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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
December 17, 2017

OMC CALENDAR

Dec 17 Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 am
 Dec 17 Blue Christmas/Lament in Advent, 7:00 pm
 Dec 24 Service of Christmas Music, 10:00 am
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00pm
 Dec 31 Worship Service 10am – No Sunday School.
 Jan 7/2018 Communion service, 10:00 am
 Adult S.S. Forum on Marriage, 11:15 am
 Jan 13 Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am at the Osler Café.
 Jan 14 Adult S.S. with Kaytee Edwards-Buhler, 11:15 am:
 "Part1 Enneagram Personality Study"
 Potluck Fundraiser for MDS at noon
 Part 2 Enneagram Personality Study, 12:30 pm

Worship Leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen
 Pianist: Lynette Janzen Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
 Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Lloyd Sawatzky

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Third Sunday of Advent

Focus Statement: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: "Wisdom & Wonder" Advent reading
by Kathy Braun and Nora Bergen-Braun

Lighting of Advent Candles

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #201 "Hark, the herald angels sing"

Blue/HWB #209 "Oh how joyfully"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Naomi Schellenberg

Hymn: Blue/HWB #208 "Love came down at Christmas"

OUT STANDING IN THEIR FIELD

By Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler

♪ **Calling All Angels** Children's Choir

Scene I

♪ **Out on a Hillside near Bethlehem** Children's Choir

Scene II

♪ **Outstanding News** Children's Choir

Scene III

♪ **Away in A Manger** Adult Choir

Scene IV

♪ **Little Lamb of God** Children's Choir

♪ **Outstanding News (Reprise)** Children's Choir

"For Unto Us a Child is Born" Youth Reader's Theatre

Hymn: Blue/HWB #197 "Angels we have heard on high"

Sunday School Project Offering: Received by Shepherds, Angels
and sheep

Hymn: Blue/HWB #318 "Joy to the World"

*Benediction: May the God of restoration make you holy and whole.
May your body, spirit and soul be knit together in preparation for the
coming of the One who calls all to dwell in the fullness of grace.
Amen.

*(*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 9:15 am.
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **No Sunday School December 17, 24, 31**
- **Adult choir practice after coffee.**

- **Blue Christmas/Lament in Advent, 7:00 pm** A short,
contemplative service to acknowledge that Christmas can be a
time of grief, sadness and loss - in our own lives and in the
world. We will join in scripture, song and prayer in an honest
but hope-filled way on one of the darkest nights of the year.

THIS WEEK

- **Friday, December 22, 7:00 pm: Classical concert** featuring
Anna Bigland-Pritchard, Nolan Kehler and Catherine
Richard.

NEXT SUNDAY

- 10:00 am: **"The Music of Christmas"**. This service will
include our adult choir, special music, Christmas favourites
and will end with our traditional homecoming mass choir
singing the "Friedensfurst".
- **7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Next Sunday, Dec. 24: "The Music of Christmas"

Worship Leader: Pastor Friesen

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Carl MF, Lloyd S

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 31: "Christ is born!" – Audrey Bechtel preaching

Note: There will no Sunday School on Dec. 17, 24, 31.

Patty's Week: Tues: worship prep, visits; Wed: office, staff party,
visits; Fri: office, Anna's concert.

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: Blue Xmas service (pm); Tues: CPE
(am), youth ministers mtg (pm); Wed: visit, staff party, RJC concert
(pm); Thurs: visits (am)/office (pm); Fri: office.

Terri Lynn's holidays: December 25 - Jan 4 inclusive. On call:
(c) [306-715-5595](tel:306-715-5595) Dec. 29 - Jan 3 while Patty in Kansas

Remember in Prayer:

-thankful seniors for the singing

-Joe's heart surgery

-St. John's Lutheran-Warman

-WMSCH quarantine

-MCC Bolivia's water project-Dick Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***A big thank-you to:** Kevin and Melanie Boldt for leading choir; to Lynette Janzen, Naomi Schellenberg and Kathryn Janzen for leading the Sunday School program and Christmas Eve services; to choir members; to Nora and Kathy for Advent readings; to the guys fixing the roof.

***Church office closed Dec. 25-Jan.4.** Patty will take emergency on-call Dec. 25-29 306-955-2928. Terri Lynn on-call Dec. 29-Jan.4 306-715-5595.

***Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys** come together for a concert today, **December 17th at 7:00 pm** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Donations from both concerts will go to support Shekinah. Please join us!

*Singers for Seniors – Thanks for a terrific singalong and visit with Bill and Marg Braun last week. If folks are available for another singalong and coffee with John and Anne Friesen next **Tuesday, December 19, 2:00 p.m. at 202-310 Cree Crescent** - just north of KFC on that road past Lawson Heights Mall, that would be great.

