

**\*MCC Connects:** The unusually high number of international emergencies this winter has put a strain on MCC's resources and ability to respond to disasters. **We are low on funds and out of relief kits, hygiene kits and blankets.** For more information contact Del Lennea at MCCS at 306.665.2555 or [dellennea@mccsk.ca](mailto:dellennea@mccsk.ca)

**\*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@mw-cmm.org](mailto:pennsylvania2015@mw-cmm.org).

**\*Today:2:30 pm – MHSS 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 Fasma. For more information, contact Jake Buhler of the Mennonite Historical Society at 244-1392.

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Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen  
This week's Nursery care: Sarah Guenther  
Next Week's Nursery care: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
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 22, 2015

### *Lent One*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

Call to Worship  
Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB # 65 “Praise, my soul, the king of Heaven!”**  
**Blue/HWB #345 “God sent his Son”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time Lacey Braun

**Hymn: Blue/HWB # 76 “Praise, I will praise you Lord”**

**Offering and Offertory Music**  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 2:1-12

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill” (chorus)**  
**Purple/SS # 44 “When Jesus the Healer”**

Sermon: “Healing Friends” Patty Friesen

## RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #553 “I am weak and I need thy strength”**

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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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.

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**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.

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### TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

### THIS WEEK

- **Monday, Feb. 23, 7:30pm – “Heart to Heart”**
  - **Wed, Feb 25, 7:00pm – Visioning meeting for church leadership**
  - **Sat. Feb. 28, 7:00pm - YOUTH Movie Night at Buhlers**
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### **Next Sunday, March 1: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sermon:** Patty Friesen – “Healing Touch” Mark 5: 21-43

**Worship leader:** Wilf Buhler

**Song leader:** Michelle McKinnell    **Pianist:** Naomi Schellenberg

**Children's time:** Kathy Braun    **Sound:** Stephanie Siemens

## **Remember in Prayer**

**Joys** - Last Saturday’s march in support of murdered and missing Aboriginal women

**Concerns** – All those struggling with health issues

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## **Announcements**

**\*Patty's Week:** Monday: Heart to Heart. Tuesday: chaplains group. Wednesday: office 8:30-12:30, Visioning meeting 7:00. Friday: office 8:30-12:30, pastors group. Saturday: Youth movie night. Please feel free to call Patty at home: (306) 955-2928

**\*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!

**\*Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7:00pm – Visioning** meeting for church council and visioning committee.

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

\*It’s time to put together the **2015 Phone directory for OMC**. If you are aware of any moves or other changes from last year’s directory, please provide new phone numbers, addresses and email address corrections to the office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Submissions for our March newsletter** are invited. Please have all announcements, or articles to share in to the church office by Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

\*Folks interested in **church membership/associate membership** please join the deacons for a time of faith sharing on **Sun. Mar. 1 at 11:00 a.m. pastor's office.**

**\*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.



**What's in store for the future of Mennonite congregations in uncertain times?** Mennonite Church Canada's Future Directions Task Force has released a paper on its findings to date. God, Mission, and People is available for download at [www.commonword.ca/go/88](http://www.commonword.ca/go/88). This document will be presented for discussion at all Area Church gatherings across Canada this spring.

**\*Featured prayer request from the wider church:**  
Pray for the emerging Mennonite churches in Cambodia as they celebrate the opening of a new church building in Krachie on February 22. Mennonite Church Canada supported the construction of the new building in partnership with the North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship and our resource worker for Vietnam/Cambodia ministry, Nhien Pham.

**\*Upcoming services in Lent:**

March 1: Patty Friesen  
March 8: Jerry Buhler & Potluck, with Discussion time to follow  
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 today, please bring symbols of struggle and healing to place anonymously on the front table. Our Lenten banners were made by Clint Neufeld.

**\*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. *Want to join the OMC Shiny Team? Talk to Steve Guenther.*

\*Delegates are needed for the **MC Sask 2015 Annual Delegate Sessions** being held on March 13 & 14 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. **Please speak to Christy** if you are interested in representing OMC as a delegate. (Registration forms on the bulletin board, or go to [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) to register online.) **A few copies of the Report Booklets are available in the office** and the reports are also available on line. There is also **ADS for Youth**, a two day overnight Urban Camping event at Mount Royal Mennonite. See the bulletin board for more information.

**\*Visioning Wrap-Up: Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 pm** at the church to receive the visioning report as a congregation. This will be a time of listening, and possibly asking questions of clarification.

**\*Sunday, March 8**, Jerry Buhler is willing to give a sermon fitting with the work we're doing that weekend. We would then move into a **potluck and then an afternoon of congregational discussion** led by Jerry that would give some direction to our next steps.

**\*Heart to Heart, Monday, March. 16, 7:00 p.m. Shower and Sharing with Kaytee Edwards** (marrying Chris Buhler on August 9th). All OMC women welcome and if you have married into the Osler community, please be prepared to share about that.

**\*John Bueckert's 100th Birthday Party Faspa** will be held Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m. OMC Fellowship Hall.

**\*For your interest: A copy of the McLeans' Canadian University Survey** is posted on the bulletin board – take a look at how CMU was rated by its students on how they feel about their profs and CMU.

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

\*MC Sask is looking for Youth to be part of their **VBS Troupe**. See the Troupe Member Application form on the bulletin board for more information, if this opportunity for summer 2015 is calling you.

**\*Prayer Request:** MCC is greatly saddened by the killings on Sunday of 21 Egyptian laborers, all Coptic Christians, in Libya. MCC works closely with the Coptic church in Egypt addressing poverty and oppression through disaster relief and community development projects. **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** joins with Christian partners and others in Egypt, and worldwide, to mourn the senseless killings of 21 Egyptian young men in Libya by the Islamic State group. **Pray with us:**

--For Egyptian Christians, especially Coptic Christians, as they lament the loss of sons, brothers, fathers and friends.

--For the Christian church in Egypt as it witnesses to the nation and the world of Jesus' love in times of great suffering.

--For those who carried out this terrible act, that they would be moved to repentance.

--For an end to terror and brutality.

--For unity among all Egyptians, with gratitude for how this tragedy has served to bond Christians and Muslims in grief, in striving to forgive and in the desire to build a stronger and more compassionate country together.

**\*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.**

**\*“Upside Down Inside Out”** a take home, family-at-home worship resource for Lent is now available in the foyer.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

### **Mark 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"?' <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'