

***MCC Connects** – Give peace for Christmas. Your gift of peace helps build understanding and enables people to become peacemakers where they live. \$100 supports creative, grassroots peacebuilding activities such as bike rides for peace in Kenya and Lebanon. See Christmas Giving at mccsk.ca or call MCCS at 306-665-2555.

*RJC Chorale, RJC Women's choir and Sonrisa will present a **Christmas Concert** in beautiful Knox United Church (838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon) on Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 pm. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

***RJC Christmas Concert** - Rosthern Junior College will present its annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 21 at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and fellowship and refreshments.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Margaret Dyck
This Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler
Next Sunday Nursery care: Leslie Allaby
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Susan Braun

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 9, 2012

Advent: *Out from the Shadows* **Advent Two**

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Chiming to worship and silent preparation

One: God has raised up a mighty saviour for us.

All: He is coming.

One: Dawn is breaking upon us, to give light to those who sit in the shadows.

All: Salvation is near.

One: The redeemer will guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: We light the second candle of Advent to end the darkness and to illuminate the way.

Lighting of Advent 2 Candle

Shelley Penner

Invocation

***Hymn: Blue/HWB # 212 "O come, all ye faithful"**
Blue/HWB #208 "Love came down at Christmas"

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Stephanie Siemens

Hymn: Blue/HWB #174 "Bless'd be the God of Israel"

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 68-79

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #176 "Comfort, comfort, O my people"

Sermon: "God is coming" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB#172 "O come, O come Immanuel"**

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 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.
- **Christmas Choir Practice** begins at 11:15am.
- **Floor Hockey – 7:00pm**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday December 11, 7:30pm:** Deacons meeting.

- **Saturday, December 15, 1:00-5:00pm:** Youth: will be baking cookies at the church.

Remember in Prayer

Elizabeth Dyck passed away November 29. Elizabeth is the sister to Dan (Theresa) Wiebe. Funeral service to be held on December 10 at the Pleasant Hill Mennonite Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is welcome to join in choir practices, starting at 11:15am today in the sanctuary. Come and sing Christmas music!

*The deacons would like to arrange for **two meals a week** for John and Rhonda Gascho and their son Jem. A sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board. Meals can be frozen and if you are able to help but unable to deliver a meal, arrangements can be made to get it to the Gaschos.

***For those who had a portrait taken** for the new church pictorial directory, but did not purchase the portrait package, your free 8x10 pictures are in. Please stop in the church office to pick up yours. Note: The new Pictorial directories will not arrive until 2013.

*The 10 weeks of Old Testament Bible classes at Osler Elementary School that OMC is responsible for, are now completed. Twenty five students in grade 6 were enrolled in the class taught by Jake Buhler.

*Again this year, the Mission and Service committee will be delivering **hampers** full of food and useful personal use items. The hope is to have enough donations to fill 9 hampers. M&S committee will be assembling the hampers at church on the morning of Saturday 22nd.

*Ever wonder what your national church does, and who does it? There's a new get-to-know you series of YouTube videos about MCC ministries you support. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1858

*This year the project chosen by the Education Committee for our annual **Christmas Giving Project** is MCC's "**Supporting People Caught in Crisis**" in Syria. A giving jar has been placed in the church foyer for the Advent season and you may place donations there or designate gifts made through the offering as for: "Christmas Giving Project: MCC Syria". See the bulletin board for more details.

***Worship + Imagination** (formerly Refreshing Winds) will take place **February 7 – 9 at CMU**. The cost is lowest when 4 or more from the same church register before December 17. Registration increases for all after Dec 17. Learn more about the resource persons, schedule and registration details by going to www.cmu.ca/wi. Register online today.

*Church pictorial directories are coming, however, it appears they will not arrive till the new year.

***RJC Alumni Tournament of Memories**: Jan. 4 & 5, 2013 - Basketball, hockey and singing. Alumni and friends of RJC should register by Dec. 21st by phoning 306-242-1757 or by 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 or RJC website for more details, or contact Denelda with questions.

*The **RJC Alumni Bulletin, November 2012 edition** is posted on the RJC website (www.rjc.sk.ca) for everyone to browse through direct link <http://rjc.sk.ca/images/stories/pdf/12.11bulletin.pdf>). If you are an RJC alumnus and have been receiving paper copies of the Alumni Bulletin (or have moved and are not receiving the Bulletin at all), please let us know if you would prefer to switch to an electronic copy/link. This would help us reduce our printing and postage costs substantially.

*Mennonite Church Canada prayer for 2nd Advent:

"Faithful Lord, we are grateful for your ways, rooted in steadfast love and faithfulness. Help us to wait patiently for you. Make us know your ways. Lead us in your truth. Help us to love like you do."

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Malachi 3:1-4

³See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to God's temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 1: 68-79

⁶⁸ 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favourably on the Lord's people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹The Lord has raised up a mighty Saviour for us in the house of God's servant David, ⁷⁰ as the Lord spoke through the mouth of God's holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus the Lord has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered God's holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that the Lord swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve the Lord without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before the Lord all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare God's ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to God's people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will

break upon us, ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.