*Free Chamber Singers ticket on bulletin board.

***Classical Concert here at OMC: December 22 – 7:00pm**
Anna Bigland-Pritchard (soprano) and her friends Nolan Kehler (tenor) and Catherine Richard (pianist) will be giving a recital on December 22nd at 7pm. They'll be performing a variety of arias, art song, musical theatre and duets by composers such as Britten, Vaughn Williams, Poulenc, Sondheim and Handel. Suggested donation \$15.

***Advent calendars** are available on lobby lace table.

***Winter Study on Marriage, Sex and Divorce** begins with Sunday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 sermons and 11:15 Adult Education. Kaytee will lead an Enneagram Personality study on Jan. 14 at 11:15am, and at 12:30-1:30 pm, following a Student MDS noon fundraiser potluck.

***Winter Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark and Ephesians** on Wednesdays 2018: Jan. 10, 17, 21, 28, and Feb. 7, 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the OMC coffee room. Everyone welcome.

RJC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

*Concert #1: **Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 pm** at Knox United Church, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon.

*Concert #2: **Friday, December 22, 7:00 pm** at Rosthern Junior College. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of RJC. Everyone is welcome.

*Ever wonder where your MCC Relief kits go? Need some giving ideas? Want to know more about MCC at work in the year? Check out MCC's "**In Touch**": <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/e-newsletter>

***Christmas Hampers:** Missions and Service Committee will be distributing hampers on December 23rd and donations would be appreciated. Please place non-perishable items in the box labelled Christmas Hamper Donations in the foyer. Baking and perishable items should be brought to the church on December 22 or 23rd. We will be distributing 9 hampers. If you have any questions please talk to a member of the M&S Committee.

***Sunday School Christmas Project:** This year the Sunday Christmas Giving Project is to collect funds in support of Mennonite Central Committee in their efforts to provide hunger relief around the world. More specifically, the project that we are supporting provides rabbits and chickens to needy families in various parts of the world. Rabbits produce quickly and cost little to raise and chickens provide eggs and meat. MCC-supported training helps people raise and sell animals such as these.

You are invited to support this project by placing a donation in the box by the project display in the foyer, or else you may designate an offering as *Christmas Giving Project*.

Donations will be accepted until the end of December. We hope to raise \$750 for this project.

***Saturday, January 13, 9:00 am, Men's Breakfast at the Osler Café.** Talk to Cornie or George if interested.

***Sunday, January 14, at noon: Potluck Fundraiser lunch** to raise money to pay for transportation costs for some of our young people who are going on MDS in February to Clearlake, California

***SMYO Senior High Retreat at Shekinah, January 26-28.** See poster for registration details. Please let Terri Lynn know if you are going.

***Lost/Found: A ladies ring** was found in the ladies washroom last Sunday. If yours, please see the office with a description to claim it.

***MCC Colombia Education Fund:** Thank you to everyone who contributed their loose change to this project. In 2017 we were able to raise \$1,019,70 and this has enabled children in Colombia to have access to an education. This money has been forwarded to MCC.

***Rejoice Devotionals:** Please sign up if you are interested in receiving the Rejoice, which costs OMC \$37.70 per subscription. Users please consider giving as able.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre** is welcoming applications for an Executive Director. Applicants will be reviewed starting January 2018 and the position will be filled by March 1, 2018. The Executive Director provides vision, direction, and ongoing support to staff and Board members, and facilitates stakeholder relations in accomplishing the goals and objectives of Shekinah Retreat Centre. The Executive Director is responsible for all aspects of planning, fundraising, and programming, along with fulfilling administrative and financial responsibilities. The Executive Director is responsible for maintaining positive public and staff relations. An entrepreneurial and creative approach is essential. We invite interested parties to visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more details.

Cast (in order of appearance)

Angel Nora	Nora Bergen-Braun
Angel Lanae	Lanae Martens-Funk
Angel Novinya	Novinya Doucette
Angel Emmett	Emmett Bergen-Braun
Angel Dylan	Dylan Martens
Angel Rachel	Rachel Clark
Angel Natalia	Natalia Guenther
Angel Olivia	Olivia Martens
Angel Zoe	Zoe Schellenberg
Old Shep	Wilf Buhler
Shepherd	Dan Richert
Shepherd	Micah Guenther
Shepherd Frank	Eli Schellenberg
Shepherd-in-Training Anna	Anna Neufeld
Shepherd-in-Training Bree	Bree Schellenberg
Shepherd Ernest	Benjamin Clark
Wandering Lamb	Ava Boldt
Unruly Lamb	Walter Tataryn
Baby Lamb	Uma Boldt