

***MCC Connects:** Bread for Success Homework Help and Nutrition program is MCCS' newest community based education program. Volunteers interested in education and cooking are needed for the Tuesday and Thursday program, 4-6pm. Please contact **Community Engagement Coordinator Kaytee Edwards at 306-665-2555 ext. 237** or kayteeedwards@mccsk.ca for more information.



***What are your hopes for 2015?** Mennonite Church Canada Executive Director Willard Metzger shares his hopes for 2015 via his latest blog post at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2474.

***Mennonite World Conference** is coming to North America in 2015, and registration is open! At this reunion of Mennonites and Anabaptists from around the world, all ages are welcome. Join for a feast of fellowship, song, laughter and worship. Costs, lodging, schedule and other details are available at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Worship Leader: Tony Funk
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
This week's Nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Next Week's Nursery care: Jan Guenther
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Carl Martens, Tony Funk, Steve Rowan

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 11, 2015

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (in unison)

We have been made to be God's people,
To invite others to follow Christ,
To encourage one another to deeper commitment,
To proclaim forgiveness of sins,
To reconcile us to God through word and deed,
To bear witness to the power of love over hate,
To proclaim Jesus the Lord over all,
To meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,
To suffer joyfully for the cause of right,
To the ends of the earth,
To the end of the age,
To the praise of God's glory.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #227 "Two fishermen"**
Blue/HWB #407 "We are people of God's peace"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #384 "We give thee but thine own"

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 1:9-20

Hymn: Blue/HWB #401 “This little light of mine”

Meditation: “Jesus' Baptism, Our Calling” Patty Friesen

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Green/SJ #51** “As tranquil streams“

*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

- **Tuesday, Jan 13, 7:00pm – “Do Art”**
 - **Wednesday, Jan 14, 7:30pm – Winter study**
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Next Sunday: Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

Sermon: Claire Ewert-Fisher, MCC Ukraine

Worship leader: Dave Feick

Song leader: Kevin Boldt

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children's time: Adeline Cox

Sound: Chris Buhler

Remember in Prayer

Intercessions

The death of Tina Friesen and Louise Buhler's brother, Peter Wiebe.

Thanksgivings:

Abe Braun's recovery

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Kansas/Missouri

***Upcoming Sunday services:**

Next Sunday, Jan. 18 is a Loose Change Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 18 - Claire Ewert-Fischer, MCC Ukraine

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Saskatune Singers, congregational potluck at noon



* A huge bouquet and THANK YOU! to Bill, Doug, Wilf, Bruce, Jake, Cornie, Lyle, Carl, Steven and all those who helped with installing the new flooring in the east hallway, kitchen, buffet room and youth room. It looks wonderful and all your hard work is much appreciated! Note to congregation: It costs only \$50 to have a look at the new floor. If you have a complaint: the cost is \$100!

*It will soon be time to print a **new church directory for 2015**. Please submit any changes to addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to the church office.

*Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca **CMU Campus Visit Day | January 30, 2015 | 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM** Explore university education with a difference! Come learn about Outtattown and our undergraduate programs offered within a dynamic, faith-filled community. Explore Marpeck Commons—featuring our new Library and Learning Centre, CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, including Ten Thousand Villages—and enjoy conversation with faculty in folio café. Students and parents welcome! Sign up for a campus visit day now at cmu.ca/campusvisit.

***CMU's Leadership in Ministry Seminar | February 9 – 11, 2015** Intended for all involved in ministry, this year's theme is: "How can we sing the Lord's Song in a Foreign Land?" (Ps. 137:4). The keynote resource person is [Dr. Stuart Blythe](#), Rector at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Amsterdam, who has a strong interest in Anabaptism, is committed to church planting and the congregation as the centre of God's mission. For full program details and registration information, visit cmu.ca/ministryseminar.



John 14:27 (NRSV)

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

***"Do Art"** is happening again! Young people in Grades 5 to 9 are invited to come and join instructor Cheryl Haas on **Tuesday, January 13, 7:00pm** for the first chance this year to have fun creating art at OMC. **There is no cost and your friends are invited, too!** *One more adult is needed for help with supervision – to volunteer, please speak to Kevin or Shelley.* "Do Art" will happen again on Tuesday February 10th and also, Tuesday, March 10th.

