

MCC Connects: MCC is urgently looking for sponsor groups for four families who are currently in vulnerable situations. For more information call Dana or Evangeline at 306.665.2555 or email DanaKrushel@mccsk.ca.

***Prayer Request from MC Canada:** Please pray that the new structures of the Mennonite Church Canada international ministry will find ways to involve our international partners in the changes that are happening.

*This coming February the **MDS All-Unit Meeting (AUM)** will be hosted in Winkler, MB from February 9-10, 2018 – to hear and share the 2017 stories of MDS. Registration is open. People can either register online on our website or send in the paper registration form – See the bulletin board poster and registration forms.

OMC CALENDAR

Dec 12 OMC Singers for Seniors in Saskatoon 10:30-1:30
Dec 15 OMC Singers for Seniors in Warman & area
10:30 - 1:30.
Dec 16 S.S. program dress rehearsal, 10:00-11:00 am
Dec 16 Youth Christmas Party, 6:30-8:30 pm @ Wallace's
Dec 17 Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 am
Dec 17 Blue Christmas/Lament in Advent, 7:00 pm
Dec 24 Service of Christmas Music, 10:00 am
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00pm
Dec 31 Worship Service 10am – No Sunday School.
Jan 7/2018 Communion service, 10:00 am

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Lloyd Sawatzky Nursery: Diana Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Focus Statement: We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready - the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Wisdom & Wonder” Advent reading by Kathy Braun & Nora Bergen-Braun

Invocation
Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #172 “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”
Green/SJ #13 “My Soul Is Filled With Joy”**

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church
Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time Jake Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #176 “Comfort, comfort, O my people”

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

Hymn: Blue/HWB #183 “On Jordan's Banks the Baptists Cry”

Sermon: “John the Baptist” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/SS #1 “Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

*Benediction: As you go, may the voice of comfort speak peace and promise to you. May grace spring up from troubled ground and righteousness shine down from the sky. May the light of Christ dwell within you, and may you see clearly the path the Spirit is blazing for you. Amen.

(*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 9:15 am.
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages begins at 11:15 am.
- **Adult S.S. with Dave Feick, 11:15 am**
- **Adult choir practice at Noon.**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, OMC Singers for Seniors in Saskatoon.**
- **Friday, December 15, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, OMC Singers for Seniors in Warman and area.**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Sunday School Christmas Pageant, 10:00 am**
 - **Adult choir practice at Noon**
 - **Blue Christmas/Lament in Advent, 7:00 pm**
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**Next Sunday, Dec. 17: Sunday School Christmas Pageant
“Outstanding in their Field.”**

Worship Leader: Terri Lynn Friesen
Pianist: Lynette Janzen
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen
Nursery: Sarah Guenther
Ushers: Carl MF, Lloyd S

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 24: 10:00 am – “The Music of Christmas”. *This service will include our adult choir, special music, Christmas favourites and will end with our traditional homecoming mass choir singing the “Friedensfurst”.*

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 31: “Christ is born!” – Audrey Bechtel preaching

Note: There will no Sunday School on Dec. 31.

Patty’s Week: Tuesday: senior singalong, Wednesday: office, Friday: senior singalong

Terri Lynn’s Week: Wed: CPE, Thurs: Blue Xmas prep/visit, Friday: service prep/office, Sat: Youth Xmas Party.

Remember in Prayer:

Prayers: Stressed students, thankful Krugers, Russ Regier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Last call for Post-Secondary Student Care Packages:** Please drop your care gifts for Zachary, Matthew S., Dayna, Liam and Steph in the decorated boxes in the foyer today. *Donations to Dayna, Steph and Matthew's MDS spring break trip are also welcome!*
Thank you for your generosity and support.

***Classical Concert here at OMC: December 22 – 7:00pm**
Anna Bigland-Pritchard (soprano) and her friends Nolan Kehler (tenor) and Catherine Richard (pianist) will be giving a recital on December 22nd at 7pm. They’ll be performing a variety of arias, art song, musical theatre and duets by composers such as Britten, Vaughn Williams, Poulenc, Sondheim and Handel. Suggested donation \$15.

