

***MCC Connects: Jerry Letkeman** has joined the MCC Saskatchewan team as the new **Material Resources Coordinator**. Contact Jerry if you would like to join our team of volunteers in our Material Resource Centre at 306.665.2555 or JerryLetkeman@mccsk.ca. For information visit mcccanada.ca/get-involved

*Parkland Restorative Justice is hosting its first annual **"Spring Gala in the Woods"** – a fundraising banquet on April 15 at the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation building. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 or \$300/table of 8 persons. Reserve by calling 306-763-6224 or emailing parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com

***Station Singers presents "In Praise of Spring" concert** - works by Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn
7:30 pm Saturday Apr 16 at Grace Westminster United Church
2:00 pm Sunday Apr 17 at the Station Arts Center
Guest artists: Prairie Virtuosi String Quartet

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert: Sunday, April 24 2:30 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church.** Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, from any of the Guys, **or at the door**. An offering will be taken to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Nursery Supervision: Shelley Penner
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday: *Living Ink: The Plot Thickens*

Focus Statement: "The Plot Thickens." The Passion Week is thick with multilayered and complex symbolism. The characters in God's story are not straightforward. The people who praised "Hosanna" and hailed Jesus as the coming king may be the very ones who later shouted, "Crucify him!" Like them, we find ourselves to be deeply complex characters within the covenant story, characters whose unredeemed motives, desires, and passions all too often drive our behavior and actions.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Palm Processional
"Hosanna" by Children's Choir (Blue/HWB #238)
"He is the Children's Saviour" Children's Choir

Call to Worship

ENTRANCE OF PALMS (based on Psalm 118)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: *The Lord our God has given us light!*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord – God is good!

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Invocation:

Oh Lord, open our ears this morning. Awaken us from our slumber. Open our hearts to receive your love – a love that has been waiting for us. We stand up and raise our hands to give you thanks and praise for your generous, unfailing mercy and love. Open our eyes to see what kind of God you are – a God whose love never fails, despite our broken ways and failures. Amen.

*Hymns

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Hymn

Scripture Lessons: Luke 19: 29-40

Hymn

Sharing: Sarah Buhler and Charlie Clark

Baptism and Reception in Membership: Blue/HWB #794

Sending 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.
- **Paska tasting Fundraiser** in the Gathering coffee room
- **Noon- Youth Ministry team** lunch meeting

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Mar. 22 – 7:00pm M&S Committee meeting**
 - **Maundy Thursday - 6:00 pm Potluck, followed by Worship and Communion**
 - **Good Friday, 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service**
 - **Easter Brunch – 11:00am, following Worship.**
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Next Sunday, EASTER SUNDAY, March 27

Patty Friesen: “The Walk to Emmaus” Luke 24: 13-35

Worship leader: Kathryn Janzen

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Edna Zacharias Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery Supervision: Diana Buhler

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Remember in Prayer

Joys – MC Sask ADS, Wilf Buhler's recovery, Young Chippewayan documentary: Rserve 107, at the Roxy.

Concerns - Warman Mennonite, delayed refugee resettlement.

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Tuesday: Missions & Service mtg. Wednesday: office. Maundy Thursday service. Friday: am - office, pm- service.

***Interested in singing a special number Easter Sunday?** Please come next Sunday, Easter morning at 9:15am for a practice.

***Easter Brunch:** Next Sunday, 11am: please bring potluck brunch food to share after worship. In the past we have enjoyed paska, hot cross buns, eggs, fruit, cottage cheese, etc.

***April 2, 2016: Shekinah** will be hosting the **annual fundraising banquet at Mount Royal Mennonite Church** in Saskatoon. Join us for a delicious meal, updates and entertainment performed by A Buncha Guys Alumni. Tickets are \$20 and doors open at 5:30pm."

Rewilding the Way* author Todd Wynward: "The wild truth is that God needs us, and we humans have yet to do our part." Read the book (rewildingtheway.com) and join a conversation about living the way of Jesus in our particular place and time. **April 3, 6:00pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church. All are welcome!

***April 23, 6:00 PM** The *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to a Fundraising Banquet featuring keynote speaker, **Stuart Murray**, from the UK Anabaptist Network, author of the *Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith* and the nationally competitive classical **Caspian (Friesen) Trio** at **Rosthern Mennonite Church**. Donations above \$20.00 gratefully receipted. Please see poster for more details. Please **RSVP by April 12, 2016 online at 306-363-4750.** canadianmennonite.org/banquet, via email at brycelm@gmail.com.

Mennonite Church Canada

**The Assembled News*, a pre-Assembly 2016 newsletter, is now available from Mennonite Church Canada. Subscribe to regularly receive advance inspiration and information on the lead up to Assembly: www.commonword.ca/go/518.

