

***MCC Connects:** *Uprooted: finding roots in new places.* *Uprooted* is a 3 week learning tour in May 2015 for young adults ages 18-25 looking for meaningful adventure. Travel as a team along the Northern & Southern borders of Mexico to learn about migration and peacebuilding. Sign up today! Find more details at mccsk.ca/uprooted or call Myriam Ullah at 306.665.2555

***Shekinah's Annual Winter Fun Day** is happening again on Family Day, February 16, 2015! Come out and share a day of skating, skiing, tubing and other kinds of family fun with us!

Sunday, February 22, 2:30 pm - Book Launch at Bethany Manor:** Three writers will launch newly published books: Bethany resident Bob Wahl has written about the oldest school district between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, namely **Saskatchewan School** established in 1887 east of Warman, where he was a student. Nettie Balzer of Osler will launch ***Raising Eight on Eighty which is the story of her parents who raised 8 children on 80 acres. Henry A. Friesen of Regina will launch ***Johann Friesen of Poland and His Descendants***. These 3 books will be available to purchase at this free event. Invite your friends and stay for Faspa. For more information, contact Jake Buhler of the Mennonite Historical Society at 244-1392.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
This week's Nursery care: Adeline Cox
Next Week's Nursery care: Sarah Guenther
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Harold Loewen

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 15, 2015

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 30).

Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

And rejoice for God hears our prayers!

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #16 "Praise with joy the world's Creator"**
Green/SJ #17 "Halle, halle, hallelujah!"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Hymn: Blue/HWB #376 "O God, thou faithful God"

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 1: 40-45 and 2 Kings 5:1-4, 9-10, 14

Hymn: Blue/HWB #606 “Oh, have you not heard”

Sermon: Jake Buhler

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill”**

*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.

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30pm – Ash Wednesday Service of healing and reconciliation**
- **Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:30pm – Missions & Service Committee meeting**
- **Friday, Feb 20, 7:30pm – Deacons GAMES Night for Adults and Youth**
- **Sat. Feb. 21, 8:30am – Men’s Breakfast**

- **Sat. Feb. 21, 11:00am – Volunteers for Friendship Inn leave OMC at 11am**

Next Sunday, February 22: First Sunday of Lent

Sermon: Patty Friesen – “Healing Friends”, Mark 2:1-12

Worship leader: Wilf Buhler

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's time: Lacey Braun

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Remember in Prayer

Joys - OMC AGM and those finishing terms and starting new terms, Ramon Hoffer home from hospital

Concerns – young Osler men arrested for store hold-up. Our condolences to the family of Tina Dyck on her death Wednesday, Feb. 11. Funeral was held here yesterday, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** : Tues.: sermon and prayer. Wed: office 8:30-12:30. Ash Wednesday: 7:30pm. Thursday - M & S meeting 7:30. Friday: office 8:30-12:30, Games night 7:30pm. Sat. a.m. Friendship Inn

***Thank you** to the new lunch committee for serving RJC last Sunday. Thanks to Lacey & the Youth for sharing their baking today. A new sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board – please sign up to take a turn bringing snacks for Sunday School children and making coffee for Gathering Time.

***Ash Wednesday Service, February 18, 7:30pm** – for anyone interested, but particularly those for those seeking healing and reconciliation with the church, particularly around Gordon's departure. We will bring our concerns and go through a service of scripture and prayers.

***Introduction to Restorative Justice *: Healing. Transformation. Community. Justice** - A 6-week course on Monday evenings from February 23 through March 30, at Resurrection Lutheran Church (310 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon). Dave Feick will be one of the presenters – See the bulletin board poster for more details.

*OMC will host **Watershed Advisory Committee Annual Meeting and Open House**, with timely presentations on February 25, 2015. See the Bulletin board poster for details. (Register if coming for morning meeting and lunch.) Free afternoon presentations.

***Save the Date: MCC Saskatchewan** has invited **Dr. Shomali, an Iranian Shi'a cleric** to come to our province from March 5-8, 2015. This is part of the Mennonite-Shi'a dialogues which have been ongoing for several years. Dr. Harry Huebner will accompany our visitor as he travels to Saskatchewan. **You are invited to save the date of Friday, March 6 in the afternoon for a lecture and conversation with our Iranian visitor.** There are a range of topics he would be willing to engage with – See the bulletin board & watch for more information.