***Advent calendars** are available on lobby lace table.

***Winter Study on Marriage, Sex and Divorce** begins with Sunday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 sermons and 11:15 Adult Education. Kaytee will lead an Enneagram Personality study on Jan. 14 at 11:15am, and at 12:45-1:30 pm, following a Student MDS noon fundraiser potluck.

***Winter Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark and Ephesians** on Wednesdays 2018: Jan. 10, 17, 21, 28, and Feb. 7, 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the OMC coffee room. Everyone welcome.

***Address update** for Keith Boldt & Merel Kriegsman:
P.O. Box 308, Osler, SK S0K 3A0
Home phone: 306-239-4702 Keith cell phone: 306-321-4702

RJC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

*Concert #1: **Wednesday, December 20**, 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon.

*Concert #2: **Friday, December 22**, 7:00 pm at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

*Ever wonder where your MCC Relief kits go? Need some giving ideas? Want to know more about MCC at work in the year? Check out MCC's **"In Touch"**: <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/e-newsletter>

***Monday, December 11, 7:30pm : Station Singers** present "Have you Heard the Story?" with John Rutter at Station Arts Center in Rosthern. Tickets: Adults \$20/Students \$10/Kids 12 & under \$5. (Call 306-232-5332)

***Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys** come together for a concert on Sunday, **December 17th** at 7:00 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Donations from both concerts will go to support Shekinah. Please join us!

***Christmas Hampers:** Missions and Service Committee will be distributing hampers on December 23rd and donations would be appreciated. Please place non-perishable items in the box labelled Christmas Hamper Donations in the foyer. Baking and perishable items should be brought to the church on December 22 or 23rd. We will be distributing 8 hampers. If you have any questions please talk to a member of the M&S Committee.

***Sunday School Christmas Project:** This year the Sunday Christmas Giving Project is to collect funds in support of Mennonite Central Committee in their efforts to provide hunger relief around the world. More specifically, the project that we are supporting provides rabbits and chickens to needy families in various parts of the world. Rabbits produce quickly and cost little to raise and chickens provide eggs and meat. MCC-supported training helps people raise and sell animals such as these.

You are invited to support this project by placing a donation in the box by the project display in the foyer, or else you may designate an offering as **Christmas Giving Project**. Donations will be accepted until the end of December. We hope to raise \$750 for this project.

*Please join **OMC Singers for Seniors** at Oliver Lodge, **Tuesday, Dec. 12@10:30 am**, with lunch to follow and another singalong at John and Anne Friesen's at 1:30 p.m. 🎵

*Please join **OMC Singers for Seniors** at Warman Special Care Home on **Friday, Dec. 15 @10:30 am**, followed by 12:00 lunch and another singalong at Susan Bueckert's farm near Neuhorst. 🎵

***Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00-11:00 am: S.S. Dress Rehearsal.**

***Saturday Dec 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm: Youth Christmas Party @** Josh & Cindy Wallace's. A jolly, fun evening of Movie watching and Christmas baking munchies!

***Lost/Found: A ladies ring** was found in the ladies washroom last Sunday. If yours, please see the office with a description to claim it.

***MCC Colombia Education Fund:** Thank you to everyone who contributed their loose change to this project. In 2017 we were able to raise \$1,019.70 and this has enabled children in Colombia to have access to an education. This money has been forwarded to MCC.

***Nursery volunteer opportunity:** If you would like to join our team of nursery room supervisors, please contact Diana Buhler by Dec. 10.

***Baptism or Membership in the New Year?** Please talk to a deacon, Patty or Terri Lynn.

***Rejoice Devotionals:** Please sign up if you are interested in receiving the Rejoice, which costs OMC \$37.70 per subscription. Users please consider giving as able.



***Pies! Pies! Pies!** Katherine Penner is once again selling pies for RJC's Faith and Life Fundraiser, this year called Adventopoly. **100%** of the money raised leaves the school to support the organizations the students work with while on their ALSO trips in April. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to place your order. Apple Pies (\$10) and Saskatoon Berry Pies (\$15) (limited quantity). Thanks for your support!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 11:1-10 The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12 The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' '

Now, John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'