

***MCC Connects:** 50 Years of Faith in Action. MCCS invites you to be a part of our Material Resources celebration, December 4, 7pm, Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Join us in celebrating servanthood and support for the Material Resources program through stories and reflections. Squares and coffee will be provided following a short program.



*Mennonite World Conference is coming to North America (July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) and MWC is encouraging congregations to learn about our Anabaptist global family. "What We Believe Together: Exploring the 'Shared Convictions' of Anabaptist-related Churches" by Alfred Neufeld is a good starting point and includes questions for discussion: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2455

***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** George and Tobia Veith, Mennonite Church Canada workers previously located in Macau, are now visiting congregations across Canada to share about their experience and ministry relationships. Pray for continued relationships and that all of their visits will spark vision and encouragement for ministry. They anticipate beginning a new assignment in China next year.

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
This week's Nursery care: Diana Buhler
Next week's Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 23, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 95 - Responsive)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For our God is a great God: in God's hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

People: **God made the sea and formed the dry land by hand.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship together!

People: **For we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB # 87 "Great is the Lord"**
Blue/HWB #68 "O come loud anthems"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Lacey Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #636 "For all the saints"

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer: Blue/HWB #750

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 95:1-7a and Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn: Blue/HWB #463 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Meditation: “Our Glorious Inheritance” Patty Friesen

Memorial Candles and Communion

RESPONDING

*Hymn: **Blue/HWB #497** “Come, ye disconsolate”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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.

The blank, coloured papers in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Noon: “Welcome” Potluck for Sergeii, Rita, Vanessa and Rosaliia**

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, Nov. 24, 7:30pm – Hanging of the Greens**
- **Saturday, Nov 29, 6:00pm – Church Christmas Banquet and Silent Auction**
- **Next Sunday, Nov. 30 is the first Sunday of Advent**
Sermon: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
- **Sunday, Nov. 30, 12:00-12:20 – Choir Practice**

Next Sunday: Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's time: Edna Zacharias

Sound: Chris Buhler

Remember in your Prayers

Thanksgivings:

- Restorative Justice Week and the work of Person to Person, Walking with our Sisters display at Waneskewin.

Intercessions:

- the grieving families of Dick Janzen, Isaac Banman and Rev. Janzen, all those struggling with health issues

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon at home, Wed: office, visits, Friday a.m.: MC Sask. Sat. p.m. Youth Banquet. Sun: NPMC. Please feel free to call Patty at home: (306) 955-2928

***It’s almost here! Our Church Christmas Banquet, next Saturday, November 29th, 6:00 pm.** You are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors, etc. If you haven’t already signed up to bring a food item, a signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Also please let us know who and how many people will be coming by signing up on the attendance sheet. Money raised at this event will help your Youth attend the World Conference in July 2015. If you have any questions please talk to Shelley Penner.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

*NO Application Fee if you **apply to CMU** for next fall before November 30! Don't delay – go to www.cmu.ca to check out exemplary academics in our Christian university. Degree programs and courses in arts, science, theology, business, and music!

CMU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry winter courses are now available for registration. The CMU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry invites students into a community of scholarship, committed to the life of the church, experienced in mission and service, and accomplished in research and publication. Details on our website, cmu.ca/gstm.

***An Urgent prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:**

Dear Partners in prayer:

Siaka Traoré, leader of the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso, invites prayer support for leadership and members of the small church plant in Sidi, a small farming community. Earlier this year, landowners demanded that each farmer provide an offering for the spirits believed to watch over the fields. As a matter of faith, Sidi church members refused to do so. Siaka reports that the village chief's son just issued an ultimatum: Christians must leave the village by January 31, 2015 and destroy the church building in which they gather so that the mayor's office can begin a new building project in its place. Death threats have been issued for those who refuse to comply. Siaka also says the land the church is located on was given to the Christians by the entire village. The building is less than one year old. A mediator who has a relationship with the chief's family has been called in to negotiate on behalf of the church. Please pray for the continuing faithfulness of the Sidi church and wise council from the mediator. Pray that God's presence, grace and love will be revealed to the chief's son and family, and that reason and peace will prevail.

Thank you for praying with us.

Shalom, Deborah Froese,

Mennonite Church Canada Director, News Services

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵ The sea is the Lord's, for the Lord made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love* towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God* put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***A *Buncha Guys* Christmas Concerts**

Sat. Dec. 6 - 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon

Sat. Dec. 13 - 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Doors open at 6:45 pm. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, **or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.**

***Monday, November 24, 7:30pm** – Come and join the fun – It's **Hanging of the Greens**, a time to decorate the church for Advent, including decorating including children's tree.

***Newsletter submissions** for December should be in to the church office by Friday, November 28th.

***Thank you** for all donations for the Saturday, **November 29th Silent Auction**: Your donated items are welcome! Homemade, purchased items, tickets, gift certificates, etc. are all appreciated. And of course, home baked items! ☺ The more variety the better! Please let Sandra, Diana and Adeline what you are donating and if at possible, we would like all items (except fresh baking) here by Fri, Nov. 28th.

***Christmas Choir Practice** starts next Sunday, November 30, 12:00-12:20 p.m. in the sanctuary and continues the next two Sundays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. The choir will be singing during the Sunday morning worship service on December 21st as well as Christmas Eve. The Fourth Advent service on December 21st will include Lessons and Carols, Christmas Choir and Joy Singers.

***Do you have a church key?** Church council needs to know how many keys to the church are out there for insurance purposes. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you have a key. Thanks.

All ladies** are invited to our **annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon**, here at OMC on **Saturday, December 6th** at 11:30am. The cost is \$15 per person for a lunch of sausage & veranekyi dinner, and includes a bit 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 Loretta, Kathryn or Adeline. ***Please sign up on the bulletin board or email the church office by next Sunday (Nov. 30). Come and bring a friend!

***Copies of today's sermon** to follow along are available on lobby podium.

***Osler School's Grade 4-6 choir** is proud to present a morning of praise and peace through Christmas songs and hymns. We are excited to spread some Christmas cheer throughout our community of Osler. Please join us at the **Osler Mennonite Church on Friday, December 5th at 9:45am**. Everyone is welcome!

***The Mennonite World Conference** is being held in Harrisburg, PA in July 2015. We, **Osler Mennonite Church** are sending several youth plus a sponsor or two. The cost is \$1000 per person, each youth is asked to contribute \$500 of their own money and so we would like to raise the remainder of that amount, as well as cover the whole cost of the sponsors(s) to go. We also need your prayers, this is a huge undertaking and a huge trip for our youth!

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp** is once again selling frozen food packages to raise money for our annual mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico in April. Each package is \$100 and includes 80 servings of food. Go to our website at www.yfbc.com/foodpackage for more information and to place your orders before December 14th. Food for your Family = A House for a Mexican Family. The Sale ends December 14th. See the bulletin board for more details.

***RJC Choir Concert** - December 14, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. RJC Chorale, Women's Choir and guest choir SONRISA will present a Christmas Concert in Knox United, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

***RJC Christmas Concert** - December 19, 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and fellowship. A time of refreshments will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome.

***Station Singers present “A Celebration of Carols from Around the World”** at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern on Monday, Dec 15th at 7:30. Tickets are available from singers or from the Station. Call 306-232-5332. Assigned seating - so get your tickets early.