

***MCC Connects** The MCCS Relief Sale Committee invites you to **Songs for the Sale**, an MCC Fundraising Concert - Listen to the sweet sounds of *The Saskatune Singers* and tap your toes along with the bluegrass stylings of *Sparky and the Plugs* at the MCC Centre (600 - 45th St W, Saskatoon) on Saturday, March 18, 7:00 pm. Donations gratefully accepted to help support relief aid. (Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.) Free admission. Dessert to follow.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm at RJC. Join us for an evening of music and desserts**, featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier) and the RJC ManChoir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 15 The last Bible study in this series, 10:30 am
 Mar 14 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm. Study on the Book of Esther
 Mar 16 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
 Mar 20-24 Blanket making starting at 9:00 am each day
 Mar 23 Missions & Service meeting 7:00 pm
 Mar 25 Family movie night, 7:00 pm: "The Prince of Egypt".
 In honour of Joseph, please come in clothes of many colours or dressed like an Egyptian, for the movie and/or for worship on March 26.

Worship leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Sound: Doug McKinnell
 Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
 Nursery: Diana Buhler; Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 March 12, 2017
 Second Sunday of Lent

A BUNCH OF GUYS

Prelude

Gathering of God's People:

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: A Bunch of Guys (ABG) - "Kuimba"

"Adoramus te, Christe"

"O Christian, love your sister and your brother"

Psalm 148 (bulletin insert)

Liam & Matt

Hymn: Blue/HWB #50

"Praise the Lord Sing Alleluia"

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Lenten Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance:

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not
 Always follow willingly.

All: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have. We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best efforts to work *for* you,
 We fail to move *with* your Spirit.

All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder And make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

(pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,

All: Restore us.

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
 The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch
 Over your coming and going now and forever more. Amen.

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Terri Lynn Friesen

Grace for God's People:

Psalm 106: 1-12 David Epp

"Wonderful grace of Jesus" ABG & OMC Men

Hymn: Blue/ HWB #151 "Marvellous grace of our loving Lord"

"Amazing Grace" / "I Saw the light" ABG

Faith of God's People:

"Great is thy faithfulness" ABG & OMC Men

Hebrews 11:1-16 Ben Borne

"Walk by Faith" ABG

Hymn: Blue/HWB #580 "My life flows on"

God's People Respond:

Matthew 6:19-24 Ryan Epp

"Lay up your treasures in heaven" ABG

Hymn: Blue/HWB #226 "You are salt for the earth"

"The Sea Walker" ABG

Sending Song: "Et in Terra Pax" ABG

Lenten Benediction: Full of wonder, full of curiosity, full of inquisitiveness, go trusting that God, the great Mystery, goes with you always. Amen.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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.**
- **Pizza lunch for A Bunch of Guys & groupies at 11:20 am.**

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, March 15, The last Bible Study, 10:30 am**
- **Saturday, March 18: Serving at Friendship Inn**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Easter Choir practice, 9:00 am**
- **'Loose Change' collection**

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Mar 19: "Jacob's Alternative Facts" - Patty Friesen
- Mar 26: "Joseph, Prince of Egypt" - Patty Friesen
- Apr 2: "Go down Moses" - Terri Lynn Friesen & Youth
- Apr 9: "Palm Sunday & the Passover Lamb"- Patty Friesen

Sunday, March 19: "Jacob's Alternative Facts" - Patty Friesen

Song leader: Kevin Boldt

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Worship leader: Jim Dyck

Nursery: Sarah Buhler

Children's time: Vanessa Stefaniuk

Sound: Dick Braun

Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Cornie Guenther

Remember in Prayer:

-music of Warman Community Band, Chamber Singers and A Bunch of Guys

-MC Sask ADS this past weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Tues: curling, visits, Heart to Heart; Wed: Bible study, visits; Thurs: Worship mtg; Fri: office; Sat: Friendship Inn. (Mon-Fri. Mar 20-24: away to Edmonton for Mom's 80th)

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: office, visit; Tues: worship prep, Lenten prayer; Wed: youth min meeting (am); Thurs: worship meeting (pm); Fri/Sat/Sun: off

***A warm welcome and thank you to Russ Regier and A Bunch of Guys for leading us in worship this morning.**

For those who want even more music, come check out the bluegrass band 'In With The Old' at The Barn Playhouse at 3:30 this afternoon. \$20 at door that opens at 2:30.

***We welcome Bob and Margaret Neufeldt** from the MCC Sale Board who are promoting "Songs for the Sale" Sat. Mar. 18, 7:00 p.m. MCC Building; and recruiting Food Booth Coordinators.

***Community Grocery Needs:** Missions & Service Committee is asking for your support in providing grocery items for a family experiencing some financial difficulties in the community. Please place your items in the box designated Community Support in the foyer. Items for Friendship Inn can continue to be placed in their designated box. Some suggested items are posted on each of the boxes. If you have any questions please contact Sandra G. or Margaret D.

