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OMC CALENDAR

Jan 7/2018 Adult S.S. Forum on Marriage, 11:15 am
Jan 10 Bible Study, 10:00 am
Jan 11 Executive meeting, 6:00 pm
Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 13 Men's Brunch, 11:00 am at the Osler Café.
Jan 14 Adult S.S. with Kaytee Edwards-Buhler, 11:15 am:
"Part1 Enneagram Personality Study"
Potluck Fundraiser for MDS'ers at noon
Part 2 Enneagram Personality Study, 12:30 pm
Jan 17 Education meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 18 M & S meeting, 7:00 pm
Jan 20 Serve at Friendship Inn, 11:30 am
Jan 21 Adult S.S. on Divorce
Jan 24 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
Jan 29 Worship meeting, 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Lyle Stucky Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Sound: Dick Braun
Ushers: Susan B, Cornie G, Jadrian G Nursery: Sarah Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 7, 2018

Epiphany: Let it be declared.

Focus Statement: Drawn by the light, and fed by communion, we are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world, including our marriages.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: "Wisdom & Wonder" - Reading by
Kathy Braun and Nora Bergen-Braun
Lighting of Advent & Christ Candles

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #13 "Blessed Jesus, at your word"**

Blue/HWB #216 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Terri Lynn Friesen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #481 "O God, your constant care"

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12

Sermon: "Marriage that works: Seeking Wisdom" Patty Friesen

Communion Service: Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer and Invitation

***Communion Hymn: Blue/HWB #457 "Be present at our table"**

*Benediction: May we go with the light. May we defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to the needy. May we be like the rain that falls on mown grass and like the showers that water the earth. May righteousness flourish and peace abound until the sun and moon are no more. 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.
- **Adult S.S. forum on Marriage**, 11:15 am: "Surviving 50" by Jake & Louise Buhler, John & Deanna Reddekopp

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, Jan 10, 10:00 am: Bible Study
- Thursday, Jan 11, 6:00 pm: Executive meeting
- Thursday, Jan 11, 7:00 pm: Council meeting
- Saturday, Jan 13, 11:00 am: Men's Brunch at Osler Cafe

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Potluck: Susan & Rachel's Lunch Group A-C in charge.**
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Next Sunday, January 14: "Marriage that works: Let's talk about sex" by Patty Friesen.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp Song leader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Nursery: Sarah Guenther
Sound: Liam Boldt Children's Time: Dan Richert
Ushers: Susan Braun, Cornie Guenther, Jadrian Guenther

UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 14 Marriage That Works: Let's Talk About Sex by Patty Friesen
Adult SS Forum – Part 1: 11:15 - Enneagram for Marriage and Other Relationships by Kaytee Edwards Buhler.

Part 2: 12:30-1:30 p.m

Jan 21 Marriage that Doesn't Work: How to Divorce Without Killing Anybody by Patty Friesen. Adult SS 11:15 : Divorce

Jan 28 Dave Neufeld speaking

***Sermon Series will be available on lobby lectern next Sunday** so everyone can see where we are going and how we are going to get there!

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: Bible Study; Thurs: Exec, council; Fri. office, visits.

Terri Lynn's Week: Tues/Wed: CPE; Thurs: Exec, Council; Fri: Office; Sat: Youth.

Remember in Prayer:

-George and Lynette's new granddaughter in Toronto, Ruth Elizabeth Janzen, born on December 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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 12:30-1:30 pm, following a Student MDS noon fundraiser **potluck**.

***Sunday, January 14, at noon: Potluck Fundraiser lunch: Group A-C in charge.** Bring your favourite potluck dish(es) and come prepared to offer cash donations to go towards the transportation costs of our young people who will be going to **Clearlake, California on MDS** during spring break Feb. 18-25. People involved are Matthew Stefaniuk, Dayna Goerzen, Katie Wiebe (MC Sask Youth Minister interim) and Stephanie Siemens building 5 houses for seniors that were burned in the 2015 wildfires. **Student MDS'ers will be making dessert for the January 14 fundraiser potluck.** We will send them with our blessing on February 11 and they will report in church on March 4.

***Youth Calendar:**

January 13 - 6:30-8:30pm

January 27 - 6:30-8:30pm

SMYO Sr. High Retreat at Shekinah: January 26 - 28 (Grades 9-12)

Registration forms on Bulletin Board and at www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry/

***Winter Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark and Ephesians in 2018 in the OMC coffee room. Everyone welcome!**

Wednesdays 10:00-10:45 a.m.

Jan. 10: Mark 1-4

Jan. 31: Mark 12-16

Jan. 17: Mark 5-8

Feb. 7: Ephesians 1-3

Jan. 24: Mark 9-12

Feb 14: Ephesians 4-6

*Forever-In-Motion Free Drop-In Classes at the Osler Community Hall: Mondays and Thursdays January 8 – end of April, 2018. 10:00 – 11:00 am. All adults welcome! Please wear walking shoes.

Contacts are Susan Braun and Lucy Friesen.

***Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am, Men's Brunch at the Osler Café.** Talk to Cornie or George if interested.

***Address change for Ramon & Nelda Hoffer:** Moving to Luther Heights: #117 – 1802 Alexandra Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7K 8A6

RJC WINTER THEATRE - The Theatre Arts Class will present "The Mad Tea Party" in the Pit Theatre on Saturday, January 20 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, January 21 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale January 4, 2018. This play is appropriate for all audiences. **Come out and cheer for Katherine Penner** who is in the play!

***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.

***Mark your calendars for these important Upcoming Events here at OMC:** OMC AGM, Sat. Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m.
CMU Men's Chorus Sat. Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m.
RJC Chorale Sun. Feb. 4, 10:00 a.m.

***The 2018 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions are on March 9 & 10** at Zion Mennonite Church in Swift Current, co-hosted by Emmaus Mennonite and Zion Mennonite. Registration is now open and you can register online at www.mcsask.ca or on paper forms available on the bulletin board. The sessions begin at 1pm on Friday, March 9. **Please let Christy know if you are interested in going.**

Mennonite Disaster Service would like to invite you to their All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, MB on Feb 9-10. This event is a time of sharing and celebration of the work of MDS the past year. For more information or to register please visit our website, mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting/ or call us at 1-866-261-1274. Registration deadline is February 2.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

³This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

²In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'⁷

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.