

**MCC Connects.** Give Friendship. God calls us to welcome the newcomer and the stranger among us. MCC works with churches to re-settle refugee families who fled their homes because of war and violence. \$30 provides a sponsored refugee family with school supplies to clothes for children to start school.

**\*RJC Open House - January 22, 5:30-10:00 pm.** Come and see how sweet we are! 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 Dorm and School tours, Coffee House, Parent Meeting and Night Lunch. Please call 306 232-4222 or email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) by January 18 to register.

\*Experts speculate that the last few decades will be some of the poorest documented periods of history. The media on which records reside will not stand the test of time. The Mennonite Heritage Centre – a ministry of Mennonite Church Canada – is inviting you to support the Text to Terabyte project that will help preserve recent history for the long term. For a donation of \$30 you can choose one of Otto Klassen's Mennonite documentary DVDs (e.g. The Great Trek, Remembering Russia, etc.). These are unique Christmas gifts not available elsewhere. To donate or for more information visit: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1211](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1211).



## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
January 3, 2010

**Epiphany**

*Arise! Shine! Reveal the mystery!*

**Focus Statement:** We have hoped for and celebrated God bursting into our reality through God's incarnation in Jesus. Now the body of Christ, the church, is called to “break out” and live into its cosmic vocation. God works through the unexpected and is recognized by foreign magi. Once more the humble, local and particular reveals God's cosmic, epic, and universal activity.

Announcements  
Welcoming each other

Chiming to Worship and personal preparation  
Lighting of the God candle

**Call to Worship:** (Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2: 1-12)

L: The darkness has ended. The Lord is here. Arise, shine, your light has come!

**P: We have a story to tell the nations. Let us lift up our eyes and look around us; let us come, one and all, to worship our Lord.**

L: Almighty and eternal God, Lord Christ, we thank you for your birth, for showing us the way back to God.

**All: May all the world receive her glorious king with joy. Amen.**

Invocation

**\*Hymn: #42**

**“All people that on earth do dwell”**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

New Testament Lesson: John 1: 1-9

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**Candle Lighting:** John & Deanna Reddekopp

*(light all candles then turn to the congregation to proclaim)*

Beloved of God, Arise! Shine! Reveal the mystery! *(invite the congregation to rise)*

Ours is a holy vocation, a journey of cosmic proportions. The God who bursts in, now calls us to break out into the world.

We are the church, God's chosen agent through which the mystery of God is being revealed in humble ways, and on cosmic levels, to the world. Beloved, we can shine!

**Hymn: # 220**            **“Worship the Lord in the beauty”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Child Dedication Service for Nora Marie Bergen-Braun

Time with Children

Jake Buhler

**Hymn: # 218**            **“As with gladness men of old”**

Offering and Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: SS # 29**        **“Brightest and best”**

Sermon:

Gordon Allaby

**Litany of Response** (reprise from Advent 1 - Psalm 25 and 72)

L: Lord, on this celebration of Epiphany, we rejoice in your presence with us and long for your return. We pray with the Psalmist:

**P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**O my God, in you I trust.**

L: In the midst of uncertainty and fear, we pray:

**P: do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: We confess that we have tried many paths and that our wandering has made us weary. Sometimes the stars we follow are made by human hands. Forgive us.

**P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.**

**Like the magi, show us how to find the Savior.**

L: We come looking for your grace, not because we deserve it, but because of your merciful love for all people. We pray:

**P: May your kingdom come, O Lord!**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, righteousness. May the Lord defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

**P: May righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

L: Good and upright is the Lord; for He delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He redeems their life.

**All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

***Praise the Lord!***

**\*Hymn: SS # 30**        **“Arise, your light is come”**

\*Benediction

\*Please rise

**We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.**

To all our visitors: WELCOME. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the card that the ushers gave you, and place it in the offering bag. 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.

Worship Leader:        Adeline Cox

Song Leader:            Ben Buhler

Accompanist:          Diana Buhler

Scripture:                Chelsea Cox

Sound:                    Abe Braun

Ushers:                   Anna Peters and Sarah Hiebert

This Sunday nursery care: Tracy Baudais

Next Sunday nursery care: MaryAnn Braun

## TODAY

- Floor hockey at 7:00 pm for children, 7:30 pm for youth and adults. Children will not be allowed to play freely in the church after 7:30 pm without supervision.

## THIS WEEK

- Council Meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 pm.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- **Pizza lunch at 12:15 to kick off our Winter Study on “Prayer Journeys”. Study starts at 1:30 pm.**

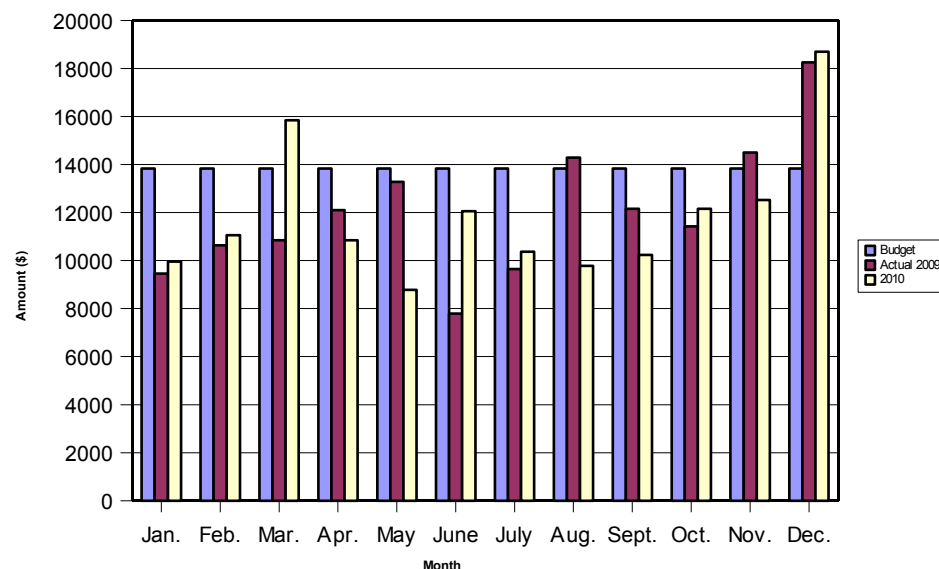
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Winter Study for all ages – January 10, 17, 24 at 1:30 pm.** Check your mailbox for more details.

**\*Annual Business meeting** on Saturday, January 30, 9:30 am.

\*If you want to follow up on the children's feature from last week, google “O Henry Gift of the Magi” and you will find this old favorite in its original form.

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Jeremiah 31:7 - 14** (NRSV) 7For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” 8See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” 11For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. 13Then shall the young women rejoice in the

dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

**John 1:1 - 9 (NRSV)** 1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.