*Follow Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions Task Force conversations at each Area Church gathering by visiting home.mennonitechurch.ca/FutureDirections

*Churches have been summoned by the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** of Canada to engage the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. How will we do that? "*Wrongs to Rights*" is a new conversation guide and study from Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous Relations office, featuring 40 Indigenous, Settler, Christian and Traditional authors, poets and artists, to help your congregation begin the discussion. Individual orders via www.commonword.ca/go/507; Study group orders at a discounted price (minimum 7 copies) – www.commonword.ca/go/538.

***TODAY: Refugee Fundraiser – Come to the Gathering Coffee room and have a taste of scrumptious home baked paska/Easter bread and hot cross buns. There will be silent auction of the baked goods**, during the coffee hour, plus **for a loonie per taste**, you can sample these delicious breads before you bid! Anyone interested in donating Paska or Hot Cross buns please speak to Margaret Boldt or Loretta Sawatzky.

***Sunday, March 20th, noon - Youth Ministry Team** bag lunch meeting. See you there!

***A bedroom dresser or chest of drawers** is needed for our refugee program. Please contact Linda Stucky if you can donate these items.

***OMC STORY QUILT:** It's not too late to bring a piece of fabric for our OMC patchwork quilt project. Any cloth that represents your story is welcome – at least 3 inches square, please.

*There is a new sign-up sheet for volunteering at **Friendship Inn**. The next **opportunities to serve are April 16, May 28 and June 18th**. And as always, food donations for the Inn can be left in the box in the foyer.

*Friday, April 1 @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church, 7-11pm: **MEGA-MENNO Youth event: Mystery Dance Fundraiser for Shekinah**. Admission: \$20, includes popcorn and drink
Youth: Come on out for a night of dancing and Shekinah Clue. "You may have heard that Shekinah is in a financial crisis, and you may have been wondering how you can help... with consideration to youth and young adults, we've created a more accessible fundraiser for this age demographic. We understand that these young people are still invested in Shekinah, but not always able to make sizeable donations, and so we're holding a Mystery Dance night on Friday, April 1 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. There will be dancing, alongside a game of Shekinah Clue to solve. So, if you're in high school or "recently graduated" come out for a night to support our beloved camp. \$20 will get you your ticket, a drink, and unlimited popcorn!"

*This past weekend we met as an Area Church to worship, fellowship, and do the business of the church at our **Annual Delegate Sessions**. To those who came, thank you. To those who prayed, thank you. To those at Osler Mennonite who helped host us so well, THANK YOU. A summary will be available online at www.mcsask.ca shortly, we invite your continued feedback on the ADS and the information presented as we continue to move forward together. Thank you. - *Kirsten Hamm-Epp*, Mennonite Church Sask.

*Volunteer USHERS are required each day at the MC Canada Assembly at TCU place in Saskatoon July 6-10. Experience the Assembly by volunteering for a partial or full day, or full week. For a description of ushering tasks contact cbueckert@sasktel.net or to register as a volunteer usher email mcsask@mcsask.ca or call 306-249-4844.

OMC CALENDAR

Sun Mar 20 Sarah Buhler & Charlie Clark joining OMC
Sun Mar 20 Paska/Hot Cross Buns Silent Auction @ coffee time
 Sun Mar 20 Noon: Youth Ministry Team meeting (bag lunch)
 Tues Mar 22 7:00pm: Missions & Service Committee meeting
 Thur Mar 24 6pm: Maundy Thursday – Potluck and Communion
 Fri Mar 25 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service
Sun Mar 27 11am - Easter Sunday Potluck brunch and Easter Egg hunt for the children.
Fri April 1 Youth: Mystery Dance fundraiser at Mount Royal
 Sun Apr 3 Dave Feick preaching/ ADS reporting
Wed Apr 6 7:00pm - Education Committee meeting
Thur Apr 7 7:30pm – Church Council meeting
 Sun Apr 10 John Reddekopp preaching
Mon Apr 11 7:00pm H to H Baby Shower: Kathryn & Walter
Wed Apr 13 7:30pm - Youth Discussion with Steph
 Thur Apr 14 7:00pm – Deacons meeting
Sun Apr 17 5:00pm – Seniors Supper at Bethany Manor
 Mon Apr 18 7:00pm – Worship Committee meeting

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Luke 19: 29-40

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'
³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

***RJC Spend-A-Day: Friday/Saturday, April 8 & 9** – All students, grade 8-11, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus. It's an opportunity for students to get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here at RJC. Come out and meet new friends, sit in on some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in some fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. Some highlights of the weekend will be **Mission Impossible in the Dark** and a **giant bon fire**. On Saturday, families are invited for brunch and an informal information session in the dining hall, tour the campus and ask questions. Any student that would like to attend this event needs to **register by April 4th, 2016**, as space is limited. **ADMISSION is FREE!**

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 10, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Join us for an evening of superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family, or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!