

**\*MCC Connects:** Please pray for all those involved in restorative justice work in Saskatchewan, including victims of harm, offenders and volunteers. MCC Saskatchewan partners with organizations like the Micah Mission (Saskatoon) in various programs, such as prison visitation (P2P) and helping ex-offenders reintegrate into their community (CoSA). If you would like to hear about opportunities for getting involved, contact Randy Klassen at MCC Saskatchewan at 306-665-2555, [RandyKlassen@mccsk.ca](mailto:RandyKlassen@mccsk.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.*

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

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Worship Leader: Wilf Buhler  
Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen  
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen  
Nursery Supervision: Diana Buhler  
Sound: Doug McKinnell  
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 17, 2016

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship  
Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #338 “I know not why God's wondrous”**  
**Blue/HWB 553 “I am weak and I need thy strength”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & special Offertory Music - Kathryn  
Offertory Prayer

Children's Time and Collection of Loose Change: Adeline Cox

**Song: “Great Big God”**

Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Hymn: Green/SJ #49 “Rain Down”**

Sermon: “Confessions of Faith and Doubt – Part I” Patty Friesen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #570 “We Walk by Faith”**

\*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.

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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.
- **11:15am – Winter Study #2 “Dying Well”**, in the sanctuary
- **Noon – Youth & Young families Pizza lunch, followed by RJC's Winter Theatre “Fearsome Pirate Frank”-2pm RJC**

### THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Jan. 20, 9:30am – MC Sask meeting**
  - **Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:30-9pm – Youth Discussion Nite**
  - **Thursday, Jan 21 – 7:30pm - Church Council Meeting**
  - **Saturday, Jan 23, 8:30am – Men's Breakfast/Osler Cafe**
  - **Next Sun, Jan. 24, 11:15am – Deacons' Winter Study #3**
  - **Next Sun, Jan. 24 – Noon POTLUCK**
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**Next Sunday, January 24: “Mennonite Confessions of Faith and Doubt – Part II” ” by Patty Friesen. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

Worship leader: Stephanie Siemens

Song leader: Ben Buhler                      Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's Time: Adeline Cox                      Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler

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### Remember in Prayer

**Joys** - Those on hot holidays.

**Concerns** - Ian and Kim Osmond on the loss of their friends.

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### Announcements

**\*Patty:** Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: MC Sask, Chaplains meeting. Thursday: council. Friday: office 8-12, visits.

**\*Today: Everyone is invited** to join in the learning and discussion in the Deacon's 2016 **Winter Study, on “Dying Well”**. We continue today with Session #2 at 11:15am in the sanctuary, and will wrap it up next Sunday. Come hear from a lawyer and a nurse today and next week, a retired executive, Harold Empey will share about preparing spiritually, financially and other practical ways for the death or serious illness of ourselves or our loved ones.

**\*Today: RJC Winter Theatre** – 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 the office to reserve your tickets. 306-232-422, [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)*

**\*Wednesday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 – 9:00pm – YOUTH Discussion Nite** with Stephanie. Come! Bring a friend!

**\*Saturday January 23, 8 :30 am** – Men of all ages are invited to join the **Men's breakfast** at Osler Café. Please read Chapters 6 & 7 of “Under Construction” as discussion of that book will continue.

**\*Friendship Inn: Thanks to those who served yesterday.** Sign up on the bulletin board to next serve on Feb. 20 &/or March 19.

**\*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.

**\*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 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Apr 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**\*YOUTH: SMYO Senior High (Gr 9 – 12) Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre - Sharing the Well.** Jan 29-31.. It's time to register for this *fantastic* event! A chance to get away after the end of the semester, hang out and worship with friends both old and new, and learn about faith and diversity in a time of fear and division. Please encourage your friends, kids, and grandkids to come. Cost is \$130, aid is available, deadline is Jan 22. Contact Kirsten for more information, [youthminster@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminster@mcsask.ca), 306-249-4844.

\*The MDS Update for January 14, 2016 is now posted on the bulletin board.



\*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](http://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](mailto: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.

\*The concluding work of Mennonite Church Canada's Future Directions Task Force can be found at [www.commonword.ca/go/469](http://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](mailto:wmetzger@mennonitechurch.ca).

\***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](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016) for more information.

\***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** January 17, 2016 is Stewardship Sunday and marks the season where the fiscal years of many congregations' close and new ones begin. Ask God for generous hearts to strongly support the ministries of congregations, area churches, and the national church.

## OMC CALENDAR

### January 2016

- Sun Jan 17 Loose Change Sunday**  
**11:15am – Winter Study 2 – “Dying Well” –**  
**by Karl Martens and Naomi Schellenberg**  
**Noon – Youth & Young families Pizza Lunch,**  
**followed by: RJC Winter Theatre, RJC @ 2:00pm**
- Wed Jan 20 9:30am – MC Sask Meeting here  
Wed Jan 20 7:30-9pm - Youth Discussion Nite with Steph  
Thur Jan 21 7:30pm – Church Council meeting
- Sat Jan 23 8:30am – Men’s breakfast at Osler Cafe**
- Sun Jan 24 11:15am – Winter Study 3 – “Dying Well”:**  
**-Harold Empey’s presentation**  
**Noon – POTLUCK Lunch**
- Wed Jan 27 7:00pm – Worship Comm. Meeting @ Naomi’s  
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 Feb 6 9:30am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- Sun Feb 14 First Sunday of Lent

\*After the upcoming Annual General meeting, we will be preparing a new **church directory for 2016**. It would be very much appreciated if you could **please send** address, phone number and email address **changes to the office by January 31<sup>st</sup>**, so the new directory preparation can begin. Thank you!

## TODAY’S SCRIPTURES

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

\*Time to gather for the first **FEAST-and-SHARE** of 2016!

**Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6 pm - POT LUCK SUPPER**  
(bring a dish if you wish) **at Trinity Lutheran Church** (corner of Avenue E North and 25<sup>th</sup> Street West).

Meet, see and hear our special guest, **JORGINA SUNN**, who has recently received the **ABORIGINAL ORDER OF CANADA** award from The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

Jorgina will acquaint us with both sides of the organization **Str8-UP**, whose mandate is to help people get out of gangs and criminal lifestyles. She came to Str8-up for help in getting her life back, and she now works at Str8-UP to help others do the same. Her second passion is her music, which she now writes, plays and sings, some of which she will also share with us.