

***MCC Connects:** Learn to weave rugs for MCC on our loom!
Contact Jerry Letkeman at 306.665.2555
or JerryLetkeman@mccsk.ca if you are interested. Making rugs is a great way to raise funds for MCC programs.

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 or email aod.saskatoon.sask@gmail.com. See the poster for more details.

OMC CALENDAR

Jan 15 Deacons meeting, noon
Jan 18 Bible Study, 10:30 am
Missions & Service meeting, 7:00pm.
Jan 22 Winter study: Dr. Tim Ehmann preaching on Mental Health in the Church;
11:15 Adult S.S. forum, Dr. Ehmann presenting;
Potluck @ noon;
1:00-2:00 Dr. Ehmann's afternoon session.
Jan 25 Bible Study, 10:30 am
Jan 29 IVEP'er Sunday

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen
Sound: Dick Braun Nursery: Diana Buhler
Ushers: Karl Martens; Russ Friesen

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 15, 2017

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: God of the ages, who is beyond all understanding

All: You know us well.

One: You have performed mysterious works, bringing life from what appears dead.

All: You know our needs.

One: You have shown your love to us, even when we least deserve it.

All: You are our foundation and our strength.

One: We give thanks for all you have been, are and will be.

All: Our God of the ages, who is beyond all understanding!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #218 “As with gladness men of old”**

Vs 1, 4, 5

“Jesus draw me ever nearer”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Loose change collection

Hymn: Blue/HWB #167 “For God so loved us”

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 21:1-7; Psalm 92:12-15

Hymn: Blue/HWB #614 “In the bulb there is a flower”

Sermon: “Old age in the Old Testament” Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #327** “Great is thy faithfulness”

***Benediction: God of light, illumine our lives, that we may see rightly, love deeply and act justly. In the example of Jesus, 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 **9:00 am.**
- **Loose change collection during worship.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**
- **Deacons meeting at noon**

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday Bible Study, January 18, 10:30-11:30 am**
- **M & S mtg, Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Winter Study:** “Mental Health in the Church.” Preaching, S.S. Forum and 1:00 p.m. Session by Dr. Tim Ehmann.
- **Potluck at noon**

Sunday, Jan 22: “Mental Health in the Church.” Dr. Tim Ehmann.
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Mark Bigland -Pritchard
Worship leader: Patty Friesen Nursery: Sarah Buhler
Children’s time: Terri Lynn Friesen Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Karl Martens, Russ Friesen

Remember in Prayer

- Justina's birthday (IVEP'er)
- Marge Braun's treatments
- Emmett's surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Fri: office, pastors' group; Sat: Friendship Inn.

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: away; Mon: office; Tues: visits, prep work; Thurs: Education Committee; Fri: pastor's mtg.

***Thank you to everyone who helped bring Christ's light to our church and the wider community during Advent and Christmas!** There were thoughtful Christmas hampers, worship services, Sunday School program, treats, visitations, and other warmth shared among us, encouraging each other. Thank you!

***Julie Bergen and Matt Braun have been told that their son, Emmett, will be needing heart surgery** in Edmonton within the next couple of months. They expect his hospital stay to be one to two weeks. Eileen Klaassen, a co-chaplain working with Julie, is setting up a fund to assist with costs. If you would like to contribute to a VISA card for them, Eileen will accept cash, cheques, or e-transfers to e.klaassen@yahoo.ca up until Feb. 1.

*The 2017 OMC Directory is coming out soon. If you have any changes to your names, address or phone numbers, please update the directory on the table in the foyer.

***Snack and Coffee Sign-up sheet for the New Year** is on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up for making coffee or bringing a snack (or both). **We all enjoy fellowshiping over a cup of coffee or tea but we need volunteers to keep this program going.**

*Women's Churchill River Canoe Trip July 15-18. Talk to Rhonda Gasho or Patty Friesen if interested.

***MC Sask Sr. High Retreat, January 27-29!** A fun weekend for youth in grades 9-12, this year's retreat will be at Camp Kadesh, and features speaker Amy Peters, an expert on the subject of *The Road Less Travelled*. Cost is \$140/person for youth and sponsors, subsidies are available. **Talk to Terri Lynn if you are interested in going.**

***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

***Save the date for the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions - March 10 & 11** at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Pleasant Point Mennonite and Nutana Park Mennonite are our hosts. Registration forms will be available soon!

*Upcoming services:

Jan 29: MCC IVEP'ers

Feb. 5: Noah drinks too much – Patty Friesen

Feb. 12: Abram worries too much – Patty Friesen

Feb. 19: Jacob lies too much – Patty Friesen

Feb. 26: New members sharing

Mar. 5: Julie Bergen's ordination and Potluck lunch

***We welcome Rita Ovseychik, a relative of Edna Zacharias, as our new church custodian.** She will start immediately in the New Year.

***A BIG thank you to Kathy Braun** for serving as church janitor these past months. We appreciated her willingness and flexibility to step in and help us out.

***Anyone wanting to join OMC in the New Year** please talk to Patty or Terri Lynn or a deacon for a possible February 26 Membership Sunday.

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

***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.** Please label the name of your potluck creation and any local producers.

***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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Genesis 21:1-7

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' ⁷And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

Psalm 92:12-15

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
¹⁵ showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

*Friendship Inn volunteer dates are January 21, February 18 and March 18. There is still room to sign up!

MENNONITE CHURCH SASKATCHEWAN COMING EVENTS:

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| Mar 10-11 | MC Sask Annual Delegate sessions at Nutana Park.

Speaker: Susanne Guenther Loewen (Co-Pastor at Nutana Park) will share on the theme of Extending the Table: Enough for all , with a special play Friday night " <i>The gospel according to food</i> ". |
| April 1 | Shekinah Fundraising banquet, Mount Royal

Mennonite |
| April 22 | Parkland Restorative Justice Fundraising banquet |
| April 28-29 | MC Sask Visioning with Betty Pries, Part 1 |
| April 29 | Spring Leadership Assembly |
| April 30 | A Bunch of Guys 20 th Anniversary Reunion Concert |