*Final curling Play-Off of Team Buhler vs. Team Sawatzky: Tues. 10:30 a.m. Granite Curling Club with lunch to follow.

***Heart to Heart: Ladies,** we are very excited to announce that Cindy Wallace, from Warman Mennonite, will lead us in studying the **Book of Esther on Tuesday, March 14 and Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm** each evening. Please read the book prior to the first meeting.

***Easter Choir practice** will be Sunday mornings **March 19, 26, April 2 & 9** starting at 9:00 am. Come out and make a joyful noise!

***Lenten Guided Prayer Experience:** Prayer sheets for each week of Lent are available in church entrance. Groups will gather weekly to pray and reflect as a group on what they have learned or experienced throughout the week - sharing what they wish! Please consider this opportunity to receive the gifts of Lent in your own prayer life, and as a community.

Groups will meet:

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm - (beginning March 7) Terri Lynn & Thomas' (225 Ave E North) - beginning with week 1.

Sunday mornings - after coffee time - (beginning March 12) in Terri Lynn's office - beginning with week 2.

Talk to Terri Lynn for more details or any questions.

***OMC is serving at Friendship Inn next Saturday, the 18th. Looking for one or two more volunteers.** Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

***Meal Sign-up for Bergen-Braun's,** for when they return from Edmonton, is posted on bulletin board. They like soup and muffins. Frozen meals could also be delivered anytime this month.

*Thank you to everyone who has pledged donated items for our refugee family. **Please bring these items to church as soon as possible, clean and ready to use, and put them in the designated Sunday School room.**

YOUTH CALENDAR

-Intergenerational Blanket Making: March 21st - 4pm - Blanket Making for youth & kids! The more seasoned volunteer blanket-makers have agreed to pass on their skills and host the next generation of blanket makers. We'll meet in the gym at 4pm, and have **supper around 5:30**. I will make pasta & sauce or order pizza, and if you'd like to bring a contribution it can go towards blanket making supply costs.

-Saturday, March 25, 7pm - Family Movie Night. *The Prince of Egypt*. Snacks provided - bring your friends! Dressing in "clothes of many colors" or "like an Egyptian" is encouraged!

***MCC Blanket Making on March 20-24 starting at 9:00 am** each morning. Please come out and support this project.

***Sunday, March 26, 11:15 S.S. Forum** on exciting OMC Field Trips to Willow Cree Healing Lodge and MC Sask ADS.

***RJC students are putting the FUN in fundraising during Lent** this year by playing Lentopoly, a friendly competition amongst the grade 10/11s, the grade 12s and the staff to raise the most money. Money raised will be used to fund projects in Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary and Saskatoon during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service and Opportunities) week. Students must use their gifts, talents, and creativity to raise the money (they can't just ask for it) and all the money raised is used for projects outside of the school. So once again **I will be making apple (and a limited number of Saskatoon) pies (unbaked and frozen). I am selling them for \$10 – apple and \$15 – Saskatoon. See me to make your purchase. Thanks for your support! Katherine Penner**

***Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Fundraising Supper** on Tuesday, March 14th, 5-7pm at the Rosthern Mennonite Church.

***Friday, March 17, 7 p.m. - Moody Bible Institute's Chorale** will be performing at The Church on Central. Invite friends and neighbors for an evening of soul-stirring sacred music. Free admission, a free-will offering will be collected.

“Songs for the Sale” concert with Saskatune Singers and Sparky and the Plugs 7:00 PM on **Saturday March 18th** at the MCC Sask offices. All funds raised will assist with the costs associated with hosting the MCC sale at Prairieland Exhibition in June.

***Shekinah will be hosting a crafting retreat** March 17-19, 2017. Join us for a weekend of sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking or wherever your creativity takes you. The theme is “Love your neighbour” and Leticia Kathumba (IVEP) will be sharing her story. We also encourage you to create and donate something towards the MCC relief sale in June. Information and registration is online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call us at 306-945-4929

Psalm 148

All: Praise the Lord!

Leader 1 Praise the Lord from the heavens;
All Praise him in the heights above.

Leader 2 Praise him, all his angels
All Praise him, all his heavenly host.

Leader 1 Praise him, sun and moon;
All Praise him, all you shining stars.

Leader 2 Let them praise the name of the Lord;
All Praise the Lord!

Leader 1 Praise the Lord from the earth
All Praise him, great sea creatures

Leader 2 Praise him, storms and clouds;
All Praise him, mountains and hills.

Leader 1 Praise him, fields and woods;
All Praise him, animals and birds.

Leader 2 Praise him, rulers and nations
All Praise him, old and young.

Leader 1 Let them praise the name of the Lord;
All Praise the Lord! Amen.

***A Buncha Guys 20 Year Reunion April 28 – 30.** Please e-mail Russ at abg20year@gmail.com to register or for more information.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** Sunday April 30, 2:30 at Knox United Church, Saskatoon, featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir. Details to follow.