

***MCC Connects:** Regina Host needed for International Volunteer Exchange Program participant: MCCS is looking for one host in Regina for David, an IVEP participant from Cambodia. Hosts get to share their gifts of hospitality with fine international young people who are committing a full year of service to MCCS. For more info contact IVEP Coordinator Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca or 306-665-2555

***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) 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

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Cornie Guenther, Jadrian Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 27, 2015

Christmas One

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

WL: Christ is born!

People: Christ is born!

WL: Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.

People: We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

WL: The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be a liberator.

People: It's the promise of you and me, struggling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

Invocation

Come into our presence, O God. Come amongst us as a helpless child so we can learn how to care for all helpless children and vulnerable people. Come amongst us so we can care, not out of pity, but out of biblical obedience and justice for all.

***Hymns**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer:

On this Christmas Sunday, we ask that this offering be used to enable our community and communities far from here, to be drawn closer to you in love, forgiveness and justice.

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2: 21-40

Hymn

Sermon:

“Anna and Simeon”

Patty Friesen

Hymn

*Benediction

**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 9:15am.**
 - **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
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Next Sunday, January 3: Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Worship leader: Wilf Buhler

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's Time: Lacey Braun

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Nursery Supervision: Marlene Campbell

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Carl Martens-Funk

Remember in Prayer

Joys - Anne Peter's Osler Citizen of the Year Award, loved ones home for Christmas. Our Christmas Eve program.

Concerns - John Bueckert's family

Announcements

***Patty:** Dec. 28-Jan.5 Elkridge and Edmonton VACATION :)

***Thank you** to everyone who helped with John Bueckert's service and the Christmas Eve program. It takes a congregation to pull off a funeral and a Christmas Eve service.

***Interested in ongoing conversations on membership and sharing of faith stories?** Please join the deacons in Patty's office at 11:15am today and again next Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

***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.

***Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Contributions can still be added** to 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.

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.** Your donations can be designated for Sunday School CFGB project through your offering giving. Thank you!

OMC CALENDAR

Today: Dec 27 - 10:00am Worship Service

11:15am - Sharing of faith stories in Patty's office

NOTE: No Sunday school today.

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
- Sun Jan 10 Communion Sunday
11:15am – Winter Study 1 – “Dying Well”
Noon – Worship Committee Meeting
- Sun Jan 17 Loose Change Sunday
11:15am – Winter Study 2 – “Dying Well”
Noon – Youth Pizza Lunch, followed by:
2:00pm – Youth attend RJC Winter Theatre
- Sun Jan 24 11:15am – Winter Study 3 – “Dying Well”
Noon – Potluck Lunch



Mennonite Church Canada

*Your gift to Mennonite Church Canada this Christmas will help keep our national and international ministries strong and vibrant. Please visit www.mennonitechurch.ca and give generously.

*The concluding work of Mennonite Church Canada's Future Directions Task Force can be found at www.commonword.ca/go/469. Please review these important documents about the future of our national and area church system prior to your respective Area Church Annual Gatherings in 2016, and our national church Assembly 2016 in July. Group and individual responses can also be sent to wmetzger@mennonitechurch.ca.

*The Annual Update from Mennonite Church Canada can be found at www.commonword.ca/go/470.

***Invitation to Visual Artists** for a Juried Art Exhibition at Assembly 2016 on the theme of *God~Faith~People*. Please see home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016 for more information.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church** . Please remain in prayer for the world. Pray that comfort and healing will embrace the families of victims. Pray for the perpetrators engaged in violence. Pray that leaders may find the wisdom and patience necessary to promote understanding, trust and peace. Pray that God's family will strengthen hospitality, forgiveness, prayer, and self-giving service to our neighbours.

Luke 2: 21-40

21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; * this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. * ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon * took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon * blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There 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, ³⁷ then 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.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.