

***MCC Connects:** Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community and around the world? Consider volunteering at an MCC Thrift Shop. Contact your local MCC Thrift Shop. Find out more here: thrift.mcc.org

***TODAY @ 3:30pm: One Show Only! Roxy Theatre, 320 20th St, Saskatoon.** MCCS is excited to invite you to the premiere of this 35 minute documentary **“RESERVE 107: Reconciliation on the Prairies.”** In 2006, the Mennonite community and St John’s Lutheran Church (Laird, Sk) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Young Chippewayan/Stony Knoll First Nations and Mennonite Community. MCCS has been an integral part of this work, through MCCS Aboriginal Neighbours co-ordinator Leonard Doell, who is also featured in the documentary. It is important to begin to share our story and highlight the story of the Young Chippewayan/Stony Knoll First Nations. **Roxy Theatre. Panel discussion to follow.**

*Art Space volunteers needed: For the upcoming MC Canada assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Pace in Saskatoon, we are currently looking for volunteers to take shifts to host the Art Space, and help with set up and take down. Contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca if you are able to help out.

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent: An Unexpected Twist

Focus Statement: “An Unexpected Twist.” The Grand Author works in mysterious ways – ways that we often find to be inexplicably, extravagantly generous. The twists that are thrown into the plot are counterintuitive to our human ways of seeing things. Where one would expect only to find a vast, dry, barren desert, we discover a refreshing anointing, life-giving stream of hospitality.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 43)

Leader: The Lord is doing a new thing:

**All: *The Lord makes a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert!***

Leader: The Lord forms us as a people

All: *and we declare God’s praise!*

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

All: *And we rejoice!*

Invocation:

Lord, you have indeed done great things for us. In this place, may we seek to glorify your holy name, remembering what you have done, what you are now doing, and holding in faith what is yet to come. Amen.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #46 “I sing the mighty power of God”
Green/SJ #14 “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time & Collection of Loose Change: Patty Friesen

Song with children: HWB#614 “In the bulb there is a flower”^(v. 1)

Hymn: Green/SJ #92 “Just as I am, without one plea”

Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Hymn: Green/SJ #65 “Let justice flow like streams”

Sermon: “Your Servants Are Listening” Willard Metzger

Hymn: Green/SJ #51 “As tranquil streams”

*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.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Mon-Friday (Mar 14-18) 9am – Blanket Making each day**
- **Friday, March 18: 7:00pm – Family Movie Night for everyone! Come see “Inside Out”.**
- Sat., March 19: 11:30am -Volunteering at Friendship Inn
- **Next Sunday, 9:15am – Practice Singing for Easter**
- **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and Baptism Sunday –**
- Sarah & Charlie will be joining OMC membership.
- **Next Sunday:11am: Paska tasting & Fundraiser Silent Auction** during coffee Gathering time

Next Sunday, LENT SIX – Palm Sunday, March 20: Baptism/Charlie and Sarah sharing and joining OMC

Worship leader: Patty Friesen

Song leader: Ben Buhler Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children’s Time: Patty Friesen Sound: Steph Siemens

Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Remember in Prayer

Joys – Steph's trip to Bolivia for friend's wedding, curling and basketball tourneys, Osler Winter Fest, Mennonite Historical Society weekend, Ray Dirks and all church artists

Concerns – MC Sask ADS

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Mon-Tues - off, Weds, office 8-12, Fri. office 8-12.

***A big thank you** to everyone for helping with MC Sask ADS, including our delegates: Cornie, George, Deanna, Mark and Dave, and Youth delegate Zachary. And a very warm **welcome to Willard Metzger** who is with us this morning.

***Blanket Making** for MCC on **March 14-18, starting at 9:00am each morning.** MCC provides material aid assistance to refugees and displaced people in the world and we want to help by providing blankets. Please come out and spend a few hours, a day or the week making blankets.

***Bottle Drive Fundraiser:** Please keep bringing your recyclable pop and other bottles and cans to church for the next few weeks, to help Liam and Zach with their **RJC ALSO fundraiser**. Or speak to the guys about picking up your bottles, if that is more convenient.

*Friday, April 1 @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church, 7-11pm:
MEGA-MENNO Youth event: Mystery Dance Fundraiser for Shekinah. Admission: \$20, includes popcorn and drink
Youth: Come on out for a night of dancing and Shekinah Clue.
"You may have heard that Shekinah is in a financial crisis, and you may have been wondering how you can help... with consideration to youth and young adults, we've created a more accessible fundraiser for this age demographic. We understand that these young people are still invested in Shekinah, but not always able to make sizeable donations, and so we're holding a Mystery Dance night on Friday, April 1 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. There will be dancing, alongside a game of Shekinah Clue to solve. So, if you're in high school or "recently graduated" come out for a night to support our beloved camp. \$20 will get you your ticket, a drink, and unlimited popcorn!"