***Featured prayer request from the wider church: Gordon Janzen, Mennonite Church Canada Director**, Asia Ministry, will travel through Thailand, Cambodia, China and South Korea from Feb 16 to March 7 to attend the celebration of a new church building in Krachie, Cambodia, and to participate in various training workshops for church leaders. Pray for travel mercies and blessed encounters.

***Mennonite World Conference's Assembly** will be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA and we need YOUR ideas! Do you know musicians who could serve on worship teams or perform in the Global Church Village? Share your ideas by emailing pennsylvania2015@mwc-cmm.org.

***Friday, Feb. 20, 6:30-7:30 pm** – Heart to Heart planning meeting. Any ladies interested in planning future get-togethers are welcome to come.

***Friday, Feb. 20, 7:30pm** – Deacons **Games Night** for the adults. Bring board games, crokinole and snacks to share. Beverages will be provided.

***Men's Breakfast** - next **Saturday, February 21**, 8:30 am at Osler Restaurant. Chapter 3 of Book study.

*Our next date to **volunteer at Friendship Inn** is **Saturday, February 21st** from 11:30-1:30. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in volunteering for this or any future dates. There is opportunity to select week-day, Saturday, or Sunday so that we know your availability as we contact volunteers for scheduling. We are collecting donations of white sugar for the 21st and will also collect fresh produce to bring along on that day. If you wish to donate cash towards a box of apples, please contact Julie.

***Monday, Feb. 23, 7:30pm – Ladies “Heart to Heart”**: Please join us for a devotional by Adeline; plus a **“Dessert and Recipe swap”**. Bring a dozen bite-sized portions of your favourite dessert, along with a copy of the recipe (of which we will make copies for everyone). All ladies welcome! Also mark March 16th on your calendars for our March meeting.

***Upcoming services in Lent:**

March 1: Jerry Buhler

March 8: Patty Friesen

March 15: Patrick Preheim

March 22: Kaytee Edwards and IVEPers

March 29: Palm Sunday and Anointing Service,

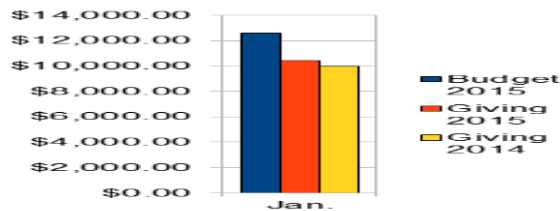
April 2: Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

April 3: Good Friday, 7:00 p.m

April 5 - Easter Sunday - brunch

***Healing Table:** Throughout Lent, beginning next Sun. Feb. 22, please bring symbols of struggle and healing to place anonymously on the front table.

***General fund receipts for the month of January** were \$10,400.70. This is 6.9% of our approved budget for the year after 8.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***Footprints for ADS:** The path from sin to the cross, or in our case, foyer to sanctuary, can only be made if many people and their footprints come together. To aid with a visual for the 2015 ADS, you are asked to trace your foot, sign it, cut it out and we will have it delivered to the MC Sask office for the Annual Delegate Sessions. All are invited to participate. Please see the table in the foyer for materials to share your footprints.

***Saturday, February 28 – Youth Movie night** at Ben & Diana Buhlers – Meet at the church at 7:00pm

***Osler Winter Carnival Food Booth:** Sat. Mar. 7 at Community Hall - please sign up to sell hot dogs and junk food for an hour at the Hall on Sat. Mar. 7, 10 am- 4 pm slots. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

*Registrations are now being accepted for the **MC Sask 2015 Annual Delegate Sessions** being held on March 13 & 14 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. You can pick up a registration form from the bulletin board, or go to www.mcsask.ca to register online or print off a copy (click on the registrations tab at the top of the page).

*The trustees request that people using the church please **turn out all the lights** before you leave the building. Thank you.

***Winter Walkers:** OMC gym will be open for walking Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Mark 1: 40-45 40 A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'⁴¹ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,⁴⁴ saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

2 Kings 5: 1-4, 9-10, 14 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.