

***MCC Connects:** Post-secondary Students - Join MCC's Advocacy office to explore the intersections of "Gender, Peace, and Conflict" at this year's student seminar in Ottawa from February 16-18, 2017. Travel subsidies are available. For more information, contact Myriam at myriamullah@mccsk.ca

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 9 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 11 Bible Study, 10:30 am
Jan 15 Deacons meeting, noon
Jan 18 Bible Study, 10:30 am
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 26 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm

Worship leader: Dave Feick

Song leader: Ben Buhler Pianist: Diana Buhler

Sound: Doug McKinnell Nursery: Adeline Cox

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 8, 2017

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: In the beginning:

God created light

All: And it was good

One: God created the earth and the sky

All: And it was good

One: God created all the creatures on land, sky and sea

All: And it was good

One: God created humankind in God's image

All: And it was good

One: God saw everything that was created

All: And it was very good.

One: God's creative work continues today.

All: And it is very good.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #50 "Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"**
Green/SJ #108 "Give thanks for life"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory prayer

Children's Time

Lacey Braun

Hymn: Green/SJ #2 **“Come, walk with us”**

Scripture Lesson: Genesis:1:1-2; 26-31

Hymn: Green/SJ #14 **“Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”**

Sermon: “Reading our Story with Ancient Eyes” Terri Lynn Friesen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #511** **“God, who touches earth”**

***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.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**

THIS WEEK

- **Worship committee mtg, Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm**
- **Wednesday Bible Study, January 11, 10:30-11:30 am**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Deacons meeting at noon**
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Sunday, Jan 15: “Genesis 21: “Old age in the Old Testament” -

Patty Friesen

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Sound: Dick Braun

Nursery: Diana Buhler

Children’s time: Edna Zacharias

Ushers: Karl Martens, Russ Friesen

Remember in Prayer

-Emmett's cardiology appointment on Monday and thanks for the support of community.

-Warman Special Care Home under Flu Quarantine during Christmas.

-The Funk family at the passing of Gerald Funk, of Funk’s Funeral Home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Sun: worshipping at Nutana Park; Mon: Worship mtg; Tues: Sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Fri: office, visits.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: office (am), Worship mtg, Tues: youth min mtg, SS planning; Fri: office.

*Congratulations to Edna and Art Zacharias on the birth of another grandson, Ryley Jordan Zacharias, born Dec. 9 to Sherma Zacharias and Sheila Smith.

***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, 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.

* A big thank-you to Doug Cox for his behind-the-scenes work on our website to make it 2017 friendly. We appreciate his expertise!

***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.**

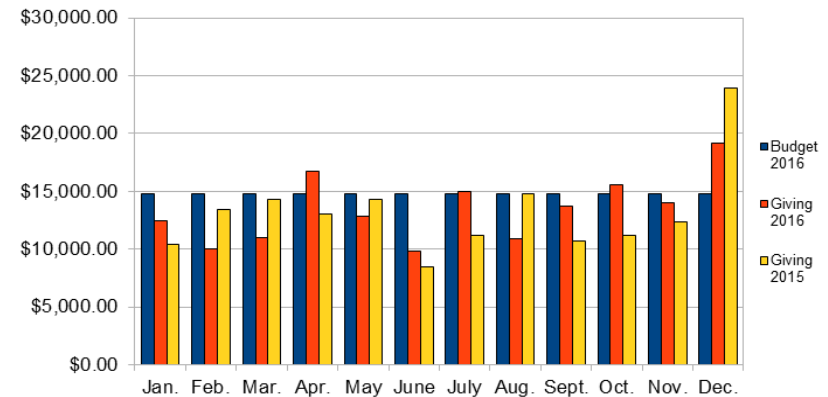
***Snack and Coffee Sign-up sheet for the New Year** is on the bulletin board. This would be a great time to share some of your Christmas baking :)

***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.

***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.**

***General fund receipts for the month of December** were \$19,130.10 bringing our total for all of 2016 to \$161,380.49. This is 91.1% of our approved budget for the year. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***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) for basketball and hockey. 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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Further Reading on the sermon topic:

*Here are some great (short!) articles that Terri Lynn ran across in preparing for this week's sermon. It's a huge iceberg to think about and we've hardly scraped the surface!

- Five Hot Tips for Reading the Bible (and Other Bad Blog Post Titles): by Jane Halton

<http://valt.crcna.org/five-hot-tips-on-reading-the-bible-and-other-bad-blog-post-titles/#.WFgcExsrLIU>

- Biologos:

<http://biologos.org/blogs/archive/genesis-1-and-a-babylonian-creation-story>

*Bethany Manor is looking for caring people to work in the new Personal Care area. See job posting on the bulletin board.

From Mennonite Church Canada:

*Join the Future Directions conversation at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca, the transition website devoted to the ongoing change process of our area and national churches. New documents have recently been posted there.

*The Mennonite Heritage Centre's Facebook page is the place to visit for stories, event announcements, and quirky tidbits about our faith, culture, and family history: 'Like' us at <http://tinyurl.com/hwz32o7>.

*What songs connect you to God and your community, and empower you to serve? What songs do you turn to in joyful or difficult times? What are your heart songs? These are questions the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee is asking you to answer through this survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWSC_Heart_Song as it embarks on a listening and study phase toward developing a new song collection, to be released in 2020.