

***MCC Connects:** MCC Connects: 50 years of Faith in Action at MCCS. When is the last time you purchased a piece of clothing or furniture at an **MCC Thrift Shop**? Did you know that each purchase helps to fund the local and international work of development and peace building? If you are in the area, come celebrate with us at the Warman Thrift Shop (306.933.3293) on February 10 at 2pm and at Swift Current Gift and Thrift (306.773.9549) on February 13 at 2pm. For more information on MCC Thrift Shops go to mccsk.ca/thriftshops



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 26, 2014



This is Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday. Pray with Mennonite Church Canada and our church family around the world that we might exemplify unity in the body of Christ. With your support, Mennonite Church Canada is building relationships with other Mennonite churches around the world. Every gift you provide helps to build the church at home and around the world by creating vital connections of fellowship and ministry. Thank you.

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
This week's Nursery Care: Lucy Friesen
Next week's Nursery Care: Leslie Allaby
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Lloyd Sawatzky

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #18 SJ “Over my head”**
Blue/HWB # 598 “A wonderful Savior is Jesus”

LISTENING

Children's Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: Green/SJ #97 SJ “The Lord is my light”

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4
Gospel lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

Hymn: Blue/HWB #586 “Cast thy burden upon the Lord”

Sermon: “When is a light in the dark?” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: Blue/HWB #600 “O bless the Lord, my soul”

*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.
- **Noon – Potluck lunch.** Everyone welcome!
- **Bridal Shower** for Chelsea Cox, following potluck
- **Open gym** tonight at 7:00pm – Basketball or hockey

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Blanket making** at 9am and during the day
 - **Friday through Sunday – SMYO Senior Youth retreat** at Shekinah
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Remember in Prayer

Sarah Hiebert, after another round of treatments.

Please pray diligently for our Youth Ministry. Pray that we will see and grasp God’s leading and pray for all the Youth affected by this ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Friday, Feb. 7th, 7:30pm: Congregational discussion**

***Saturday, Feb 8th: Annual Business Meeting, 9:30 am to noon**

***Blanket Making for MCC** continues this week: on January 27, 28 and 29th. MCC sends blankets to hospitals, refugee camps, orphanages and locations experiencing disasters and conflict. We want to do our part by sewing blankets to assist people who live in difficult situations. Everyone is welcome to join us at the church at 9:00 am on the dates mentioned or whenever you are available.

*Please have all **newsletter submissions** in to the office by 9 am, Friday morning, January 31.

***SMYO Sr. High Retreat** is almost here! Jan. 31- Feb. 2 at Shekinah Retreat Center, with a theme like *Zombie Apocalypse: Questions about Life, Death, and Life after Death* and speakers like Garth and Claire Ewert Fisher, it is going to be a weekend to remember, and you still have a chance to register and get in on the photo contest fun. Full registration details and more information can be found at www.smyo.ca, or by calling Kirsten in the MC Sask office, 306-249-4844. **Senior Youth –Please speak to Leslie if you are interested in attending.**

***Friday, February 7 from 7 – 9 pm: RJC is TAKING OVER THE YOUTH GROUP!** Come for an evening of worship, group games/activities, devotional time and delicious refreshments and goodies from RJC’s kitchen. Don’t forget to bring your friends.

***Tuesday, Feb. 11 – “Do Art”** for Gr. 5-9 students.

***Two Sign up sheets** on the bulletin board let you know what weeks are available to: **1. Bring snacks** for Sunday School and Gathering Time, or **2. Take a turn making coffee and washing the cups** for the Gathering Place. Please consider taking a turn – you are invited to sign up. Signing up in pairs is more fun!

***Criminal Record Checks:** As part of our Safe Church Policy, all those who supervise the nursery, and work with youth and children in the church are asked to have a criminal record check done. Just take your identification to the Warman RCMP detachment and ask them to complete the check, and then bring the completed form to Gordon. There is no cost when such checks are done for volunteers.

*The **2014 church directory** will be compiled after the AGM. If you have any **address changes, or phone number and email changes**, please let the church office know.

*Starting January 27th, Mark and Jan Bigland-Pritchard present a **6 week Academy of Discipleship course** on Christian responses to the climate crisis. See the Course Programme on the bulletin board. To register, email janbp.ststepens@sasktel.net or phone: 306-374-4066.

*Saturday, **Feb. 8** at 10:00AM - The **Youth Farm Bible Camp** will be serving fresh Cinnamon Buns and Coffee at the camp, followed by a presentation from camp staff. Donations will be accepted.

*MCCS is partnering with Str8Up and other community groups in **10000 Healing Steps: Resilience and Community on Feb 5 & 6**. This 2-day conference in Saskatoon will focus on gang intervention and prevention, community support, and hopeful outcomes. See the bulletin board poster or www.str8-up.ca. Keynote speakers will be Justice Murray Sinclair, chair of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, Fr Greg Boyle, and Dr. Mark Totten and Father Andre Poilevre of STR8UP. For more information contact Heather Peters at 306.665.2555 or heatherpeters@mccs.org. Tickets: www.picatic.com

***Shekinah Retreat Centre “Winter Fun Day” Feb. 17, 10am-6pm:** Skating, broomball, curling, snow sculpting/painting, tubing, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, hiking, skiing. New this year: Meet and adventure with the “Shekinah Snow Dummy” and live entertainment in the timberlodge! Shekinah has hotdogs, dessert and hot chocolate. See the bulletin board poster to see what you can bring or check out www.shekniahretreatcentre.org or FB.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time the Lord will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.