

**\*MCC Connects:** Appleby Kids Club works with children between the ages of 3 and 10 every Wednesday from 6 – 8pm to play games, read Bible stories, do crafts and eat together. A volunteer Kid’s Club Activities Coordinator is needed to provide leadership for programming. Please contact MCCS Community Engagement Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at [KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca) or 306-665-2555 ext. 237 for more information.

**\*The MCSask Ad Hoc Committee on Same-Sex Marriage** exists in order to guide, design, and facilitate congregation-to-congregation listening as well as a discerning process for MCSask regarding same-sex marriage. This committee will listen to all voices within MCSask. Though the committee is not a decision-making group, the committee invites any and all members of MCSask to share with them via email, letter, or in conversation thoughts about same-sex marriage as well as about the shaping of a discernment process. Josh Wallace (Committee facilitator), [pastorjoshwallace@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoshwallace@gmail.com) Gary Peters (Pastoral Leadership chairperson) [gmpeters@sasktel.net](mailto:gmpeters@sasktel.net)

**\*Monday, February 15 - Winter Fun Day** is happening again this year at **Shekinah Retreat Centre!** Come join us for tubing, skiing, skating, giant crokinole, a hot dog roast and a lot more! It’s fun for the whole family from 10am to 4pm. No charge for admission but donations are welcome.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
Nursery Supervision: Lucy Friesen  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
February 14, 2016

### *First Sunday of Lent: Living Ink: Letting Go of the Pen*

Focus Statement: When we acknowledge God as the author of life, “letting go of the pen” becomes possible. There are necessary moments in our stories when we come to the end of ourselves and realize the need to give up our pen. This is when we have opportunities to recognize the Word planted in us and to rely on the Author to be our provider/daily bread, by allowing God’s hand to write our lives.

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### **Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91: 1-2)**

Leader: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God. With the psalmist, we proclaim:

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*All: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”*

**Invocation: Blue/HWB #751**

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #165 “A mighty fortress is our God”  
Blue/HWB #366 “God of grace and God of glory”**

### **Prayer of Confessing and Reconciling:**

**Provider God, we confess that we often forget that all we are and all we have comes from you. We forget that we can trust in you and reply on you in times of trial and temptation. Forgive our**

**weakness and forgetfulness. Help us to lean on your life-giving Word and to believe in your promise of reconciliation and eternal love. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.**

Assurance (excerpted from Psalm 91: 14-16)

God says, "Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll show you my salvation."

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #596 "And I will raise you up"**

Scripture Lessons: Luke 4: 1-13, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

**Hymn: Green/SJ #14 "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"**

Sermon: "State of the Union" George Janzen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #639 "Great God, we sing"**

\*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 **9:15am.**
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

## THIS WEEK

- **Wed, Feb 17: 6pm – Soup/Bread supper & Presentations**
  - **Wed, Feb 17: 7:30 – 9:00pm - Youth Discussion Nite**
  - **Thurs, Feb 18: 7:00pm – Education Comm. Meeting**
  - **Friday, Feb 19: 5:45pm - Youth depart from OMC** for Muslim prayer service in Saskatoon.
  - **Sat, Feb 20, 11:30am – Friendship Inn volunteering**
  - **Sat, Feb 20, 8:30am – Men's breakfast at Osler Cafe**
  - **Next Sunday, Feb 21 – 5-7pm: Family Fasca & Games**
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**Next Sunday, LENT TWO: February 21: Luke 15: 11-19**

**"Lost Son #1" by Patty Friesen**

Next Sunday, February 21: Worship leader: Jake Buhler

Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children's Time: Jake Buhler Sound: Chris Buhler

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## Remember in Prayer

**Concerns** – Shekinah's Board and financial decisions. Remember Lyle and Linda Stucky and family, on the passing of Lyle's mom, **Evelyn Stucky Miller.** The funeral was held in Mountain Ridge, Kansas on Friday, Feb. 12th. Also, condolences to Linda D. and Adeline on the death of their stepsister, **Elsie (Olfert) Friesen** on Tuesday this past week.

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## Announcements

**\*Patty's Week:** Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: office, M&S Soup supper. Thurs: Education Comm. Meeting. Friday: office. Saturday: Friendship Inn.

**\*Wednesday, Feb 17, 6:00pm** - Please come to **an evening of soup and bread,** as we listen to **presentations** by two aboriginal women, Winona Wheeler and Glenda Abbott. They will share about the history of "the Indigenous Woman" before, during and after colonialization. See the bulletin board for more information.

