

**\*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)

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**\*Save the Dates: April 10 -12** – “The Church in China: Its...” George and Tobia Veith, Witness workers in China for 2 decades, will be at **Rosthern Mennonite Church** to share stories, pictures, and their personal experiences of God at work in this dynamic and changing country. For details, see <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/calendar/2015-04>.

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Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
Scripture reader: Chris Buhler  
This week's Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan  
Next Week's Nursery care: Diana Buhler  
Sound: Dick Braun  
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Karl Martens

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 29, 2015

### *Palm Sunday*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We come together to worship, and to prepare for the Holy Week.

**All: We will journey through praise, we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope in our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week and we will follow.

**All: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk,**

Leader: setting aside all power, glory and might, he comes, modeling humility and obedience for all of us

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! The Prince of Peace has come!**

Invocation

**Palm Processional: "Hosanna, loud hosanna" Blue/HWB #238**

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

**Hymn: Purple/SS #47 "Let the children come to me"**

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the Church

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 11:1-11, Mark 14:3-9

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #377** “Healer of our every ill” (chorus)  
**Purple/SS #72** “We are often tossed and driv'n”

Sermon: “Anointing for Healing” Patty Friesen

Anointing service

**Prayer: O God, we come to you at this moment because you love us. You know us more deeply than we know ourselves. You desire wholeness for each of your children, broken though we are in body, mind, and spirit. As we come before you, we pray for healing in each of our lives.**

**Hymns: Green/SJ #94** “Blest are they”  
**Green/SJ #91** “Like a mother who has borne us”

Prayer

**Hymn Blue/HWB #239** “Ride on, ride on in majesty”

**\*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

- **Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm: Potluck and Maundy Thursday service**
- **Friday, April 3, 7:00pm – Good Friday Service**
- **Next Sunday, April 5, 9:00am: Choir Practice**
- **Sunday, April 5, 10:00am – Easter Sunday Worship Service, followed by Potluck brunch and children’s Easter egg hunt.**

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**Next Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday** Mark 16:1-18

Sermon: Patty Friesen “**Healer of our every ill – Part 1**”

Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens

Song leader: Lynette Janzen

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children's time: Kathryn & Naomi

Sound: Doug McKinnell

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## Remember in Prayer

**Joys:** Ramon Hofer’s recovery from surgery

**Concerns:** Abe Braun, in hospital. The family requests no visitors, please, as he needs his rest, but prayers are welcome.

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## Announcements

**\*Patty's Holy Week:** Tuesday: sermon, chaplains meeting, Wednesday: office 8:30-12:30. Thursday: 7 pm, Potluck and Communion. Good Friday: 7 p.m. service. Feel free to call Patty at home: 306-955-2928.

**Note:** Church office will be closed Friday morning. Adeline will be working Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week. **Please have all bulletin announcements in to the office by 9am Thursday.**

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**\*Canadian Mennonite University [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)**

Want new tools for working with conflict? Consider participating in Training the Trainer: Working for Conflict Transformation with Karen Ridd at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 22-26, 2015. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).



**Featured prayer request from the wider church:**

\*Continue to pray for members of the Mennonite church in the village of Sidi in Burkina Faso, who refuse to contribute offerings to traditional spirits. As a result, they are threatened with expulsion from their homes and land. Pray that they will be blessed with grace and peace and that they can be a constructive witness in the midst of this tense situation. Mennonite Church Canada relates to the church in Burkina Faso through Norm and Lillian Nicolson and Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder.

**\*Mennonite World Conference** is coming to North America (21-26 July 2015, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA), and Mennonites of all ages are welcome! Children will meet in their own space to celebrate Assembly each day and share across languages and backgrounds. Youth will meet every morning in the Global Church Village and have special workshops, service opportunities, sports and tours each afternoon. More info at [mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).

**\*Holy Week Services:**

April 2: **Maundy Thursday: Family Friendly Potluck supper & service, 7:00 p.m.**

April 3: **Good Friday: Stations of the Cross Tenebrae Service of Darkness, 7:00 p.m**

April 5: **Easter Sunday Service: "Healer of our every ill". Easter Brunch and kids' Easter Egg Hunt will follow after worship.**

Please **bring bells** to the Easter service, and eggs, paska, fruit, cheese, etc. for Easter Brunch following worship.

**\*Sunday, April 5 – Easter choir practice at 9:00am.** Please bring instruments/guitars, if you play.

**\*Got a contribution for the April newsletter?** Please have in to the church office for Wednesday morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Correction to your new OMC Directory:** Terry Stefaniuk's phone number should be: 306-225-2522 (Not 2322)

**\*Wednesday, April 8, 7:30pm – A Ukrainian evening** with Lucy Enkova and Florence Driedger on their work in Zaparozhe, Ukraine. Everyone is invited.

**\*John Bueckert's 100th Birthday Party Fasma** will be held **Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** OMC Fellowship Hall. ***Please sign the large Birthday card for John on the Lent table in the foyer.*** We will honour all our seniors at this event. Any seniors needing a ride to the Fasma Party, please contact the church office in advance or speak to one of the deacons: Dave, Loretta, Louise, Cornie or Adeline. Everyone is invited to bring veggie or fruit plates to share.

**\*On Tuesday, April 28th the CMU Chamber Choir** will be singing at OMC. We will be hosting the choir which includes billeting 19 women, 2 staff and the bus driver. If you are willing to host, please contact Margaret Dyck at 239-2205. We will be serving the choir supper at 5:30pm, and anyone wishing to bring their own supper and join the choir is welcome to do so.

**\*April 8&9 – Youth: Honouring the Earth Event** – more details coming soon on this province wide event!

\*The Missions and Service Committee is offering to provide **rides** where needed for doctor's appointments, etc. **Please contact**  
**1. John Gascho.** If John is not available: **2.Sandra G. 3.Cornie G.**

**\*A Healing Resource:** Dr. Brene Brown on Ted Talks  
[http://www.ted.com/talks/brene\\_brown\\_listening\\_to\\_shame](http://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_listening_to_shame)

**\*The Mission and Service Committee** has extended OMC's commitment to **servicing Friendship Inn** clients for an additional six months. Please consider helping by:

- Serving lunch and providing friendship on any (or all!) of April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18 or August 15. Please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board for details
- Contributing stock items such as diapers (sizes 3/4/5), baby formula, peanut butter, jam, pancake mix. A collection box is in the foyer
- Making a donation. Items such as fresh fruit, vegetables or needed products will be purchased and delivered to the Inn on OMC volunteer days. Please clearly designate your gift for Friendship Inn use; tax receipts will be issued. Assigned funds can be placed with your offering, left in the Friendship Inn container in the foyer or dropped off at the church office.  
Questions? Contact Sandra 239-4999.

**\*Today: Spring Fling! A Warman Community Band Concert** featuring guest performer Kevin Junk and guest conductor Wayne J. Toews. 2:30pm @ The Church on Central, Warman SK (formerly Warman Gospel Church)

\*If you are in grades 8-11 and would like to know about RJC, you are invited to **SPEND-A-Day** at RJC on Friday, April 17& 18. Email [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca) or call the office at 306-232-4222. Please register by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, if you plan to attend. Registration forms are available at [www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca).

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

### **Mark 11:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### **Mark 14:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'