***OMC Winter Wednesdays' Bible Study had a good start last week. Come join the discussion about "Good God, Good Sex"** led by Joe Heikman, Wildwood Mennonite Church again this week.

***Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. Session #2. "We are all Eunuchs"** - All of our expressions of sexuality, even within marriage, are imperfect and incomplete. What does it mean to pursue healthy sexuality in light of our broken humanity?

***Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. Session #3. "Sexual Tensions"** - Freedom vs. Boundaries. Individual Rights vs Community Values. Our sexual choices, for better or worse, have real-world outcomes. How do we stay faithful to God, each other, and ourselves, in light of the realities of our broken world?

*Along with the youth, we are planning a **group volunteer opportunity to serve lunch at the Friendship Inn next Sunday, January 18th.** A group of 12 is needed, including a few who can provide transportation. We will leave church at 10:55 on the 18th, arriving by 11:30 and helping to serve lunch and clean up prior to our 1:30 departure. If you would like to join us or are willing to drive, please contact Julie or Shelley. The whole congregation is invited to participate in prayer for the volunteers and for those we serve. Food donations for the Friendship Inn, especially fresh produce, peanut butter, canned beans, & oatmeal can be brought to church on the 18th.

*Thank you to all who have already participated in the **OMC Visioning process.** Interviews will be continuing soon. Please see George or Christy if you have questions about or your opportunity to participate.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 1:9-20

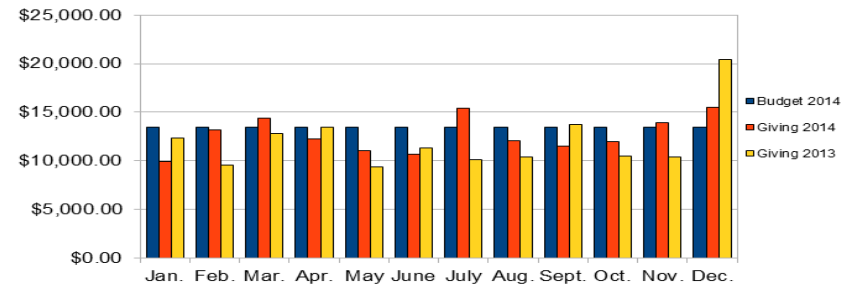
9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

***Blanket Making for MCC** at the church on January 19, 20, 26, 27. Please come and help us make blankets for people in the world who live in refugee camps, children in orphanages and people living in locations experiencing disasters. A warm blanket is something that can help people who live in difficult situations to hope for a brighter future.

***Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7th**, starting at 9:30am. *Note to committee chairs: All reports are due to be in to Diana by January 15th.* Mark your calendars and please plan to attend the AGM.

***Winter Walkers:** OMC gym will be open for walking Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. *Forever in Motion Senior Fitness Class* will meet Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00-10:45 a.m. starting Wednesday, January 21st. Walkers and all ages welcome to join us. Contact Patty with questions.

*General fund receipts for December were \$15,545.68 bringing our total for all of 2014 to \$151,965.51. This is 94.4% of our approved budget for the year. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***From Mennonite Church Canada:** We begin the New Year with **an urgent prayer request** for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. As they continue to struggle with the devastating impact of Typhoons Haiyan (Nov. 2013) and Hagupit (Dec. 2014), they are faced with the impact of another tropical storm that struck on Dec. 29, 2014. Typhoon Jangmi, locally known as Senjiang, has caused severe flooding, landslides and loss of life in some areas. Peacebuilders Community Inc. (PBCI), including Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja, are responding to the needs of several areas hit by floods. Through willing workers and local Peace and Reconciliation (PAR) Teams, they are offering relief while extending the gospel of Christ and building community. Please pray God's blessing upon the work of the Pantojas and PBCI as they model discipleship. Pray that God's grace will multiply and grow, even in the face of heartbreak and disaster. Pray also that adequate resources will be raised for this work. If you are able to help financially, donations for relief can be sent to Mennonite Church Canada at <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/Hagupit>