

**\*MCC Connects:** MCC is actively seeking applications for SALT (Serving & Learning Together). MCC is currently looking for a Teacher Assistant to work in Irbid, a city in the north of Jordan approximately one hour from Amman. She will assist at The Arab Episcopal School, a school for blind, sighted and low vision students. Due to housing restrictions, a female is required. If you have an interest and the skills to serve with MCC internationally, please call Erica Baerwald, Human Resources Coordinator, at the MCCS office (306) 665-2555.

### OMC CALENDAR

Nov 20 Adult Choir practice, 9:00 am; Worship/Education mtg at noon.  
 Nov 20 Potluck faspas, 5:00 pm – MC Sask reporting  
 Nov 23 Hanging of the Greens, 7:00 pm  
 Nov 24 M & S mtg, 7:00 pm  
 Nov 26 Ladies & girls Christmas luncheon, 11:30 am  
 Nov 27 S.S. forum on mental health, 11:15 am.  
 Nov 27 Baby shower for Daniel, 3-5 pm in Saskatoon  
 Nov 29 Church Council mtg, 7:00 pm  
 Dec 3 Intergenerational Christmas party, 7:00 pm  
 Dec 18 10:00 a.m. Christmas Program with Children's Pageant and Adult Choir. Christmas Coffee to follow.  
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7:00 pm  
 Dec 25 No service here. See announcement for brunch details.  
 Jan 1, 2017 Communion service 10:00 am. No Sunday School.

Worship leader: Terry Stefaniuk  
 Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
 Sound: Dan Schellenberg Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
 Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

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

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship  
 Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB # 48 “All creatures of our God and King”**  
**Blue/HWB # 86 “Now thank we all our God”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children's Time Adeline Cox

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #519 “Shepherd me, O God”**

Scripture Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

**Hymn: Green/SJ #110 “Go, silent friend”**

Sermon: “The House that Love Cleans – a tribute to Sarah Hiebert”  
by Patty Friesen

**In loving memory - reading of the names of those who have passed.**  
**Lighting Memorial candles**

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #323 “Beyond a dying sun”**

\*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 **9:00 am.**
- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**
- **Worship & Education committees meet at noon.**
- **5:00 pm potluck faspas** with MC Sask representatives. **Lunch committee group A-C in charge.**

#### THIS WEEK

- **Community garden meeting, Tuesday, Nov 22, 7:00 pm.**
- **Hanging of the Greens, Wednesday, Nov 23, 7:00 pm.**
- **M & S meeting Thursday, Nov 24, 7:00 pm.**
- **Ladies Christmas luncheon, Saturday, Nov 26, 11:30 am.**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
- **11:15 a.m. S.S. Forum on "Mental Health during the holiday season"** with Dave Feick and Terri Lynn Friesen. Please read May 23, 2016 Canadian Mennonite article - copies are available on the table in the foyer.

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**Next Sunday, Nov 27:** Sermon: Susanne Guenther Loewen  
Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky      Worship leader: Terry Stefaniuk  
Sound: Dick Braun      Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Children's time: Susanne G Loewen      Nursery: Shelley Penner  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen

#### Remember in Prayer

- full moon      -healing for US
- Remembrance Day concerts by Chamber Singers (Michelle McKinnell) and Station Arts Singers (Doug McKinnell)
- Norah and Art in Barn Playhouse Christmas production
- healing for Warman Mennonite Church
- Mega-Menno at OMC

**In loving memory of: John Bueckert, Annie Guenther, Betty Dyck, Sarah Hiebert, Lena Young, Jeff Rempel, Maria Funk (Lucy Friesen's mom), Leona Schmidt (Jan Guenther's mom), Evelyn Stucky (Lyle Stucky's mom), George Richert (Dan Richert's grandfather), Gary Martens (Christy Martens-Funk's uncle), John Penner (Christy Martens-Funk's grandfather), Mary Giesbrecht (Sarah Guenther's sister), Justina Peters (cousin of Kathy Braun, Anna Peters, Jean Harms), Helen Janzen (MaryAnn Braun's grandmother)**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, Community garden mtg; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: M&S; Fri: vacation day; Sat: Ladies Christmas lunch; Next Sunday: First Advent: Susanne Guenther Loewen (NPMC)

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Mon: office (am), sermon; Wed: hanging of the greens; Thurs: Bible Study @ RJC; Fri: office (am); Sat: Emerging Voices Initiatives.

**\*Gingerbread houses! Do you love to construct them? Look at them? Eat them?**

We will be having a *Gingerbread House Silent Auction* for the Refugee Sponsorship Fund starting Saturday, Dec 3rd, at our OMC Intergenerational Christmas Party, and closing after church on Sunday December 4th. You are invited to donate a house, or bid on those that the Sr. Youth and others will be constructing.

