

***MCC Connects:** Please join us Sunday, March 6 at 2:00pm at the Grand Opening of a Ray Dirks' art exhibition, *Along the Road to Freedom*, at the Diefenbaker Canada Centre in Saskatoon. The exhibition features 26 paintings of Mennonite women of courage and faith among other displays.

*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.

*MCCS is excited to invite you to the premiere of the **documentary "RESERVE 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies."** In 2006, the Mennonite community and St John's Lutheran Church (Laird,Sk) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Young Chippewyan/Stony Knoll First Nations and Mennonite Community. As we work in the spirit of this MOU we have continued to move towards justice and peace. It is important for us at this time to begin to share our story and highlight the story of the Young Chippewyan/Stony Knoll First Nations. "Official teaser" @ <https://vimeo.com/150321815> **Roxy Theatre**, 320 20th St W, Saskatoon - **Sunday, March 13 at 3:30pm. Free Admission.**

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Nursery Supervision: Marlene Campbell
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 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Turning Over a New Leaf

Focus Statement: "Turning Over a New Leaf" As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to "re-turn" to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 32)

Leader: Man are the torments of the wicked,
All: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
All: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Invocation:

Loving God, we gather this morning seeking to turn over a new leaf. As we listen for your word to us, may we come with humble hearts and trust in your abundant love – a love that welcomes all who turn to you.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #65 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"
Blue/HWB #145 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children's Time:

Kathy Braun

Song with children: HWB#614 "In the bulb there is a flower"(v. 1)

Hymn: Blue/HWB #502 "Spirit of God! Descend"

Scripture Lessons: Luke 15: 25 - 32

Hymn: Green/SJ #23 "Slowly turning, ever turning"

Sermon: "Lost Son #2 – Resentful Obedience" Patty Friesen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #517 "Open my eyes, that I may see"

*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.
- **Noon – Worship Committee meeting**

THIS WEEK

- **Fri March 11, 7:00pm - Annual Delegate Session**
 - **Fri, March 11, 9:30pm – 11:00pm – Mega Menno Barn Dance** at Osler Community Hall
 - **Next Sunday is a Loose Change Sunday.**
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Next Sunday, LENT FIVE: March 13: Willard Metzger

Worship leader: Patty Friesen

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Remember in Prayer

Joys – Tannis and David's wedding (Steph's sister); OMC pastoral candidate; Alnouri family (OMC sponsored)

Concerns – Frieda and her family; sick elders at Bethany Manor

Announcements

Patty's Week: Tues. Bethany, Weds - Sun. MC Sask ADS

**"THANK YOU to the church for all the support through prayers, cards, visits, food and flowers these past weeks. You are all totally amazing." Frieda Rempel and family.

*Delegates are needed for the **MC Sask Annual Delegates Sessions on March 11 & 12** here at OMC. Please pick up a registration form from the table in the church foyer. **Please complete the form and see Christy if you are interested in representing OMC as a delegate.** Note: Registration deadline for meals has been extended to March 7th at 10 am. For more information on many free events, including the Barn dance, go to www.mcsask.ca

***Volunteers needed: Set up at the church for MC Sask ADS will be on Thursday, March 10th, starting at 7pm.**

** Are you able to provide billeting for one or more delegates? If so, please let Margaret Dyck know.

***Baking donations needed:** If you are able to donate a "loaf" or muffins for Saturday coffee breaks, please bring them to the church for Saturday morning, March 11. Thanks!

*Canadian Foodgrains Bank perogie supper at the Brian King Center on March 11, 4:30-7:30 pm. Admission by donation.

***Congratulations** to parents Ocean and Dallin Gibson and great-grandparents Art and Edna Zacharias on the birth of Debra, born February 16th.

***Blanket Making** for MCC on **March 14-18, starting at 9:00am each morning**. MCC provides material aid assistance to refugees and displaced people in the world and we want to help by providing blankets. Please come out and spend a few hours, a day or the week making blankets.

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

*The Missions and Service Soup and Bread evening with Winona Wheeler on February 17 was a great opportunity to explore indigenous women's history and current issues. Thanks to Winona for her knowledge and insight, and to the Missions and Service committee members and others for the good food. **We would like your help to cover Dr. Wheeler's expenses**. Please make your donation to OMC and specify "Soup and Bread event". Thank you for your support.

***Our next turn at Friendship Inn is March 19th** and there is room for more OMC volunteers. The demands on Friendship Inn food supplies has been very high lately so all food donations will be much appreciated. Sign up today to help and leave your food items in the Friendship Inn box. Many thanks.

Mennonite Church Canada

Assembly 2016 registration is now open at home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016/information Delegate certificates will soon be arriving in your church mailbox. Churches are invited to send one delegate per 50 church members – and as many non-delegates as you wish. If you have any questions please contact Janelle at (204) 888-6781/1-866-888-6785 or office@mennonitechurch.ca.

***REFUGEE FUNDRAISER: On Palm Sunday March 20**, we will be having a **silent auction of Paska (Easter bread) and Hot Cross buns**, during the coffee hour. These baked goods will be available for everyone to bid on, 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!

***Family Movie Night – Friday, March 18, 7 pm.**

***Don't forget to bring small pieces of cloth that mean something to you or represent part of "your story"**. Join the Worship committee in the project to make a **Story Quilt** to hang in our church. 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 bring pieces at least that size - anything larger than that will be cut into 3 inch square pieces to use.*) Even "imposter" pieces 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!

***Bottle Drive Fundraiser:** You are invited to bring your recyclable pop and other bottles and cans to church for the next few weeks, to help Liam and Zach with their **RJC ALSO fundraiser**. Or speak to the guys about picking up your bottles, if that is more convenient.

*Art Space volunteers needed: For the upcoming MC Canada assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Pace in Saskatoon, we are currently looking for volunteers to take shifts to host the Art Space, and help with set up and take down. Contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca if you are able to help out.

OMC CALENDAR

- Sun Mar 6 Lent Four – Patty Friesen preaching
Sun Mar 6 Noon - Worship Committee meeting
Fri Mar 11 Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
Fri Mar 11 9:30pm Barn Dance at Osler Community Hall
Sat Mar 12 Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
 Sun Mar 13 Lent Five - Willard Metzger preaching
 Sun Mar 13 Loose Change Sunday
 Mar 14 – 18 Mon-Friday – Blanket making
Fri Mar 18 7 pm: Family Movie Night, showing “Inside Out”
 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)
 Thur Mar 24 6pm: Maundy Thursday – Potluck and Communion
 Fri Mar 25 7pm - Tenebrae Service
Sun Mar 27 Easter Sunday and Potluck breakfast and Easter Egg hunt for the children.
 Sun Apr 3 Dave Feick preaching
 Sun Apr 10 John Reddekopp preaching

TODAY’S SCRIPTURES: Luke 15: 25-32

25 ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.” ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” ³¹Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

*General fund receipts for the month of February were \$10,046.82 bringing our total for 2016 to \$22,541.90. This is 13.3% of our approved budget for the year after 16.4% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.

