

**\*MCC Connects – Give kits for Christmas** - a gift of joy with some assembly required. MCC urgently needs 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits to replenish its supply. Shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have drained MCC's warehouses. Please consider donating a kit this Christmas. See [mccsk.ca/materialresources](http://mccsk.ca/materialresources) or call MCCS at 306-665-2555.

**\*Committee chairpersons** are reminded that it is again time to prepare **yearend reports** and submit those reports to Diana Buhler.

**\*January 6 & 7, 2012: RJC Alumni Tournament of Memories** Basketball, hockey and singing. Alumni and friends of RJC should register by Dec. 23 by email: [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) or phone (306)242-1757. 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.

**\*Canadian Mennonite University** [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)  
**Mar. 9-11, 2012** – Canadian Mennonite University invites high school students to attend **PIT 2012**. CMU speakers include Irma Fast Dueck, assistance professor of practical theology, and lecturers Kenton Lobe and Justin Neufeld. Registration increases after January 31, 2012. Visit [www.cmu.ca/pit](http://www.cmu.ca/pit) for more details.

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Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Sound: Dave Klassen  
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 18, 2011

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love*

Prelude and Carol singing  
Welcome and Announcements

#### GATHERING

Chiming to worship – a moment of silence  
Introit: “Where is this stupendous stranger?”

#### **Call to Worship**

One: The Lord's loving kindness never ceases, for God's compassions never fail.

**All: God is love.**

One: God loves us and gave God's son to show us the way to salvation.

**All: We love God because God first loved us.**

One: The fourth candle of Advent is lit as a declaration that we are loved.

**All: Let us love one another.**

Lighting the candle of Love

Invocation: **John 3:16 –in unison:**

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”**

**\*Hymns: SS #15 V. 1-4 Advent theme song “Hope is a candle”  
HWB #190 “Twas in the moon of wintertime”**

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children’s Time Youth Puppet Ministry

**Hymn: HWB #208 “Love came down at Christmas”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

Choir *Celebrate the Coming*  
Romans 16:25-27

*Bright Morning Star*  
Luke 1:26-33

*Bell Carol of the King*  
Luke 1: 34-38

*What Child is This*  
I John 3:1 and Ephesians 1:3-7

*Born this Day*

Sermon “The Spark” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: HWB #167 “For God so loved us”**

Choral Benediction *Christmas Hymn*

\*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 11:15am.
- **No floor hockey tonight or next Sunday.** The next floor hockey evening will be January 1, 2012.
- **Sunday School rehearsal** for the Christmas Eve program: 11:15am. **A pizza lunch at noon will then be followed by another rehearsal till 2:00pm.**

**NEXT WEEK**

- **Saturday, December 24 10:00-11:30am Dress rehearsal** for Sunday School Christmas Eve Program
- **Saturday, December 24, 7:00pm Sunday School Christmas Eve Program**
- **Sunday, December 25, 10:00am Special Christmas Day Service (more details below).** No floor hockey.
- **Note: There will be no Sunday School on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Remember in Prayer**  
**Deanna Reddekopp, recovering from surgery.**  
**Connie Friesen, waiting for medical procedures.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **The Christmas Eve Children's pageant and Candlelight service** starts at 7:00 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>, including a drama: “Peace on Earth”. During the Christmas Eve service, the sanctuary will be the wreath, with the four Advent candles around the perimeter. The congregation will form the Christ candle with each person having a candle.

\***Christmas Day special service at 10:00am.** It will be an **Afghan Blanket and Hot Chocolate Christmas Day service of carol singing and stories.** Same time, different place: we'll worship in the gathering room, and the dress is "comfortable". You may find a worship committee member in PJ's. Cozy blankets are welcome, too. We'll have hot chocolate and snacks as we celebrate Christmas together.

**\*Sunday School Christmas Giving Project:** This year, cash and school kit donations will be collected for MCC's **Gift of Education**. A Giving Jar will be in the foyer during Advent for cash gifts for MCC to buy books, nutritional snacks and to sponsor students in Uganda, Honduras and more. There is also a basket to collect pencils, notebooks, pencil crayons, erasers and notebooks for MCC school kits. This is MCC's most requested item.

\*The Missions and Service Committee is once again assembling **Christmas food hampers for people in need. Please bring your donations for these hampers to the church.** Also, if you know someone in need of such assistance, please contact Anna Peters or any M&S committee member and let them know by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**\*A Discipleship Group will organize in January.** This Discipleship Group will meet when and as often as is best for the participants. The group will seek to enhance their understanding and ability to be faithful followers of Christ, and likewise, grow spiritually, too. The goal of the group is to be open and enabled to respond to new opportunities to serve, as God leads. Please contact Gordon if you would like to be a part of this group. Ideally, the group will be ten people or less.

**\*The Deacons' sponsored Winter Study** for 2012 will be a Bible Study on the book of Romans, based on the Believers Church Bible Commentary. The study will be in 3 sessions: January 8<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour, followed by a pizza lunch. Session two will continue after lunch. The third session will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

**\* Sunday, December 18, 2:30 pm** - RJC Concert Choir, Chorale and Women's Choir will present the RJC Christmas Concert Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and fellowship. Everyone welcome.