**\*MC Sask Potluck faspas today at 5:00 pm. Lunch committee group with last names starting with A-C, with group leader Steve Guenther, are in charge.** We have invited Aberdeen and Warman Mennonite Churches to join us. Ryan Siemens and Ken Warkentin from MC Saskatchewan will join us to discuss the changes that are happening in MC Canada and MC Sask.

**\*Congratulations** to Keith and Merel on the birth of a daughter, Uma Mirabel Boldt, on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Weighing in at 6 lbs, 4 oz, she is a sister to Ava. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Margaret Boldt!

**\*Please pass on congregational review comments of the position of Pastor of Faith and Community** to George and Christy before the council meeting Tues. Nov. 29.

**\*Adult choir practice on Sundays Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18, at 9:00 am.** We want to prepare special music for Advent Sundays and also to sing during our S.S. Christmas pageant on December 18.

**\*Purchase pies to support our Refugee Family!** Stucky's Super-Local, Ultra-Delicious, Handmade Cherry Pies. \$20/frozen, unbaked pie with 100% of funds going to Refugee Sponsorship Fund. **Call Linda Stucky to order.**

\*There will be NO service here on Christmas Day. **Want Christmas Day Brunch instead of church?** Deacons are looking for Osler and Saskatoon hosts and guests for Christmas Day Brunch.

**\*All ladies and girls are invited to our annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.** We will be serving a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. We will have carol singing and Edna Zacharias will be leading us in a devotional. The cost per plate is \$10.00. **Please sign up** on the bulletin board poster or email the church office at [oslermcoffice@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermcoffice@sasktel.net)

**\*Submissions for the December newsletter** are due by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**\*We'd like to invite all to celebrate with us on the arrival of Baby Daniel Chris** to Patricia and her partner Patrice.

When: **November 27th, 2016**

Time: **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Where: we think it's most appropriate to have the shower close to her home so **we are inviting everyone to join us at the Appleby Kids Club Apartment in Saskatoon for the baby shower!**

We will carpool and the sign up sheet for carpooling is on the bulletin board. **More Details**, including address and a cute photo of baby and momma, **can be found on the bulletin board.**

**\*Be on OMC Council or a Committee!** If you've been dreaming about being our church chairperson, or having a voice about our capital and maintenance, or faith education, **consider volunteering for one of our executive positions or committees!** We have openings in most positions. Please talk to Louise, Art, Michelle or Christy - your nominating committee.

**\*The Refugee Fund Giving Tree's leaves** will hopefully fall until Hanging of the Greens Nov. 23. Sunday School Giving Project and the Christmas Eve offering will be for the Refugee Fund as well.

**\*Student bursary applications:** Originally, it was a once in a lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student. In 2016 the bursary was changed to be **twice in a lifetime**. Once for attending a Mennonite high school and once for attending a Mennonite college or university. The forms are on the bulletin board. To apply for the bursary, please return the completed application to the office **by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

\*\$149 was collected during our last **Loose Change** collection. A big thank you to everyone for your generosity!

\*The new **Rejoice** winter devotionals are now available in the foyer.

\*We will have **Communion** during worship on New Year's Day. There will be no Sunday School on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Christmas with A Buncha Guys**

Special guest Aaron Bueckert - trumpet

**Sun. Dec. 11** 7:30 pm at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon

**Sat. Dec. 17** 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open 6:45 pm. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon, from Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, or at the door. An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.

News from MC Saskatchewan:

**Join Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI), Mennonite Church Canada, and Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** on Saturday, Nov 26 at 3:00pm at First Mennonite Church, for a conversation about the future of our national, area and local churches. Come with your questions, your concerns, and your dreams for the future. We are excited to listen, to respond, and to dream together! Everyone is invited to this event, no matter their age or knowledge of the changes facing MC Canada.

**Young Adult EVI Conversation.** Saturday, Nov 26, at **7:00pm** at the MCCS office on 45<sup>th</sup> St. west. Open to all who consider themselves “young” and are interested in what the church will look like in the coming years. Visit the Emerging Voices Initiative website and Facebook page for more details.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1:3-7**

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

**\*EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT:**

*Family and Friends*  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
at Osler Mennonite Church  
**DECEMBER 3rd \* 7PM**

Hot Chocolate \* Games \* Music \* Cider

*Bring your friends and your favourite Christmas treat to share!*

**Make and bring a Gingerbread house to add to the silent auction!**

Proceeds going to the Refugee Fund