

**\*MCC Connects** - Do you have a local business and a global perspective? MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program ([ivep.mcc.org](http://ivep.mcc.org)) is seeking work placements for international Christian young people for one year of service and learning in business administration, engineering, accounting, design, social services and more. Contact Myriam today to get involved! 306-665-2555 or [mullah@mccs.org](mailto:mullah@mccs.org)

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

\*Journey through time on the **CMU Study Tour: Ancient Stones, Living Stones: the Holy Land in Perspective**. Travel April 30 – May 21, 2012 with leader Gordon Matties, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies. Visit [www.cmu.ca/studytour](http://www.cmu.ca/studytour) for more details.

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Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler  
Song Leader: Art Zacharias  
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Scripture reader: Shelley Penner  
Sound: Chris Buhler  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan  
This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen  
Next Sunday nursery care: Shelley Penner

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
January 15, 2012

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Our Story Kathy and Dick Braun

### GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Call to Worship** (Responsively)

One: We gather to worship God, who knows us like a mother knows her child.

**All: We gather to worship God, who discerns our thoughts from far away and who is acquainted with all of our ways.**

One: We gather to worship our creator, who intricately wove us into existence out of love.

**All: We gather to worship our creator, the author of all of our days,  
Let us worship together.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: HWB #70 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"  
HWB # 68 "O come, loud anthems let us sing"**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time and Loose change collection Jake Buhler

**Hymn: HWB #616 "Children of the heavenly Father"**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Gospel lesson: John 1:43-51

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

**Hymn: HWB #46** "I sing the mighty power of God"

Sermon: "Divine Insight" Gordon Allaby

**Hymn: HWB #118** RESPONDING  
"Praise God from whom"

\*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 children** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Mennonite Trust Ltd. Will and Estate Planning Seminar in sanctuary**, beginning at 11:15am
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children  
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

#### NEXT WEEK

- **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:30pm Education Comm. meeting**
- **Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00pm Worship Committee meeting**
- **Friday, January 20, Youth meet at the church at 7:00pm to go to RJC for Friday Night Live!**
- **Next Sunday, Jan. 22: Anna Rehan's presentation at 11:15am, followed by POTLUCK and discussion time.**

#### Remember in Prayer

**Aron Friesen, experiencing health issues and awaiting a specialist appointment.**

**Connie Friesen, waiting for medical procedures.**

**All those recovering from surgery.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Sunday, January 15, 2012: Mennonite Trust Ltd.** is presenting a Will and Estate planning seminar at OMC during the Sunday School hour today. **To book an appointment with MTL to discuss drafting your will, please call the Saskatoon office at 933-2228.** One time saver provided by MTL is the Personal Affairs Record found on their website: [www.mennonitetrust.ca](http://www.mennonitetrust.ca)

**\*Our Winter Study is** on the book of Romans based on the Believer's Church Commentary. The study is in three sessions. Please read Romans Chapters 11-16 for the third session which will be on January 29, during the Sunday school time.

**\*Friday Night Live at RJC – Friday, January 20** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to an interactive evening of socializing and entertainment on **Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm**. Admission is free. We will meet at the church at 7:00 pm before heading up to Rosthern. RSVP to Leslie A. by tomorrow, January 16, if you plan to attend. **Drivers are needed to take the Youth to RJC, so if you can volunteer, please talk to Leslie as soon as possible.**

**\*Mentoring our youth:** a growing number of churches are adopting a mentoring system with their youth, and they are finding it to be very rewarding for all. On **Sunday, January 22, Anna Rehan** will present this concept to all adults during the Sunday School time, and then following our **POTLUCK** lunch, we'll have a discussion time with Anna and our youth leaders.

**\*Blanket Making begins on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and continues January 24, 30 and 31<sup>st</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.

**\*January 27-29, 2012 SMYO Senior Youth Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. The topic will be “Going all the Way: Love, Sex, Baptism”, with guest speaker, Irma Fast-Dueck. Registration deadline: January 20, 2012. For more information: Contact Anna Rehan 249-4844 or [anna@mcsask.ca](mailto:anna@mcsask.ca) Cost is \$90/weekend for Youth. Look for Registration forms and more information on the bulletin board.

**\*The next 3-week Sunday School rotation starting on January 29,** will be on the topic of Peace and Non-violence and The Golden Rule. To volunteer to lead the children’s lessons in art or drama or story, please speak to John Reddekopp.

**\*Our Annual General Meeting** will be Saturday, February 4, 9:30am to noon.

**\*OMC's book club** is reading "Secret Daughter". Copies of the book are available from Leslie. Anyone interested is welcome to join a meeting to discuss the book on February 6th at 7:00 pm.

**\*The Youth Farm Bible Camp** is having their annual **Vereniki and Sausage Supper** at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, February 7th. The supper will be from 5:00-7:00 with admission by donation.

**\*Service opportunities** are always changing with **MDS, Mennonite Disaster Service.** See the east bulletin board for more information on how you can get involved.

## TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Psalms 139:1 - 6 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**13 - 18 (NRSV)** <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.

**John 1:43 - 51 (NRSV)** <sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”