

**\*MCC Connects:** Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

**The Academy of Discipleship Course, *What have you to do with Peace?*** is taking place on 2 Fridays, Jan 20 & 27, 2017 at The Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road in Saskatoon. Register for this free course at [www.academyofdiscipleship.org](http://www.academyofdiscipleship.org) or email [aod.saskatoon.sask@gmail.com](mailto:aod.saskatoon.sask@gmail.com). See the poster for more details.

### OMC CALENDAR

Jan 1, 2017 Communion service 10:00 am. No Sunday School.  
Jan 4 Wednesday Bible Study starts at 10:30 am  
Executive committee meeting, 1:00 pm  
Jan 5 Council meeting, 7:00 pm  
Jan 9 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm  
Jan 15 Deacons meeting, noon  
Jan 22 Winter study & potluck

Worship leader: Dave Feick

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery: Marlene Campbell

Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk; Russ Friesen

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
January 1, 2017

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship:

One: God, who created all things and named them "good,"  
has shaped us in the divine image.

**All: We come, with grace-filled hearts,  
into the presence of our Creator.**

One: Jesus, who led the way by carrying a cross,  
has brought us into the kingdom of God.

**All: We come, our brokenness made whole,  
into the presence of our Redeemer.**

One: The Holy Spirit, who brings us together from many places,  
calls us to be the household of God.

**All: We come, all walls broken down,  
into the presence of our Sustainer.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Purple/SS #1**

**“Praise the One”**

**Purple/SS #32**

**“Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children’s Time

Patty Friesen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #299**

**“New earth, heavens new”**

**Scripture Lesson: Responsive reading - Blue/HWB #806 on  
Genesis 1**

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #472 “I am the Bread of life”**

Sermon: “New Beginnings” Patty Friesen

**Communion**

**\*Hymn: Green/SJ #87 “Put peace into each other’s hands”**

\*Benediction

*\*(Please rise)*

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**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**

- **Communion** during the Worship service
- **No Sunday School today.**

**THIS WEEK**

- **Wednesday Bible Study, January 4, 10:30-11:30 am**
- **Executive Meeting,** Wednesday, January 4, 1:00 pm
- **Council meeting,** Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm

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**Sunday, Jan 8:** “Genesis 1: “Creation Stories” – Terri Lynn Friesen

Song leader: Ben Buhler                      Pianist: Diana Buhler

Worship leader: Dave Feick                Sound: Doug McKinnell

Nursery: Adeline Cox

Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Russ Friesen

**Remember in Prayer**

- Emmett Braun in hospital                      -Marge Braun in hospital
- Heather Driedger and P2P volunteers during Penitentiary lockdown
- Diane McKinnell's son in new home after tornado
- Refugees in Aleppo

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Patty's Week:** Wed: office, Executive mtg; Thurs: Council mtg; Fri: office, visits.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Off Jan 1-3; Wed: sermon; Thurs: youth ministry meeting, sermon; Fri: office

**\*The 2016 Sunday School Christmas Project** was our Refugee Sponsorship Fund. Donations received on Christmas Eve and others designated for the Sunday School Christmas Project totalled **\$1,418.70. Thank you for your generosity.**

**\*We welcome Rita Ovseychik as our new church custodian.** She will start immediately in the New Year. We thank Kathy Braun for overseeing the training process.

**\*Please bring your Bibles** as we study Genesis and Exodus this winter in church. Bibles will also be available on lobby table.

**\*Old Testament Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 4 - April 4 with Patty. We will be discussing the thrilling Old Testament stories highlighted in worship the following Sunday.

**\*January 22 potluck:** Linda Stucky and Matt Braun are the lunch committee co-ordinators. Lunch group with last names starting with D - L are the helpers.

**\*\*A BIG thank-you** to all who purchased pies, raising money for the Refugee Fund, and to Linda Stucky for making them. 50 pies were sold for a total of \$1000.00!!

**\*Snack and Coffee Sign-up sheet for the New Year** is on the bulletin board. This would be a great time to share some of your Christmas baking :)

**\*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 **as soon as possible**.

**\*OMC Annual General Meeting: Sat. Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m.** All welcome to be a part of this exciting launch of our OMC new year, thanking outgoing committee members and welcoming new ones and eating donuts.

\*Bethany Manor requires casual Office support. Duties include phoning applicants and showing suites, data entry, filing, and other office work. Flexible time with an average of 1 or 2 days per week. Must be personable and organized with attention to detail. Please submit resumes to Bonnie Ramage, Bethany Manor, 110 LaRonge Road, Saskatoon SK S7K 7H8 or email [bonnie@b55.ca](mailto:bonnie@b55.ca). Closing date is January 11, 2017.

\*Suite available at Bethany Manor: check out the poster on the bulletin board.

From: Jerry Letkeman  
(Material Resources & Building Maintenance Coordinator  
MCC Saskatchewan):

“Hi Friends of MCC Blanket Making:

Just want to thank you for all your efforts to alleviate suffering around the world. We appreciate your efforts and that you're part of the MCC family. 50, 967 blankets were distributed between April 2015 - March 2016.

God bless you over this holiday season and into the new year. Please find some important information about the blankets that you produced on the poster on your bulletin board.”

**\*Senior High Youth Retreat at Camp Kadesh, January 27-29.**  
Talk to Terri Lynn if you are interested in going.

**\*RJC TOURNAMENT OF MEMORIES - January 13th & 14th, 2017** - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 6th by email ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)) for basketball and hockey. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! Hockey will consist of current students, young alumni and not so young alumni (figure out where you fit!) Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! If you have questions contact Denelda at [306-221-2846](tel:306-221-2846).

**\*RJC WINTER THEATRE** – Friday, January 20, 2017, 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 21, 2:00 pm. The Theatre Arts Class will present “After Hours” in the RJC gymnasium. The play is both adult and child friendly. Tickets are \$10 (rush seating) and will go on sale January 3. Call or email to reserve your tickets: 306-232-4222; [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)