

***MCC Connects:** Christmas is just around the corner! Support your local MCC Thrift Shop by purchasing decorations, ornaments, trees and upcycled gifts. Consider giving a gift of your time - volunteers are needed during the Christmas season and beyond. Call a thrift shop or visit us online: thrift.mcc.org

From Mennonite Church Canada: As we celebrate First Advent on Nov. 27, pray that the world may witness the light of God, where we find peace, harmony, healing, and restoration. To help celebrate Advent in your home, see www.commonword.ca/go/587 for the downloadable 2016 Advent booklet, *Come, Walk in the Light of Day*.

OMC CALENDAR

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 Youth offering childcare @ OMC, 10:00 am- 2:00 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 23 Youth Christmas party @ Terri Lynn's.
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: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Sound: Dick Braun Nursery: Shelley Penner

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 27, 2016
First Advent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Lighting of Advent Candle: Adeline Cox &
Katherine Penner

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #174 “Bless’d be the God of Israel”**
Blue/HWB #178 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children’s Time

Susanne Guenther Loewen

Ladies Trio: “Birthday of a King”

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn: Purple/SS #124 “My soul cries out”

Sermon: “Welcoming the Stranger” Susanne Guenther Loewen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #208 “Love came down at Christmas”**

*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 **9:00 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.**
- **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.
- **Baby shower for Daniel Chris, 3-5 pm @ Appleby Kids Club** apartment in Saskatoon. See poster for car-pooling.

THIS WEEK

- **Council meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 pm.**
- **Youth offering childcare, Saturday, Dec 3, 10 am-2 pm.**
- **Intergenerational Christmas party on Saturday, December 3, 7:00 pm. Bring your friends and your favourite Christmas treats to share!**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice at 9:00 am.**
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Next Sunday, Dec. 4: Sermon "A New Tribe" – Patty Friesen
Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Worship leader: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dick Braun Pianist:
Children's time: Kathy Braun Nursery: Sarah Guenther
Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen

Remember in Prayer

- MC Sask meeting here last Sunday
- Chris and Olivia Cox's move to Ottawa
- Youth serving at Friendship Inn
- Joy Singers at Mennonite Nursing Home
- MCBC (Mennonite Church BC) and for the other Area Churches in MC Canada

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We welcome Susanne Guenther Loewen** to the pulpit this morning. She is married to Chris Loewen, son of Harold Loewen and has a 3 year old son Simon. Susanne began her ministry as co-pastor at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in August and graduated with her doctorate of theology from University of Toronto this month.

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, council; Wed: office, visits, MHSS banquet; Fri: office, Warman Special Care Home; Sat: OMC party.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: office; Tues: sermon, council; Fri: office; Sat: childcare @ church, OMC Christmas party.

***Youth are offering Childcare at OMC - Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-2pm.** If you have young children and would appreciate a few extra hours to have some down time, or perhaps do some Christmas prep without little people around, the youth (with Terri Lynn's supervision) would like to offer childcare at OMC on December 3rd, from 10am-2pm. **Please RSVP to Terri Lynn and drop your child/children off with a lunch and outdoor clothing.**

***Christmas Hampers:** Mission & Service Committee is planning to distribute Christmas hampers in December. If you are aware of families or individuals that would benefit from a hamper please contact a member of the M & S Committee: Wilf, Sandra G., Jean, Russ or Margaret D.

***Adult choir practice on Sundays 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.

***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.

***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.

***Purchase pies to support our Refugee Family!** Linda Stucky is making homemade Cherry Pies. \$20/frozen, unbaked pie with 100% of funds going to Refugee Sponsorship Fund. **Call Linda to order.**

*Youth Christmas Party - December 23rd at Terri Lynn's house - details to come.

*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.

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

When: **Today, 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.

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

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

***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. Offering for Shekinah Retreat Centre.**

***RJC Choir Christmas Concerts - Concert #1:** Friday, Dec 16, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. **Concert #2:** Sunday, Dec 18, 2:30 pm at RJC. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone welcome.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.