

**\*MCC Connects:** Please join us for a Brown Bag Lunch at 12:00pm on December 17th at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon. Students who attended MCC's United Nations Office Student Seminar "Palestine: A Time for Peace" will share about their experiences.

**\*RJC Tournament of Memories - January 8 & 9, 2016** - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 1st by email ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)) for basketball and hockey. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! This will be the second year for our STREET HOCKEY tournament. The games will be played on campus with teams of four. 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.

**\*RJC Winter Theatre** - Sunday, January 17, 2016, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The Theatre Arts Class will present "The Fearsome Pirate Frank" in the RJC School Gymnasium. The play is a child appropriate (and adult friendly!) pirate adventure/comedy. Tickets are \$10 (rush seating) and will go on sale in the New Year. *Call or email the office starting January 4, 2016 to reserve your tickets.* 306-232-4222 ; [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 13, 2015

### *Third Advent*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

#### **Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candles**

L: Come, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Let our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.**

L: The Mighty One has done great things for us; Holy is God's name.

**C: God's mercy extends to those who honour him from generation to generation.**

L: God has brought down powerful rulers and lifted the humble.

**C: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**

*All: Let us magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Saviour.*

Invocation:

God our deliverer, whose approaching birth still shakes the foundations of our World, may we so wait for your coming with eagerness and hope that we embrace without terror the labour pangs of the new age through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Hymns: Purple/SS #1 "Praise the One who breaks the darkness"  
Blue/HWB #215 "What child is this"**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

Children's Time

Lynn Loewen

**Hymn: Purple/SS #15 "Hope is a candle"**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:46-56, 67-79

**Hymn: Purple/SS#32 "Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem"**

Sermon: "Mary's Magnificent Magnificat" Patty Friesen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #200 "Where is this stupendous stranger"**

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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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.

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### TODAY

- **Choir practice: 9:00am**
- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 **at 9:15am.**
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **11:15am – Membership Conversations: Sanctuary**

### THIS WEEK

- **Sat, Dec 19 – 10:00am** – Assemble Food Hampers
  - **Next Sunday, Dec 20, Noon - Pizza lunch, followed by Sunday School practice for the Christmas Eve program**
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**Next Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Advent: Music Sunday**

Worship leader: Patty Friesen and Stephanie Siemens

### Next Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Advent

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Accompanist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

Sound: Chris Buhler

Nursery Supervision: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: Russ Friesen, Cornie Guenther, Jadrian Guenther

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### Remember in Prayer

**Joys** - Braden's 9th birthday, Chris and Olivia Cox's expecting a baby, John Wall's move to Warman Altenheim. Ladies luncheon, Youth and Young families' party.

**Concerns** - We think of Jan and Steve and family, as Jan's mom Leona Schmidt, 92, died Thursday night. Also, Amer Rehman's family on the death of his wife (new Esso owner.), the deaths of Tena Enns, Frieda's sister-in-law and Irene Andres, Sarah's sister-in-law.

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### Announcements

**\*Patty's Week:** Tuesday: sermon & visits, Wednesday: office 8-12, Fri. office 8-12.

**\*Stuart Murray and Membership Conversations: Today at 11:15 in the Sanctuary:** Everyone is invited to join this discussion! There are copies of "*Belonging/Believing/Behaving in Church after Christendom*" on the lobby table, which will be used as a guide for the discussion.

**\*Christmas Choir practice today at 9:00am and continues next Sunday at 9am.** The choir will be singing during the December 20<sup>th</sup> worship service. If you love to sing songs of the season, please come out and join the choir!

\*The Sunday School children are working hard, rehearsing for the Christmas Eve program. **Next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Pizza lunch for students and their families at Noon, followed by program rehearsal.**

**\*Student Bursary Fund applications:** A Bursary fund was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who will be attending one of our church schools. A once-in-a-lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student will be available as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify, the applicant or their parents must be members of Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. Please submit applications must be submitted to the Bursary committee as soon as possible for processing this year. Copies of the application forms are on the bulletin board. Please return the completed application to Doug McKinnell, Linda Stucky or Margaret Boldt.

**\*Christmas Hampers** - Mission & Service Committee will be distributing Christmas hampers **on December 19th** and are looking for participation from OMC. The box in the foyer labelled Christmas Hampers will be used to collect non-perishable food items. Other items that would be appreciated are baking, homemade jams, pickles etc. Baking and perishable items should be brought to the church on December 18th or 19th. These hampers will be assembled and distributed at 10:00am in the Youth room on December 19th. If you have any questions please talk to a member of the M&S Committee.

