

***MCC Connects:** Claire Ewert Fisher has resigned as the Executive Director of MCC Saskatchewan effective December 31, 2015. The board and staff invite you to join us in celebrating Claire's leadership and dedication as Executive Director over the last seven years. Please drop by for a tea on December 3, 2015 at 3pm at the MCC Centre, 600 45th Street West, Saskatoon. As Executive Director, Claire made visiting churches one of her priorities. We want to give you an opportunity to say thank you and farewell.

***RJC Kielke & Sausage Supper Fundraiser, Tuesday, November 24 at Bethany Manor** (110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon). There will be two seatings for supper. The first seating will be at 4:30 pm for Bethany residents and family/guests. The second seating will be at 6:30 pm for everyone! Admission is by donation, and the RJC Chorale will be performing. **Everyone is welcome!** Please RSVP to val@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222

***A Buncha Guys Christmas Concerts** with special guests – the Friesen Family Band. Fri. Dec. 4 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon, Sat. Dec. 12 - 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 ea, available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Dick Braun
Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 22, 2015

Memorial Sunday

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #121 “Holy God, we praise thy name”**
Blue/HWB #22 “Lord, Jesus Christ, be present now”

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Music
Offertory prayer

Children’s Time Wilf Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #117 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Hymn: Green/SJ #110 “Go, silent friend”

Sermon: “Dying Well: The Last Act of Discipleship” Patty Friesen

Candle lighting

Hymn: Blue/HWB #615 “Shall we gather at the river”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 **at 9:15am.**
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Mon, November 23, 7:30pm: Heart to Heart**
 - **Wed, November 25, 7:00 pm: Hanging of the Greens**
 - **Thurs, Nov. 26, 7:30pm: Missions & Service Committee**
 - **Fri, Nov. 27: 6pm Youth depart for *Theatre of the Beat***
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***Next Sunday: November 29 - First Advent: Luke 1:5-24**

Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship leader: Jim Dyck

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Accompanist: Diana Buhler

Children’s Time: Lacey Braun

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery Supervision: Shelley Penner

Remember in Prayer

Joys - Ian's baptism, Dan Siebert (Keri's dad) as MCC New Board Chair, Claire Ewert-Fischer's years with MCC Sask and retired veterinarian Eugene Janzen's congratulations on OMC's Cow Sunday. RJC's Provincial Football championship, MHSS Stories for Peace

Concerns - Warman Mennonite's vote to stay in MC Sask

In Memoriam

We thankfully remember the following OMC members who passed away this year and the families of: Tina Dyck, Abe Braun, Bill Boldt and Dick Friesen.

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Monday: Heart 2 Heart. Tuesday: sermon, visits, Wednesday: office 8-12 MHSS p.m. Thursday: M&S p.m. Friday: office 8-12, Mega-Menno at Wildwood p.m.

***Tomorrow - Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, 7:30pm: Ladies “Heart to Heart”** continues with reflections on *Sacred Pauses*, a book by Amy Yamasaki. Read Chapters 13 to the end, if you have the book, but please come even if you haven’t read it. It’s a great time of learning, communion and fun and fellowship.

***Friday, November 27th – YOUTH: Please meet at the church at 6:00 pm** to attend a *Theatre of the Beat* production at Wildwood Mennonite Church. **TOTB presents: “This Will Lead to Dancing”** - A play for everyone about wholeness, belonging, and LGBTQ inclusion on November 27, 28, and 29. All shows begin at 7pm, doors open at 6:30. **Admission is by donation** (\$15/person suggested). For more information, visit: www.theatreofthebeat.ca.

***Community Aid** - We are continuing to **help Patricia** with living expenses while she waits on the immigration process. Available funds are getting low and we encourage anyone who can to make a designated donation to “Community Aid - Patricia” so we can provide further assistance. There are also further opportunities to practice English with her and provide transportation. Please contact any M&S Committee member if you are interested.

***Forever in Motion Walking** at OMC has begun – Every **Wednesday and Friday till December 18**, come and walk anytime between 9 am and Noon. Any questions? Please speak to Susan Braun or Patty Friesen.



***Willard Metzger's passion for climate justice** and his respected participation in Canadian ecumenical bodies has garnered him an invitation to attend the **United Nations Framework Climate Change Conference**, Nov. 30 – Dec. 11, 2015, Paris, France. Willard Metzger is Mennonite Church Canada Executive Director and a CCC vice-president. Several years ago, Willard Metzger shared his perspectives about climate justice and faith with a group of Senators and Members of Parliament in Ottawa – including Canada's new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, then a Liberal MP. Metzger discovered that it wasn't the first time Trudeau had made a connection between faith and climate change.

