

***MCC Connects:** This Christmas give hope to the world by choosing gifts of love and compassion from MCC's Christmas Giving 2013. Gifts that will help one more child go to school, one more family have clean water or one more community find peace. Give at <donate.mcc.org/Christmas-giving> or call MCCS at 306.665.2555 or 1.888.622.6337.

*Please continue to **pray for the Philippine people** who experienced the powerful Super Typhoon Haiyan. Updates on MCC's response can be viewed on our website. To make a donation please call 306.665.2555, drop off your gift at 600 - 45th Street West, Saskatoon, SK or make an on-line donation at <http://mccsk.ca/>

***A Buncha Guys Christmas Concert** will be at Saskatoon Knox United Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 7:30pm. They will also present their Christmas concert at Shekinah Retreat Centre on Friday, Dec. 13th at 7:30pm. Tickets are only \$5 (& kids under 12 are free) and an offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre. Tickets are available from McNally Robinson, Russ Regier (249-3650) or any of the guys. (John and Rhonda Gascho's son Jem is one of the "Guys".)

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
This week's Nursery Care: Leslie Allaby
Next week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 24, 2013

Memorial Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Our Story

Mark Bigland-Pritchard

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 46)

The earth shakes, the mountains quake — tempting our hearts to fear.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.
Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to our communities and violence continues around the world—causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.
Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in the Philippines, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,

The Lord of hosts is with us: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will be still. Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will exalt the Lord of Hosts and worship our God.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB # 327 “Great is thy faithfulness”
Blue/HWB #165 “A mighty fortress is our God”**

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time

Jake Buhler

Children’s song: “Foolish man built his house upon the sand”

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Old Testament lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Gospel lesson: Luke 23:33-43

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #75 “Heilig, Heilig, Heilig”**

Sermon: Press 9 to hear these options again” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

We Remember

We remember Tena Kruger

Lighting candles as symbols of our remembrance:

All are welcome to light a candle.

***Hymn: Green/SJ #110 “Go, silent friend”**

*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 worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Choir Practice** in the sanctuary, begins at 11:15am
- **Potluck lunch** at noon, followed by discussion time
- **Floor hockey** tonight at 7:00pm.

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, November 28, 7:30pm – Missions and Service Committee meeting**
- **Friday, November 29, 7:00pm – Hanging of the Greens**
- **Saturday, November 30, noon – Ladies luncheon** at the Saskatoon Travelodge
- **Saturday, November 30, 7:30pm – Youth: Bake night** at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is encouraged to stay and participate in the noon **Potluck lunch today**, as well as the **congregational discussion** to follow, regarding Youth ministry.

*All who sing are welcome to **join the Christmas choir!** Rehearsals start **today** during the Sunday School hour. The choir will sing once during Advent, December 22nd during the worship service, and on Christmas Eve as part of the Sunday School program.

***Friday, Nov. 29, 7:00pm: “Hanging of the Greens”** This service in song, ceremony and fellowship, preparing our church and us for the Advent season. We will sing Christmas songs, ceremonially participate in the sanctuary décor, hang ornaments on the foyer Christmas tree and enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate afterwards. All ages will enjoy this festive service that launches Advent – please come.

***Newsletter submissions** should be in to the church office by Wednesday, November 27th.

***LADIES:** Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board for the annual **OMC Ladies Luncheon** next **Saturday, November 30th** at the Travelodge in Saskatoon. The cost is \$25/person, which covers the meal and gratuities and includes just a little extra, to help cover the cost for some for whom it is unaffordable. We want **all ladies** to attend – if you need financial help with the cost or need a ride, please speak to Adeline or Kathryn. All ladies are welcome: bring a friend!

***Youth:** Meet at the church at **7:30pm on Saturday** (Nov. 30) for Bake Night. Bring your favourite apron and get ready to get messy!

***Betty Dyck** has moved to Bethany Manor. Please note her new address and phone number: 313 - 110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon SK S7K 7H8 Phone: (306)384-3242

***Osler School's Division II choir** is proud to present a morning of praise and peace through Christmas songs and hymns and spread some Christmas cheer throughout our community of Osler. Please join us **at the Osler Mennonite Church on Friday, December 6th at 9:45am**. Everyone is welcome!

***RJC** is hosting a casual style Open House, Friday, Dec. 6th, 7-9 pm, with tours of the school & dorms, video presentations, refreshments, and a time to ask questions about the school's history, programs and unique opportunities. Please email admissions@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222 if you are interested in attending.



Please pray for and with the church: Prayer Requests for Sunday, Nov 24: * Pray for Karen Martens Zimmerly, Mennonite Church Canada Denominational Minister, and Terry Shue and Nancy Kauffmann of MC USA, as they revise and rewrite "A Mennonite Polity for Ministerial Leadership," an important resource for pastors and congregational leaders.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'