

***MCC Connects: MCC Canada welcomes applications for Executive Director--MCC Saskatchewan.** The MCC website at mcccanada.ca has more information or contact Karen Grace-Pankratz at karengracepankratz@mcccanada.ca or (204)261-6381.

***YOUTH: SMYO Senior High Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre** - January 29 – 31. *“Sharing the Well: Faith and Diversity in a time of Fear and Division.”* Mega Menno Event. Speaker: Cory Funk. This retreat will challenge youth to think about what it means to be part of an increasingly diverse world and their role in it as Anabaptist youth. Other highlights will include: coffeehouse, fun in the snow, hangout time, the Schellenberg band and some fun new folds from CMU. **Cost: \$130.** (aid available) - open to youth in grades 9-12. Deadline is Jan. 23. Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp for more information; youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844 ext. 2. **Registration deadline: January 23. Registration forms** are now on the bulletin board with more details. Make sure to check the SMYO website and Facebook page to stay up to date on upcoming events!

***Invitation to Visual Artists** for a Juried Art Exhibition at Assembly 2016 on the theme of *God~Faith~People*. Please see home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016 for more information.

Worship Leader: Tony Funk
Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Marlene Campbell
Nursery Supervision: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Carl Martens-Funk

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 10, 2016

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Invocation: Green/SJ #148

***Hymns Blue/HWB #46 “I sing the mighty power of God”**
Blue/HWB #355 “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”
Blue/HWB #521 “Come, thou fount”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer of the Church

Offering/Offertory Music **“Fearfully, Wondrously”**
Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #299 “New earth, heavens new”

Scripture Lessons: Luke 3:15-21

Hymn: Purple/SS #49 “I will come to you in the silence”
Isaiah 43:1-7 Kathryn Janzen

Sermon: “Jesus’ Baptism” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Green/SJ # 14 “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

*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.
- **11:15am – Winter Study #1 “Dying Well”** in the sanctuary
- **Noon – Worship Committee Meeting**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Jan. 12, 4:30pm – Youth Planning Meeting**
 - **Thursday, Jan 14, 7:00pm – Education Comm. Meeting**
 - **Next Sun, Jan. 17, 11:15am – Deacons' Winter Study #2**
 - **Next Sun, Jan. 17, Noon – Youth: Pizza lunch, followed by travel to RJC for 2pm Winter Theatre**
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Next Sunday, January 17: Confessions of Faith and Doubt” by Patty Friesen. John 2:1-11

Also: Loose Change Sunday

Worship leader: Wilf Buhler

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Adeline Cox

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Nursery Supervision: Diana Buhler

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Carl Martens-Funk

Remember in Prayer

Joys - Jake and Louise serving in Vietnam and Laos. Art and Edna serving with MDS in Colorado.

Concerns – The family of Annie Guenther following her death and the funeral this week. Health concerns of Harold Loewen's sister, Christine Wiebe. Pray for the friends and family of the Van de Vorst family, after the traffic accident that claimed those 4 lives.

Announcements

***Patty:** Tues: Sermon, 4:30 pm: Youth meeting, 7pm: Education meeting. Wed: city visits. Friday: Office 8am-Noon, Pastors mtng.

***Everyone is invited** to join in the learning and discussion in the Deacon's 2016 **Winter Study on “Dying Well”**. Starting today at 11:15am in the sanctuary, and continuing the next two Sundays, there will be opportunities to hear about much more than funeral plans. Over the 3 sessions, come hear a chaplain, a lawyer, a nurse and a retired executive share about preparing spiritually, financially and other practical ways for the death or serious illness of ourselves or our loved ones.

***Friendship Inn:** Please sign up now if you can help serve on Saturday, **January 16**. The next opportunities: Feb. 20 & March 19.

*Thank you to OMC for the flowers, thoughts and prayers following my Mom's passing. - Jan Guenther

*Thank you from the family of Annie Guenther for your care and support after her passing. Thanks to all who helped with the funeral service, including setting up tables and chairs, serving lunch and cleaning up after the service.

***"Forever in Motion"** - Everyone welcome to walk, gentle warm up, and muscle tone; Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. (45 minutes) for the months of January, February, and March. For more information, see Patty or Susan.

Dear OMC family,

You may be aware that I do **discussion nights with the youth** every so often. What you may not be aware of is that, though your birth year may cause you to think these nights can't include you, you'll be pleased to hear this simply isn't true!

Everyone has a story to tell that is unique, and the youth (and I) want to hear it! Perhaps you lived in another country, have worked with MCC or CPT, witnessed a miracle. Maybe you grew up with ten siblings, maybe you have a stamp collection, make the best perogies, or can lick your elbow. It doesn't have to be something groundbreaking for us to be interested. I'd say it's actually quite important to be reminded that God is in the ordinary just as much as the extraordinary.