*Although the world is reeling from violence in a number of countries this past week, we can find hope in **a peace accord in Colombia**. Thank you for your prayers for the world. After decades of violence, Colombia is shaping a peace accord that is scheduled to take effect in the spring of 2016. The complex process involves reintegrating former combatants and meeting the needs of victims' families. Pray for the Colombian Mennonite Church in its continued peace witness and for the many communities affected.

***Christmas Choir practice** starts **Sunday, December 6 at 9:00am**. The choir will be singing during the December 20th worship service. If you love to sing songs of the season, please come out and join the choir!

***Council has formed a staffing committee** to work at developing a job description for an additional **part-time pastoral staff person** as agreed at our September congregational meeting. The committee consists of Patty Friesen, George Janzen, Matthew Braun, Naomi Schellenberg, Lyle Stucky and Christy Martens-Funk. One of them will be contacting you in the next couple weeks to get your input for their work. Please also feel free to talk with any of them.

***Saturday, December 5th, 11:30am** at OMC – our annual **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** will feature wonderful Indian food from the Osler Café, including rice, spring rolls, broccoli cauliflower carrot cooked vegetable, green salad, naan, chocolate and vanilla flapper pie and their special Butter chicken! **The cost per person is \$15 .00 and guests are welcome**. If the cost is prohibitive, please come anyway. *Please sign up on the bulletin board asap so we can confirm plates needed for the Café*. Come and enjoy the fellowship and celebration of the Advent season.

***Friendship Inn:** Thank you to those who donated food and those who served yesterday at the Inn. There's one more chance to serve this year – the sign up sheet for Dec. 12th has room for you!

***Stuart Murray and Membership Conversations:** Sunday, December 6th & 13th: 11:15 Sanctuary: We'll be discussing "*Belonging/Believing/Behaving in Church after Christendom*" - copies on lobby table.

*The latest issue of **Mennonite World Conference's COURIER** is now available online at: www.mwc-cmm.org/article/courier

OMC CALENDAR

Today Nov 22 Memorial Sunday

Mon Nov 23 7:30pm "Heart to Heart" Sacred Pauses Book study #3

Tues Nov 24 6:30pm RJC's Annual Kielke & Sausage Supper at Bethany: Bethany Seating @ 4:30pm, Everyone else: 6:30pm.

Wed Nov 25 7:00pm: Hanging of the Greens

Thur Nov 26 7:30pm: Missions & Service Committee Meeting

Fri Nov 27 7:00pm: MegaMenno: OMC YOUTH attending
Theatre of the Beat at Wildwood MC

Nov 27,28,29 7:00pm Theatre of the BEAT @Wildwood MC

Sun Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent

Sun Nov 29 9:15am Centering Prayer in Classroom 1

10:00am Worship Service

11:00am Beverages and snacks after worship service.

11:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am - Deacons Meeting

Sun Nov 29 7:00pm CarolFest at Warman Brian King Center

Fri Dec 4 7:30pm A Buncha Guys @ Knox United Church

Sat Dec 5 11:30am - Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Sun Dec 6 9:00am - Christmas choir practice

Sun Dec 6/13 11:15am - Membership Conversations: OMC Sanctuary

Sun Dec 6 7:30pm - RJC Choir Concert at Knox United Church

Thur Dec 10 9:30am - Osler School concert- singing at OMC

Sat Dec 12 5pm: Youth & Young families OMC Christmas Party

Sat Dec 12 7:30pm A Buncha Guys concert @ Shekinah

Sun Dec 13 9:00am - Christmas Choir practice

Mon Dec 14 7pm: Warman Community Band at Warman MC

Fri Dec 18 7pm: RJC Christmas Concert at RJC

***Sunday, November 29, 7:00pm – A Community Carol Fest** will be held at the Brian King Center in Warman. Everyone is welcome.

***RJC Christmas Concert - December 18, 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving God, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp** is once again preparing for their annual trip to Mexico to build a home for a deserving family. As part of this preparation, they are fund raising to help cover the cost of travel, accommodations, and supplies for the house and their stay. Each participant needs to raise just over \$1000. They will once again be selling Frozen Food Packages this December. **DETAILS:** *The Youth Farm Bible Camp is fundraising for their annual trip to Mexico in March. Once again **Frozen Food Packages** are available for purchase before December 9th. The cost is \$100. Details and online ordering can be found at www.yfbc.com/foodpackfundraiser.*

***RJC Choir Concert at Knox - December 6, 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. RJC Chorale and Women's Choir 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.