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***RJC Tournament of Memories** - January 9 & 10, 2015 - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 1st by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) for basketball and hockey. Basketball with a skills competition and Street hockey. This is something new and will be played in the parking lot in front of the school. Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni bulletin "RJC CONNECT" will be in the mail soon (and is already on the RJC website) with more details. If you have questions contact Denelda at 306-221-2846 or RJC office at 306-232-4222.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 28, 2014

Christmas One *"Your beauty is revealed"*

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Incarnate God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your beauty.

All: *In a little child, God is revealed to us.*

Leader: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see.

People: A revealing light to all peoples, the glory of God's kingdom people.

Leader: We rejoice in our rescue and celebrate creations' redemption.

People: The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.

Leader: The animals, wild and tame, all kings and peoples of the earth, lightning and hail, snow and fog, women and men, old and young,

All: *all praise the Lord together, Our Messiah has come. Alleluia!*

Confession:

Leader: O Lord, we confess our joy in you. We cannot keep silent.

People: You came to live among us and have brought us salvation.

Leader: Your salvation is for all peoples, all cultures, all religious communities, all humanity.

People: Because you gave us a new name and have declared us beautiful, we cannot keep silent.

Leader: When the time was right, God sent us his Son.

People: Let us praise the Lord for drawing near to us, for coming among us.

Leader: Come, young and old, male and female, all God's people. Let us praise God together.

All: Our hearts are brimming with the Spirit of God. God's salvation is for all peoples. We will not keep silent!

***Hymns**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

Hymn

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Luke 2: 2-20 and 36-38

Hymn

Meditation

Jan Braun

RESPONDING

***Hymn**

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

The blank, coloured papers in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

TODAY

- **No Sunday School today.**

THIS WEEK

- **Next Sunday, January 4, 2015 Epiphany Sunday**
"Your saving mystery revealed"
Sermon: Patty Friesen

Next Sunday: Worship leader: Dave Feick
Song leader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Children's time: Lacey Braun
Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Remember in Prayer

Thanksgivings:

-the gift of seasonal music, Rita and Sergeii Ovseychik's congregational gift, Liam Boldt's RJC friend spending Christmas, and Melanie and Kevin Boldt's 23rd anniversary.

Intercessions:

-Stephanie Siemen's grandmother and all struggling with illness, Knox United - Prince George's Longest Night of the Year service; and remembering all who grieve this time of year.

Announcements

*Mennonite Church Canada is seeking an **Educational Childcare Worker** for two children ages six and three until summer 2016. Parents Norm and Lillian Nicolson are engaged in a Bible translation and vocational training ministry in Burkina Faso, West Africa. The successful candidate will have a spirit of adventure and a desire to relocate to Africa. For more information, visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/481> or email Tany attwarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca.

*On January 5, 2015 the Resource Centre officially becomes CommonWord: Bookstore and Resource Centre, a new collaboration between Mennonite Church Canada and Canadian Mennonite University. All the usual family and congregational materials and more – for loan and download – will remain available from www.commonword.ca and through the new physical location at 2299 Grant Avenue in Winnipeg. This merger with CMU Bookstore expands our services to include retail products, extended hours of operation and residence in a beautiful public venue. We look forward to continuing to serve you! **New contact information:** Toll-free: 1-877-846-1593 T: 204-594-0527 E: info@commonword.ca Web: www.commonword.ca

***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** Ben and Patti Wiebe of Beamsville, Ont. are preparing for a Mennonite Church Canada short term ministry assignment at Union Biblical Seminary (UBS) in Pune, India. Ben will teach four New Testament courses and Patti will assist with the Women's Ministry program, Jan. to March 2015. The Wiebes have previously served in India on similar assignments.

***Patty's Week:** Sun. Dec. 28- Nutana Park. Wednesday- office 8:30-12:30, evening: wedding. Thursday - wedding brunch. Friday - office 8:30-12:30. Please feel free to call Patty at home: (306) 955-2928.

*Your articles, humor and suggestions for the OMC **January newsletter** are welcome. Please submit to the church office by 9:00am, Wednesday, Dec. 31.

*Our prayers go with **Edna and Art Zacharias** as they head to Colorado, supporting flood repair with Mennonite Disaster Service.

***Thank you** to all who donated for our 10 Christmas hampers, to Margaret Dyck for organizing and Mission and Service for delivery.

*We are looking for some **volunteers** to help serve the brunch for Craig and Matt on New Years' day. Please call Russ or Lucy at 239-2039 if you are interested in helping us out.

***OMC Visioning Process will continue in January. Watch for opportunities to sign up for** with 30 minute interviews with wonderful listeners from MC Sask at OMC and Saskatoon.

***Do you have OMC pictures from 2014?** The Worship Committee would like to again present a year-in-review Slide Show, and needs your photos. Please email your pics to the church office or talk to Adeline about sharing your pics.

***Winter Walkers:** OMC gym will be open for walking Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. beginning Monday, January 5th. *Forever in Motion Senior Fitness Class* will meet Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00-10:45 a.m. Walkers and all ages welcome to join us. Contact Patty with questions.

***OMC Winter Wednesdays Bible Study "Good God, Good Sex"**
led by Joe Heikman, Wildwood Mennonite Church

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.

1. "Sexuality for Everyone" - Sexuality is about more than sex: it's about our longing for connection and the many ways that we go about fulfilling that need. What is it that we're longing for, and what is the connection between sexuality and spirituality?

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.

2. "We are all Eunuchs" - All of our expressions of sexuality, even within marriage, are imperfect and incomplete. What does it mean to pursue healthy sexuality in light of our broken humanity?

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.

3. "Sexual Tensions" - Freedom vs. Boundaries. Individual Rights vs Community Values. Our sexual choices, for better or worse, have real-world outcomes. How do we stay faithful to God, each other, and ourselves, in light of the realities of our broken world?

***Canadian Red Cross First Aid Recertification Course** will be held Sat. Feb. 7, 2015 at the Osler Community Hall from 9-5, cost \$95/person. To register please call Crystal at 306-239-2155 or e-mail info@townofosler.com. We'd like to encourage OMCers to get their First Aid and if you have it, please let the church office know for an emergency list.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Luke 2: 2-20 and 36-38

²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was

expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.