**\*This is a message from Shekinah Retreat Centre.**

While 2015 proved to be an exciting year with a number of developments 2016 has started with a major challenge. The economic downturn that the province is experiencing is also affecting Shekinah. We have lost some of our larger bookings and are anticipating some significant revenue losses over the next few months. We have also been behind in our fundraising dollars over the last few years and that is only compounding the situation. We had some exceptional support from our faithful supporters in 2015 with our donations exceeding what we have received in recent times. Unfortunately however, we still find ourselves in a time of crisis. We are facing a potential shortfall that could possibly lead to some very difficult decisions that may need to be made. We are appealing to you, the congregations, the churches and the people that have put so much love and effort into this place, for help. This is not a situation that affects only a few people, but it affects all who belong to the body of Christ that is represented by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan and all who love Shekinah. We are all owners of Shekinah and we all have a vested interest in the future of this beautiful place.

There is a vision at Shekinah that has been inspired by God and that the staff and the board is excited about, we just need your support, we need your help through this challenging time. We are asking for financial assistance and we are asking for the opportunity to discuss with you other ways in which you may help. If you would like to help, please speak to one of the board members or contact Nick Parkes, the Executive Director at Shekinah, we would be happy to fill you in with more details and answer any questions that you may have.

*“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12”*

Thank you and please pray for us.

Shekinah

**\*Youth Discussion Nites @ the church: 7:30-9pm: Wednesday, Feb 17.** (Also: March 2, March 16, April 13 & April 27)

**\*Youth: Friday, February 19: Youth will meet at OMC to depart at 5:45 pm** on Friday. There will be transportation to attend a 6:33 pm Muslim Maghreb prayer service at a mosque located at 222 Copland Crescent in Saskatoon. ***All youth, male and female, are asked to wear long pants and long sleeved shirts or blouses.*** A tour will be given as well with explanations. Refreshments after the prayer service at a nearby fast food place. One drink free.

**\*Men’s breakfast** at Osler Café will be **Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:30am.** Suggested reading in preparation: Chapters 8, 9 of “Under Construction” and/or Genesis 39 and 40.

**\*Next Sunday, February 21, 5 – 7pm:** Come join in the Deacons **“Fantastic February Family Faspa and Games.** Bring faspa finger foods to share and your favorite board games and come to play! Coffee will be provided.

**\*Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions**

Osler Mennonite Church will be hosting the Mennonite Church Sask ADS on March 11 and 12. We are looking forward to this as another uplifting experience for our church. In order for this to happen **we need a large number of volunteers:**

1. Are you able to provide billeting for one or more delegates? If so, please let Margaret Dyck know.
2. Are you able to help out in areas such as food services, registration, setup, and cleanup? See the list on the bulletin board and sign up or speak with John Reddekopp.

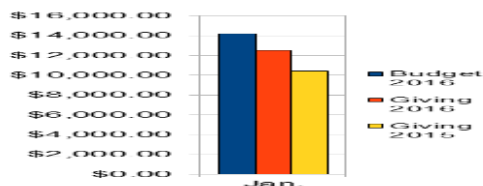
**\*Bound Together, Freed to Serve** is the theme for the 2016 **MC Sask Annual Delegates Sessions on March 11 & 12 at OMC.** Come to worship God, to hear how we have been serving Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen the bonds between us. Registration forms are available on the table in the church foyer. **If you are interested in representing OMC as a delegate, please complete the form and speak to Christy.** Registration deadline for meals is March 4.

**\*The Worship committee** invites you to join in **making a Story Quilt** to hang in our church. Please bring small pieces of cloth that are meaningful or represent part of your story. It can be anything that you like: work clothes, finery, tie-dyed, polyester plaid, baby wear, jerseys, etc... (*The plan is to cut 3 inch squares, so anything larger than that will be used.*) Even “imposters” will be accepted, if you don’t want to part with the real thing. If your piece(s) have a particular story we would love to hear that as well. Thanks!

\*As a student of RJC, Katherine is helping to raise money for the **“Have a Heart Fundraiser”**. The money is going to the places that students will be visiting during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service Opportunities) week.... Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary, and Friendship Inn, as well as helping a refugee family in Rosthern. So Katherine is making **homemade apple pies** (frozen, unbaked) and will be selling them each Sunday until March 6, the cost is \$10/pie. **Come see Katherine after Church today**....quantities may be limited...don’t miss out!