***April 2, 2016: Shekinah** will be hosting the **annual fundraising banquet at Mount Royal Mennonite Church** in Saskatoon. Join us for a delicious meal, updates and entertainment performed by A Buncha Guys Alumni. Tickets are \$20 and doors open at 5:30pm."

 **Mennonite Church Canada**

Registration is open for Mennonite Church Canada YOUTH and ADULT Assembly 2016: *God~Faith~People! Over 40 seminars to choose from; Discernment on the concluding findings of the Being a Faithful Church process and the Future Directions Task Force; Special dinners; Tours of Mennonite and Settler history in Saskatchewan. Come one, come all! Early Birds save by registering before May 15: home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016.

***Interested in singing a special number Easter Sunday? Please come next Sunday morning (March 20) at 9:15am for a practice.**

***OMC Family Movie Night – Friday, March 18, 7 pm.** The deacons invite everyone to come out and enjoy popcorn and the movie, "Inside Out". For Youth, children and adults!

***Our next turn at Friendship Inn is March 19th** and there is room for more OMC volunteers. The demands on Friendship Inn food supplies has been very high lately so all **food donations will be much appreciated.** Sign up today to help and leave your food items in the Friendship Inn box. Many thanks.

***Men's Breakfast: Saturday, March 19, 8:30 am** at Osler Restaurant. If possible, read "Under Construction" Chapter 10 "Builder" and Chapter 11 "Reflection", or Genesis 41 – 43, in preparation.

***REFUGEE FUNDRAISER: On Palm Sunday March 20,** we will be having a **silent auction of Paska (Easter bread) and Hot Cross buns**, during the coffee hour. These baked goods will be available for everyone to bid on, plus **for a loonie per taste**, you can sample these delicious breads before you bid! Anyone interested in donating Paska or Hot Cross buns please speak to Margaret Boldt or Loretta Sawatzky.

***Sunday, March 20th, noon - Youth Ministry Team** bag lunch meeting. See you there!

***A bedroom dresser or chest of drawers** is needed for our refugee program. Please contact Linda Stucky if you are able to donate these items.

***Youth Discussion Night will be cancelled** for this week (March 16th) since Stephanie is away.

***OMC STORY QUILT: You are a piece of the patchwork that makes up Osler Mennonite Church.** The Worship committee invites you to bring a piece of cloth that represents you or part of your story, to be pieced together to make a **Story Quilt** to hang in our church. Bring can be anything that you like: work clothes, finery, tie-dyed, polyester plaid, baby wear, jerseys, etc... (*The plan is to cut 3 inch squares, so bring pieces at least that size, please - anything larger than that will be cut into 3 inch square pieces to use.*) Even “imposter” pieces will be accepted, if you don’t want to part with the real thing. If your piece(s) have a particular story we would love to hear that as well. Thanks for bringing those now!

OMC CALENDAR

Sun Mar 13 Lent Five - Willard Metzger, MC Canada
 Sun Mar 13 Also, a “Loose Change Sunday”
 Wed Mar 16 **CANCELLED**- Youth Discussion Nite with Steph
 Mar 14 – 18 Mon-Friday, 9am – Blanket making this week
Fri Mar 18 7 pm: Family Movie Night, showing “Inside Out”
Sat Mar 19 8:30am Men’s Breakfast at Osler Cafe
 Sat Mar 19 11:30am – Volunteer at Saskatoon’s Friendship Inn
Sun Mar 20 Sarah Buhler & Charlie Clark joining OMC
Sun Mar 20 Paska/Hot Cross Buns Silent Auction @ coffee time
 Sun Mar 20 Noon: Youth Ministry Team meeting (bag lunch)
 Tues Mar 22 7pm: Missions & Service Committee meeting
 Thur Mar 24 6pm: Maundy Thursday – Potluck and Communion
 Fri Mar 25 7pm - Tenebrae Service
Sun Mar 27 Easter Sunday and Potluck breakfast and Easter Egg hunt for the children.
Fri April 1 Youth: Mystery Dance fundraiser at Mount Royal
 Sun Apr 3 Dave Feick preaching
 Sun Apr 10 John Reddekopp preaching

TODAY’S SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’

But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

***Bethany Manor:** 710 sq. ft. suite is available for Life Lease in Bethany Place Assisted Living. Includes 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom with shower, all meals plus assisted living services. See poster for details. Please contact Jennifer Saunders, Bethany Housing Coordinator Office, 306-242-9019, extension 227 for more information.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 10, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Join us for an evening of superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family, or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!