

***MCC Connects:** MCCS is currently accepting applications for a full time Financial Controller. To view the full job description and apply for this position visit: mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/financial-controller or call Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator at the MCCS office (306) 665-2555.

***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 8 Osler School Choir program, 9:45 am.
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.

Worship leader: Adeline Cox Song leader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Sound: Dick Braun
Nursery: Sarah Guenther Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 4, 2016
Second Advent

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Choir: “O Come all ye faithful”

Call to Worship &
Lighting of the Advent Candle: Matthew & Vanessa Stefaniuk

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #172 “O come, O come, Immanuel”**
Blue/HWB #176 “Comfort, comfort, O my people”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering – “Ave Maria” – Michelle McKinnell
Offertory prayer

Children's Time Kathy Braun

Hymn: Purple/SS #26 “Helpless and hungry”

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13

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

Sermon: “A New Tribe” Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Purple/SS #49** **“I will come to you in the silence”**

*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 9:00 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.**
- Jake Buhler is serving at Bethany Manor this Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK

- Osler School Choir program, Thursday, Dec. 8, 9:45 am.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
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Next Sunday, Dec. 11: Third Advent: “Joseph Dreams” by Patty Friesen

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Worship leader: Adeline Cox

Sound: Chris Buhler

Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children’s time: Terri Lynn Friesen

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters

Remember in Prayer

- Tina Friesen's second surgery
- The family of Henry Friesen
- Thanks to the youth for their babysitting efforts.
- Thanksgiving for a Saturday full of intergenerational activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: office; Tues: sermon; Thurs: sermon; Friday: office; Sat: visits.

***Christmas Hampers:** Mission & Service Committee is planning to distribute Christmas hampers in December. If you are aware of families or individuals that would benefit from a hamper please contact a member of the M & S Committee: Wilf, Sandra G., Jean, Russ or Margaret D.

*Osler school choir will be presenting Christmas songs and hymns here on Thursday, December 8, at 9:45 am. Everyone welcome!

***Adult choir practice on Sundays Dec 11, 18, at 9:00 am.** We want to prepare special music for Advent Sundays and also to sing during our S.S. Christmas pageant on December 18.

***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 1st.

***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.

Advent Peace Prayer

Emmanuel,
Humanity waits in darkness longing for your light.
In the centre of darkness, rekindle our hope.

As we wait for peace in the midst of war,
be with us.

As we pray for families to be reunited,
be with us.

As we pray for enemies to be reconciled,
be with us.

As we pray for lands to be restored,
be with us.

As we pray for security for all people,
be with us.

As we pray for kindness and community,
be with us.

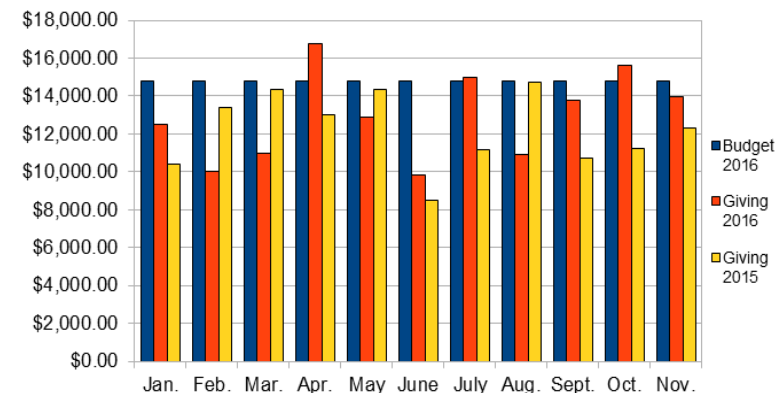
Restore and set right our relationships.
Replace the darkness in our hearts with your light and joy.
Let your word set alight the hope the world needs
to bring to life your love and justice. **Amen.**

— in *Prayers for Christmas*, posted on the Christian Aid website.

***The M&S Committee thanks Diana Buhler** for accepting responsibility, starting January 2017, as our Friendship Inn volunteer coordinator. OMC's ongoing support is very much appreciated by Friendship Inn staff and clients, and is very rewarding for OMC volunteers. Volunteer sign-up sheets will continue to be posted on the Church bulletin board. Thank you Diana and thank you OMC volunteers!

*The church office will be closed on December 28th and 30th but will be open the morning of December 31st.

*General fund receipts for the month of November were \$13,984.75 bringing our total for 2016 to \$142,252.39. This is 80.3% of our approved budget for the year after 91.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name';

¹⁰ and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

¹¹ and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

¹² and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.