

**\*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.

**\*A Buncha Guys** Christmas Concerts with special guests – *The Friesen Family Band* on **Sat. Dec. 10 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church, Saskatoon and **Sat. Dec. 17 7:30 pm** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm Tickets are \$5.00 each (Children age 12 and under are free) Tickets are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, Shekinah Retreat Centre, Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.

**\*Winter walking in the church** – avoid the ice outside and walk in the church on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to noon. Come and bring a friend!

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Worship Leader: Lyle Stucky  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen  
Scripture reader: Lynn Loewen  
Sound: Dave Klassen  
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk  
This Sunday nursery care: Sarah Buhler  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 4, 2011

### *Second Sunday of Advent - Peace*

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: Hear a just cause, O Lord;

**All: Give heed to our cry.**

One: Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**All: We present our bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God.**

One: Transform us so we may overcome evil with good.

**All: We light the second candle of Advent as a sign that we will initiate peace.**

Lighting the candle of Peace

Invocation

**\*Hymns: SS #15 v. 1 Advent the me song “Hope is a candle”  
HWB #172 “O come, O come, Immanuel”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

#### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Youth Puppet Ministry

**Hymn: SJ #31**

**“He came down”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:8-14.

**Hymn: HWB #176**

**“Comfort, comfort, O my people”**

Sermon: “Language of Peace” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**Hymn: HWB #195**

**“It came upon a midnight clear”**

\*Benediction

**\*Please rise**

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**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.

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**TODAY**

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Choir practice** in the sanctuary at 11:15am
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children  
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

**NEXT WEEK**

- **Thursday, December 8, 7:30pm - Deacons meeting**
- **Saturday, Dec. 10, 7:30-10pm – Youth Christmas Party**
- **Sunday, Dec. 11 – Choir practice at 9:00am and 11:15am**
- **Sunday, Dec. 11 – If you would like to sing Christmas carols, come early as Advent carol singing will begin at 9:50 am.** Next Sunday’s advent theme will be **Peace**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

\*The next **Nursery supervision schedule will be prepared this week**. Please sign up on the bulletin board today if you want to add your name to help with this fun and important ministry.

\***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 sponsor students in Uganda, Honduras and more. Items for school kits are also requested and sent many places as there is a great need for these items.

\*The Missions and Service Committee is once again assembling **Christmas food hampers and donations will be accepted**. If you know someone in need of such assistance, please contact Anna Peters or any committee member and let them know by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

\***Saturday, December 10, 10:00am** Come to the Youth Farm Bible Camp for Fresh Hot Cinnamon Buns and reports about the ministry happening over the summer and fall. We will also be having a tour of the new Chapel Building! There will be an opportunity for donations.

\***Saturday, December 10, 4:00pm - Join with other Christians to celebrate the Nativity in an outdoor nativity pageant** as part of efforts to support the Good Food Junction Co-op grocery store at Station 20 West. **“Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”** will be held on Saturday December 10 in Civic Square (23<sup>rd</sup> Street by City Hall). Everyone is welcome to join in! Please see the bulletin board poster for details.

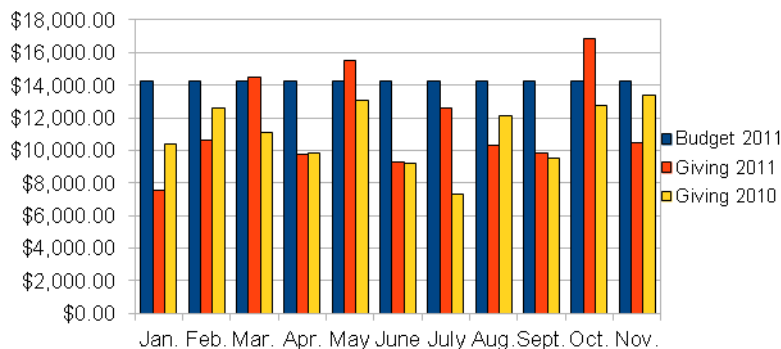
\***Sunday, December 11, 7:30 pm** - RJC Chorale and Women's Choir, with guest performer Tim Campbell (guitar) will perform in the beautiful and historic Knox United Church located at 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. Everyone welcome.

**\*Sunday, December 11th - RJC Alumni Christmas Business**

**Tour!** Come and enjoy an afternoon touring four local businesses in Saskatoon, hearing their stories, enjoying the festive atmosphere and shopping! Meet at Action Office Interiors at 3:00pm, followed by RSVP Event Design, Ten Thousand Villages and Willow Studio. The afternoon will end at Willow with a reception at approximately 6:00pm. The tour will be by donation collected at the reception. A percentage of proceeds from our purchases at TTV will be donated to RJC . . . so save your Christmas shopping for this afternoon! For further information call or email Denelda at 242-1757 or [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) OR Lydia at 477-1850 or [lydia.peter@sasktel.net](mailto:lydia.peter@sasktel.net).

**\* 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.

**\*General Fund giving** for the month of November was \$10,498.93 bringing our total for the year to \$127,276.49. This is 74.3% of our annual budget after 91.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry



**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Isaiah 40:1 - 11 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Luke 2:8 - 14 (KJV)** <sup>8</sup>And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among people.