**\*Friendship Inn: Thank you to all who have served in 2015.** A new sign-up sheet has more opportunities to serve at the Inn in the new year: January 16, February 20 and March 19.

**\*RJC Christmas Concert - December 18, 7:00 pm** in the school auditorium. Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music and fellowship. A time of refreshments will follow the concert. Everyone is welcome.



\*Your gift to Mennonite Church Canada this Advent season helps help teach children about the history of Indigenous-Settler relations. Visit [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca) to give.

**\*Sunday School Christmas Giving Project:** This Christmas, we can give the Gift of Food to People Affected by the War in Syria through the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**. A donation of **\$13.50 will provide food for one person for a month** through the Foodgrains Bank, and we will hang a CFGB ornament for each person helped. All donations for people affected by the Syrian crisis will be matched 4:1 by the Canadian government. Donations are also matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government through its new Syria Emergency Relief Fund, up until December 31. A donation of \$13.50 will provide a total of \$81—\$67.50 for the Foodgrains Bank (enough for food for five people), and an additional \$13.50 for the government's Syria Emergency Relief Fund, which will dispense money to Canadian NGOs to help people affected by that conflict. A giving jar will be in the foyer or donations can be designated for Sunday School CFGB project through your offering.

\*Osler Mennonite Church members have been looking for a while into the possibility of **sponsoring a refugee family**. At a meeting in September, 5 church members said they would be willing to join a committee, and nearly 20 indicated ways in which they could help. Since then, we have been made aware of a home in the city, suitable for a small family, which the owner has offered to rent at a very reasonable rate, cutting the cost of a year's support from about \$27,000 to possibly less than \$20,000. MCC has offered to connect us with other people in the city who are keen to help. The committee has begun to meet to build some plans for refugee sponsorship - but the final approval for this needs to come from the congregation as a whole. **We will meet briefly after the service on Dec. 20th** to hear and vote on the committee's proposal. Then the group can know whether they can quickly move ahead.

**\*Council has formed a staffing committee** to work at developing a job description for an additional **part-time pastoral staff person** as agreed at our September congregational meeting. The committee consists of Patty Friesen, George Janzen, Matthew Braun, Naomi Schellenberg, Lyle Stucky and Christy Martens-Funk. One of them will be contacting you in the next couple weeks to get your input for their work. Please also feel free to talk with any of them.

**\*Interested in ongoing conversations on membership and sharing of faith stories?** Please join the deacons in Patty's office Sun. Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 at 11:15 a.m.

### OMC CALENDAR

**Today: Dec 13 - Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sun. Dec 13 9:00am – Choir practice**  
**9:15am Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1  
**10:00am Worship Service**  
**11:00am Beverages and snacks** after worship service.  
**11:15am Sunday School** for all ages  
**11:15am – Membership Conversations: Sanctuary**

**Mon Dec 14 7pm - Warman Community Band at Warman MC**

**Friday Dec 18 7pm - RJC Christmas Concert at RJC**

**Sat Dec 19 10am Assemble Christmas Hampers: Youth room**

**Sun Dec 20 9am – Christmas choir practice**

**Sun Dec 20 10am- Music Sunday Worship service**

**Sun Dec 20 Noon – Pizza lunch for Sunday School kids and families, followed by Christmas program practice**

**Thur Dec 24 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Program**

**Sun Dec 27 11:15am - Sharing of faith stories in Patty's office**  
**NOTE: No Sunday School on December 27th.**

### 2016

**Sat Jan 2 7:00pm - YOUTH Movie Night at Ben & Diana's**

**Sun Jan 3 11:15am – Sharing of faith stories in Patty's office**

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:46-56, 67-79**

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,<sup>48</sup> for the Lord has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.<sup>50</sup> God's mercy is for those who fear the Lord from generation to generation.<sup>51</sup> God has shown strength with his arm; the Lord has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.<sup>52</sup> The Lord has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;<sup>53</sup> the Lord has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.<sup>54</sup> The Lord has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,<sup>55</sup> according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

56 And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup> 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for the Lord has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.<sup>69</sup> The Lord God has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of God's servant David,<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> Thus the Lord God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered God's holy covenant,<sup>73</sup> the oath that God swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us<sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve the Lord without fear,<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before the Lord all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.<sup>78</sup> By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