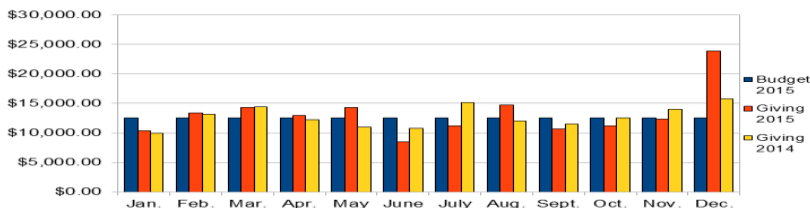
If you have one of the following evenings free we want to meet up with you, listen, ask questions and learn from you by getting to know your story, whatever it is.

Jan 20th, Feb 3rd, Feb 17th, Mar 2nd, Mar 16th, April 13th, Apr 27th.

We meet from 7:30-9pm at the church (though visiting people's homes is always fun too). You can talk to me directly, shoot me an email, or give me a call with a date that works for you or to find out more details. -Stephanie Siemens

***Church Council will be doing their annual ministry review** at their March meeting with responses from the staffing calls. If anyone has anything to add to how things are going at OMC, please talk to a council member.

***General fund receipts for December** were \$23,913.18 bringing our total for 2015 to \$158,034.56. This is 104.9% of our approved budget for the year. Thank you for your generous donations through all of 2015 and your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***RJC Winter Theatre** – Next Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, the RJC Theatre Arts Class will present *"The Fearsome Pirate Frank"* in the RJC School Gymnasium. The play is a child appropriate (and adult friendly!) pirate adventure/comedy and **features two of our youth: Zach S. and Katherine P.** Tickets are \$10 (rush seating). *Call or email the office starting January 4, 2016 to reserve your tickets.* 306-232-4222 ; office@rjc.sk.ca

***Wildwood Mennonite invites area churches to attend a series of classes on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.** The series is jointly sponsored by Grace Westminster United Church. Sessions are from 7-8 on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 13 and 27 at Grace Westminster and Feb. 17 and Mar 2 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. *The leader of the series is MaryAnne Morrison, a Metis woman, who is a retired educator.* People can attend one or all of the sessions, although you'll get the most out of attending all.

***From Mennonite Church Canada:**

For those congregations with Annual General Meetings coming up in January, 2016, please note that you can find Mennonite Church Canada's Annual Update for your congregational Report Books at www.commonword.ca/go/470. May your annual meetings be blessed by God's presence.

Note: OMC Annual General Meeting is Sat., Feb. 6th, 9:30am.

*The concluding work of Mennonite Church Canada's Future Directions Task Force can be found at www.commonword.ca/go/469. Please review these important documents about the future of our national and area church system prior to your respective Area Church Annual Gatherings in 2016, and our national church Assembly 2016 in July. Group and individual responses can also be sent to wmetzger@mennonitechurch.ca.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Luke 3:15-21 15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened.



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*Being a Faithful Church (BFC) 7: The BFC Task Force's report and recommendation to the church for Assembly 2016 can be found at www.commonword.ca/go/289. The Task Force is seeking responses to the question "Is there any further response that your congregation or group would like the BFC Taskforce to hear before Assembly 2016?" Please send any responses to Willard Metzger, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4 or wmetzger@mennonitechurch.ca by Feb. 15, 2016. The BFC Task Force thanks you for your continued prayerful engagement as together we prepare for Assembly 2016.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** The official role of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission concluded in June 2015, but the process of healing and restoration between Indigenous and settler populations is just beginning. Pray for Holy Spirit-filled relationships and a keen desire for true and lasting reconciliation.

OMC CALENDAR

January 2016

- Sun Jan 10** 11:15am – Winter Study 1 – “Dying Well”:
by Julie Bergen, Chaplain, City Hospital
Noon – Worship Committee Meeting
- Tues Jan 12 4:30pm – Youth planning meeting
Thur Jan 14 7:00pm – Education Committee meeting
- Sun Jan 17** Loose Change Sunday
11:15am – Winter Study 2 – “Dying Well” –
by Karl Martens and Naomi Schellenberg
Noon – Youth Pizza Lunch, followed by:
2:00pm – Youth attend RJC Winter Theatre
- Wed Jan 20 7:30-9pm - Youth Discussion Nite with Steph
- Sun Jan 24** 11:15am – Winter Study 3 – “Dying Well”:
- Harold Empey presentation
Noon – POTLUCK Lunch
- Thur Jan 28 7:00pm – Missions & Service Comm. Meeting
- Jan 29-31** Senior Youth: SMYO & MegaMenno Retreat at Shekinah for Senior High Youth (Gr 9-12)
- Sun Jan 31 11:15am – Deacons' meeting
- Fri Feb 5 7pm Youth: MegaMenno-RJC Friday Nite Live
- Sat Jan 6** 9:30am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

***You are invited to experience MCSask Assembly 2016 (July 6-10 in Saskatoon) through the eyes, hands and feet of a volunteer.** A host of volunteers from across the province are needed to ensure that guests and participants from across Canada will experience our hospitality. To volunteer a day or more, or an hour or more, contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca or for clarification and information contact Charlotte at cbueckert@sasktel.net

***"Doing Theology Through Poetry"** –see the bulletin board for details of this 6 session class at Nutana Park Mennonite Church – Jan 19 – March 8.