

**\*MCC Connects:** Did you know that each purchase you make at an MCC Thrift shop helps to fund local and international work? To make this happen, volunteers are needed. For more information on MCC Thrift Shops contact Erica Baerwald at 306.665.2555 or go to [mccsk.ca/thriftshops](http://mccsk.ca/thriftshops)

**\*The Youth Farm Corn Maze is hosting *Wintertainment* on Saturday, February 7th** from 11am-7-pm. Skating (bring your own skates), CORN MAZE!, carnival games, bonfire, fireworks, food served all day, and more!! Admission \$5. All proceeds go towards the ministry of the Youth Farm Bible Camp.

**\*Shekinah's Annual Winter Fun Day** is happening again on Family Day, February 16, 2015! Come out and share a day of skating, skiing, tubing and other kinds of family fun with us!

**\*See the bulletin board for details of *Academy of Discipleship seminar sessions "Patient Ferment: Peaceful Mission in the Early Church"*: February 13 & 14 at **Warman Mennonite Church**.**

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Worship Leader: Jake Buhler  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
Scripture Reader: Erasmus Madimbu  
This week's Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan  
Next Week's Nursery care: Shelley Penner  
Sound: Dick Braun  
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Harold Loewen

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
February 1, 2015

### *Healing Service and Communion*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

Call to Worship  
Invocation

**\*Hymns: Green/SJ #103 “Why should I feel discouraged”  
Blue/HWB #627 “There is a balm in Gilead”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #372 “O Healing River”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 1:21-39

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill”**

Sermon: “Healing in the Synagogue, Home & Town” Patty Friesen

Communion

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn: Green/SJ #73 “The Lord lift you up”

\*Benediction

\**Please rise.*

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To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us. **We are especially pleased to welcome guest Erasmus Madimbu, who is a United Church pastor at BaieVerte, Newfoundland, and will read scripture for us this morning.**

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years should be accompanied by an adult.) **Children’s Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

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**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.

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### TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

### THIS WEEK

- **Thurs., Feb. 5, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**
  - **Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:30am – Annual General meeting**
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**Next Sunday: RJC Chorale** - Sunday, February 8th, the Chorale from Rosthern Junior College will present the worship service.

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Sound: Dan Schellenberg, Liam Boldt

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## **Remember in Prayer**

**Joys:** friendliness of Friendship Inn, Michelle's new position, LGBT Listening at Wildwood, Saskatune Singers

**Concerns:** all those with health issues

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## **Announcements**

\***Patty's Week:** Wednesday: office 8:30-12:30. Thurs: council 7:30, Friday: office 8:30-12:30, Saturday: AGM 9:30-12:30

\***MCC Blanket Making** - After many hours of stitching by many volunteers, 102 blankets were made for MCC. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out the past 2 weeks. Thanks, Ann for sewing them all and thanks to all those handy stitchers, blistered thumbs and all; including Margaret, Louise, Nelda, Tena, Sandra, Julie, Rachel, Sarah G., Adeline, Susan, Kathy, Linda S. We know they will be given to people who need and will enjoy a warm, cozy blanket.

\***Youth Event – Friday, February 6th – RJC Friday Night Live** Coffee House / Variety Evening – meet at Church to leave at 6:30 pm Sharp. Still need a driver or two for the evening. If you are available to drive and want to enjoy some awesome entertainment, please talk with Shelley.

\***Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 9:30am. Please plan to attend.

\***Tuesday, February 10, 7:00pm: “Do Art”** continues for Grades 5-9 students – come and be creative, have snacks and fun and make beautiful art with Cheryl Haas! Free event. All materials provided.

\***Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. for anyone interested but particularly those needing healing or reconciliation with the church. We will bring our concerns and go through a service of scripture and prayers.

\***Games Night for Adults/Youth:** Fri. Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. Bring board games, crokinole, and snacks to share. Beverages provided.

\*Registrations are now being accepted for the **MC Sask 2015 Annual Delegate Sessions** on March 13 & 14 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. You can pick up a registration form from your church office, or go to [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) to register online or print off a copy (click on the registrations tab at the top of the page).

**\*Sunday, February 22, 2:30 pm - Book Launch at Bethany Manor:** Three writers will launch newly published books: Bethany resident Bob Wahl has written about the oldest school district between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, namely **Saskatchewan School** established in 1887 east of Warman, where he was a student. Nettie Balzer of Osler will launch *Raising Eight on Eighty* which is the story of her parents who raised 8 children on 80 acres. Henry A. Friesen of Regina will launch *Johann Friesen of Poland and His Descendants*. These 3 books will be available to purchase at this free event. Invite your friends and stay for Faspa. For more information, contact Jake Buhler of the Mennonite Historical Society at 244-1392.

**\*Introduction to Restorative Justice \*: Healing. Transformation. Community. Justice -** A 6-week course on Monday evenings from February 23 through March 30, at Resurrection Lutheran Church (310 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon). Dave Feick will be one of the presenters – See the bulletin board poster for more details.

## Mennonite Church Canada

**\*Featured prayer request from the wider church:** Reports from Vietnam indicate that two Mennonite pastors, Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang and Pastor Huynh Thuc Khai, were severely beaten in Ho Chi Min City (Saigon). The two were attacked Jan.18th by seven people with sticks and bricks. Pray especially for Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang, a prominent and outspoken leader of the church, as he recovers in hospital. Pray for wisdom for Vietnamese Mennonite leaders, and also the international Mennonite community, as they seek to build constructive relationships with local authorities. Full story at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2476](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2476).

\*OMC will host **Watershed Advisory Committee Annual Meeting and Open House**, with timely presentations on February 25, 2015. See the Bulletin board poster for details. (Register if coming for morning meeting and lunch.) Free afternoon presentations.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Mark 1:21-39

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup>He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.