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***RJC Tournament of Memories - January 8 & 9, 2016 -**

Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 1st by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) for basketball and hockey. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! This will be the second year for our STREET HOCKEY tournament. The games will be played on campus with teams of four. 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 or RJC office at 306-232-4222.

*Mennonite Church Canada's "**PrayerNet**" for January 2016 is now posted on the far bulletin board. Start the New Year with prayers.

Worship Leader: Wilf Buhler
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Carl Martens-Funk
Nursery Supervision: Marlene Campbell

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 3, 2016

Epiphany Sunday

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Lacey Braun

Hymn

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn

Sermon: Mark BiglandPritchard

Hymn

*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 – Sharing Faith stories: Patty's office**

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, Jan. 7, 7:30pm - Church Council meeting**
- **Next Sun, Jan. 10, 11:15am – Deacons' Winter Study #1**
- **Next Sun, Jan. 10, Noon – Worship Committee Meeting**

**Next Sunday, January 10: "Jesus' Baptism" by Patty Friesen
Luke 3: 15-21**

Worship leader: Tony Funk

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Adeline Cox

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Nursery Supervision: Adeline Cox

Next week: Diana Buhler

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Carl Martens-Funk

Remember in Prayer

Joys - A New Year! **Concerns** – All those who are grieving loved ones who have passed away.

Announcements

***Patty:** Away on vacation till January 5: Elkridge and Edmonton. Back in the church office on Wednesday, January 6th.

***Interested in ongoing conversations on membership and sharing of faith stories?** Please join the deacons in Patty's office at 11:15am today.

***Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Thank you** for your generous contributions to the *Gift of Food to People Affected by the War* in Syria through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. **The total received this year nearly doubled last year's project at a wonderful \$3,558.20!**

Not only will each donation of \$13.50 provide food for one person for a month through the Foodgrains Bank, but all donations for people affected by the Syrian crisis will be matched 4:1 by the Canadian government.

Donations are also matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government through its new Syria Emergency Relief Fund, up until December 31. Your **donations of \$3,558.20 translate to a total of \$14,232.80** for the Foodgrains Bank and the government's Syria Emergency Relief Fund, which will dispense the money to Canadian NGOs to help people affected by that conflict. Thank you!

***"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.

***Friendship Inn:** Please sign up now if you can help serve on **January 16**. The next opportunities: February 20 and March 19.

***RJC Winter Theatre** - Sunday, January 17, 2016, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The 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. Tickets are \$10 (rush seating) and will go on sale in the New Year. *Call or email the office starting January 4, 2016 to reserve your tickets.* 306-232-4222 ; office@rjc.sk.ca

Matthew 2: 1-12

2In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Today's Scriptures:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

60Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, Because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3: 1-12

3This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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OMC CALENDAR

January 2016

- Today** 11:15am – Sharing of faith stories in Patty’s office
- Sun Jan 10** 11:15am – Winter Study 1 – “Dying Well”
Noon – Worship Committee Meeting
- Sun Jan 17** Loose Change Sunday
11:15am – Winter Study 2 – “Dying Well”
Noon – Youth Pizza Lunch, followed by:
2:00pm – Youth attend RJC Winter Theatre
- Sun Jan 24** 11:15am – Winter Study 3 – “Dying Well”
Noon – POTLUCK Lunch
- Jan 29-31** Senior Youth: SMYO & MegaMenno Retreat at Shekinah for Senior High Youth (Gr 9-12)
- Sun Jan 31** 11:15am – Deacons’ meeting

***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. 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! *Extra: See the coloring page in the Youth room for a chance to win a prize....*

***MCC Saskatchewan would like to thank you** for another year of serving our Lord together. MCC would not be able to share God’s love and compassion with others across the world in the same way without your support. If you would like to be involved in our work, please call our Saskatoon office at 306-665-2555 or e-mail us at saskoffice@mccsk.ca for more information. May God’s grace be manifest among you in the New Year!