**\*Last Call for changes to any personal information changes for OMC’s 2016 Church Directory.** Please enter necessary changes on the table in the foyer, on pages from the 2015 directory or contact the church office. Feel free to add your **Cell #**, if you so choose.

**\*General fund receipts** for the five Sundays of January were \$12,495.08. This is 7.3% of our approved budget for 2016 after 8.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



\*Ladies **“Heart to Heart”** is coming on Monday, Feb. 29, 7:00 pm.

**\*MCC Blanket Making** at the church on **March 14 -18, 2016.**

**OMC CALENDAR \* FEBRUARY 2016 \***

- Sun Feb 14 First Sunday of Lent
- Wed Feb 17 6pm- Soup & bread and Special Presentations**
- Wed Feb 17 7:30-9pm – Youth Discussion Nite with Steph**
- Thur Feb 18 7pm – Education Committee Meeting
- Fri Feb 19 5:45 Youth-depart OMC for Saskatoon Mosque**
- Sat Feb 20 8:30am – Men’s Breakfast @ Osler Cafe**
- Sat Feb 20 11:30am – Friendship Inn Volunteering
- Sun Feb 21 Lent Two – Patty Friesen preaching
- Sun Feb 21 5 – 7pm Fantastic Family Faspa and Games**
- Thur Feb 25 7pm – Missions & Service Comm. Meeting
- Sun Feb 28 Lent Three – Patty Friesen preaching
- Mon Feb 29 7:00pm Heart to Heart**

**OMC Employment Opportunities**

**1. Pastor/Minister of Faith and Community.**

At our AGM, our congregation has approved this new position. This person will help fill the gap in our youth program, but the position is actually much more broad - focusing on faith and relationship building with youth, children, families, and the wider community. A big job; which we're only filling part-time at this point. We are hoping to fill this position quite quickly if the right candidate finds us. The position is now advertised on our Church website home page, and the job description is there as well.

Know someone who would be a good fit? Preferred start date is as soon as possible. Questions and applications to: Christy Martens-Funk [martensfunk@gmail.com](mailto:martensfunk@gmail.com); 306-225-2200 or by mail to Christy Martens-Funk c/o Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, SK S0K 3A0. **Applications should be received no later than Feb. 26, 2016.**

2. Adeline has indicated that she will be resigning from her position as our **church office administrator**. We do, and will thank her for her ministry. We will be looking for someone to fill this position by mid-April. If you are interested, please talk to anyone on the church executive: George, Christy, Diana, Jim or Patty.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Luke 4: 1-13, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

### Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil<sup>\*</sup> said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup> will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, <sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

\*"**SING TOGETHER"** concert featuring Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Singers - **February 28, 2016 @ 2:30 pm at Knox United Church** in Saskatoon. Free admission! The concert is a fundraiser for both schools and is sure to be a beautiful event of inspired singing!

\*The Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting our annual **Vereniki and Farmer Sausage Supper on Tuesday, March 8th, 5-7pm** at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.



### Mennonite Church Canada

\* In September 2015, leaders of Canadian faith communities issued a statement "On Promoting Climate Justice and Ending Poverty in Canada" ([cpj.ca/ccs-statement](http://cpj.ca/ccs-statement)), a call for federal government action to end poverty and fight climate change. Now Citizens for Public Justice is coordinating a national petition from people of faith who are echoing this call for climate justice. Add your voice to the call online at [cpj.ca/climate-call](http://cpj.ca/climate-call).

\*Mennonite Church Canada congregations are taking the words of Deuteronomy 10: 18-19 to heart by **caring for Syrian refugees**. The Deuteronomy passage shares God's desire to cloth and feed strangers. It's a rather fitting way for Mennonites to express God's love; many of them were once refugees to Canada too. For more information on Mennonite Church people caring for Syrian refugees, see: <http://news.mennonitechurch.ca/caring-refugees>

### \*On stage: Mennonite Girls can Cook

The popular cook book *Mennonite Girls Can Cook* is now a one-act comedy for the stage. It follows the excitement and confusion that ensue when a small town cable cooking show hosted by two Mennonite women attracts the attention of a Hollywood producer. For more information about the stage play, visit [www.bluegatemusicals.com](http://www.bluegatemusicals.com). The cookbooks are available to purchase or borrow from [www.commonword.ca/go/499](http://www.commonword.ca/go/499).