amid the winter snow" (Insert)

New Testament Lesson: from Luke 2

Choir: "Shepherd, leave your sheep"

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 2:1-3, 9-11

Offering
Offertory music: "Joy has dawned"
Offertory prayer

Hymn: "Joy has dawned" (Insert)
Choir: "Beside Thy cradle here I stand"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-8
Lesson from the Acts: Acts 17:24-28

RESPONDING

Chiming and silence

Choir: "All is well"

***Hymn: HWB#197 "Angels we have heard on high"
HWB#191 "O little town of Bethlehem"**

SENDING

*Benediction

***Please rise**

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages** begins at 11:15 a.m.
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00-7:30 pm – younger children
7:30-8:30 pm – older kids, youth and adults
- **Pizza lunch for Sunday School children** at noon today.
Practice for the Sunday School Christmas Eve program will immediately follow the lunch. Parents and any other family members are welcome to stay for lunch as well.

THIS WEEK

- **Dress Rehearsal** for Sunday School Christmas Eve program on Thursday, December 23, 6:30pm.
- **Christmas Eve Sunday School Program:** Friday, December 24, 7:00pm
- Church office will be closed Friday, December 24.
- There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Please submit all items **for the Christmas Eve bulletin and the Sunday, December 26th bulletin** by Tuesday, December 22.
- *Submissions for the **January newsletter** are due by **December 28**.
- *The **Sunday School Christmas Project** this year is an MCC-supported **Peace School for Children and Youth in Iraq**. Details about the Peace School are on the bulletin board. This month, offerings can be designated toward this project, and the offering from the Christmas Eve program will also go towards this project. Your gift helps build peace in Iraq.
- *Stephanie Siemens plans to go on the MC Canada learning tour to Burkina Faso, February 17-28, and the Mission and Service committee invites all those interested in helping to sponsor Stephanie to please make a donation designated to OMC, Burkina Faso trip.
- ***Committee reports** should be submitted to Shelley by January 10, 2011.
- *The new **winter book club will meet in January to pick meeting dates and book titles**. If you are interested in spending some cozy winter evenings with friends, reading and discussing good books, there is still time to sign-up on the church's bulletin board.
- ***Ladies Wednesday morning Bible Study** will not meet for the next two weeks, but will resume in January.
- *Please consider including the Prime Minister and your MP on your Christmas Card list. Our Peace in the Public Square committee suggests a simple encouraging message, such as, "**Please live for peace: good will to all**". Pre-printed cards with this message will be available for your use. The address is House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. No postage on the envelope is necessary. Writing to Government is free.

***Station 20 West** is one of our MC Sask church ministries. Offerings designated to support Station 20 West will be receipted.

***CMU PIT - Mar. 11 to 13, 2011** – PIT is back! CMU welcomes students to pray and praise together at PIT 2011's "Pieces of Peace" gathering. This year's event features speakers Adelia Neufeld Wiens, Dan Epp-Tiessen, and Jarem Sawatsky and drama from Ted Swartz (www.tedandcompany.com) Registration fees increase after Feb. 1. Visit pit.cmu.ca

RJC Coming Events

***RJC Alumni Tournament of Memories** - January 7 & 8, 2011 Basketball, hockey, crokinole and singing. Alumni and friends of RJC should register by December 30th by phone (306 242-1757) or email (deneldafast@hotmail.com). Reconnect with old classmates and friends, and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! See your Alumni Bulletin for more details or contact Denelda with questions.

RJC Open House, January 21, 5:30-10:00 pm. Come and find your place with us! Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of information about Rosthern Junior College. Bring your parents, bring your youth pastor, bring your whole youth group. Come for supper and stay for School and Dorm tours, Coffee House, Parent Meeting and Night Lunch. Please call 306 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca by January 17 to register.

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\$14,327.92	\$14,327.92	\$
\$10,425.88	\$12,579.70	\$
\$9,458.00	\$10,642.00	\$