

**\*MCC Connects:** This Christmas, join in the joy of giving. As you celebrate God's gift to us, honour family or friends with a gift that changes lives. Donate to MCC's Christmas Giving Projects at the MCCS office, Ten Thousand Villages stores, at an MCC Thrift Shop near you or online at: [donate.mcccanada.ca](http://donate.mcccanada.ca).

**\*Christmas with A Buncha Guys.** Special guest Aaron Bueckert – trumpet. **Sun. Dec. 11** 7:30 pm at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. **Sat. Dec. 17** 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open 6:45 pm. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, from Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, **or at the door. Offering for Shekinah Retreat Centre.**

### OMC CALENDAR

Dec 18 10:00 a.m. Christmas Program with Children's Pageant and Adult Choir. Christmas Coffee to follow.  
 Dec 23 Youth Christmas party @ Terri Lynn's  
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7:00 pm  
 Dec 25 No service here.  
 Jan 1, 2017 Communion service 10:00 am. No Sunday School.  
 Jan 4 Wednesday Bible Study starts at 10:30 am  
 Jan 5 Council meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Jan 9 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Jan 15 Deacons meeting, noon  
 Jan 22 Winter study potluck

Worship leader: Adeline Cox                      Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
 Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg                      Sound: Chris Buhler  
 Nursery: Lucy Friesen                              Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters



## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 December 11, 2016  
 Third Advent

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements

Special music: Steve & Sandra Horst

Call to Worship &  
 Lighting of the Advent Candle: Christy Martens-Funk & Liam Boldt

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #189 "To us a child of hope is born"**  
**Blue/HWB #206 "Infant holy, infant lowly"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering - Choir: "Run to the manger bed"  
 Offertory prayer

Children's Time    Terri Lynn Friesen

Special music: Steve & Sandra Horst

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #211 "Lo, how a Rose e're blooming"**

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Sermon: "Joseph dreams"

Patty Friesen

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #193 "Silent night, holy night"**

\*Benediction

\*(Please rise)

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**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.

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#### TODAY

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at **9:00 am.**
- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
- **S.S. Christmas pageant. Christmas coffee to follow. There will be no Sunday School.**

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**Next Sunday, Dec. 18: Fourth Advent.**

**Sunday School Christmas Pageant**

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Sound: Chris Buhler

Nursery: Jan Guenther

Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

#### **Remember in Prayer**

-Terri Lynn, as she celebrates her birthday today!

-Heidi Sawatzky, born to Joel and Chalan Sawatzky.

-Faith and Life Men's Choir in Ukraine.

-Jake & Louise leading worship at Bethany Manor last Sunday.

-Thanksgiving for all of the extra songs of peace and praise this season, especially for the Osler School Choir concert on Thursday.

-For our students writing exams.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Patty's Week:** Tues: worship; Wed: office, visits; Fri: office.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Mon: office; Tues: sermon prep; Thurs: Christmas service prep; Fri: office; Sat: S.S. program practice.

**\*Congratulations to Joel and Chalan Sawatzky** on the birth of a daughter, **Heidi Lucia**, on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 6 oz. A sister for Lydia. The delighted grandparents are Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky.

**\*Congratulations to Zachary Stefaniuk** for his term paper on church conflict. Copies are available on the back podium. Please consider giving to the Student Aid Fund for our students attending Mennonite schools.

**\*Christmas Hampers** will be packed on December 21st. Please consider donating - non-perishable items can be placed in the **labelled box in the Church foyer**; perishable items and baking should be delivered to the Church the morning of December 21st. Osler School, Warman Rodeo, Kairos Lutheran Community Church and Osler Mennonite Church will be supporting 9 families this Christmas. Thank you!

**\*Last Adult choir practice on Sunday Dec 18, at 9:00 am.** The choir will be singing during the December 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> services.

**\*Youth Christmas Party - December 23rd at Terri Lynn's house** - details to come.

\*We will have **Communion** during worship on New Year's Day. There will be no Sunday School on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

\***Old Testament Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 4 - April 4 with Patty. We will be discussing the thrilling Old Testament stories highlighted in worship the following Sunday.

\*The church office will be closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28th and 30th but will be open the morning of December 31st.

\***RJC Choir Christmas Concerts - Concert #1: Friday, Dec 16,** 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. **Concert #2: Sunday, Dec 18,** 2:30 pm at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone welcome.

\***RJC TOURNAMENT OF MEMORIES - January 13th & 14th, 2017** - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 6th by email ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)) for basketball and hockey. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! Hockey will consist of current students, young alumni and not so young alumni (figure out where you fit!) Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni bulletin "RJC CONNECT" will be in the mail soon (and is already on the RJC website) with more details. If you have questions contact Denelda at [306-221-2846](tel:306-221-2846).

\*Check out RJC's Annual report on the bulletin board.

\***Future Directions: Covenant New.** The next phase in the Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions process has begun, with a new website containing updates regarding timeline, personnel, and more. The most recent article focuses on diversity in leadership. Visit [www.futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca) for regular updates, or join the discussion group on Facebook.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Matthew 1:18-25**

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.'<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## **Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'<sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.'<sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'