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***The Mennonite Disaster Service All-Unit Meeting** is being hosted by Region 5 (Canada) from February 9-10, 2018 in Winkler, MB. This event is open to all who are interested in the work of MDS. For more information or to register for the event see our website mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting or call our Winnipeg office at 1-866-261-1274.

OMC CALENDAR

Nov 26	Adult choir practice at noon
Dec 1	Hanging of the Greens/Decorating, 7:00 pm Hot chocolate afterwards!
Dec 2	Ladies Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 am -1:30 pm Youth Child-care service project
Dec 8	Osler School Christmas Concert: 10:00am
Dec 16	Youth Christmas Party
Dec 17	Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 am
Dec 17	Blue Christmas/Lament in Advent, 7:00 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Hymn Sing 10:00 am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp

Sound Leader: Kevin Boldt

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Ushers: Anna Peters, Dick Braun

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
November 26, 2017

Memorial Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #103 “Jubilate Deo omnis terra”**
Blue/HWB #195 “It came upon a midnight clear”

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time

Kathy Braun

Hymn: Purple/SS #52 “Whatsoever you do”

Scripture lessons: Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn: Blue/HWB #599 “He leadeth me”

Sermon:

"Good Goats"

Julie Bergen

Candle lighting and remembering those who have passed

Hymn: Blue/HWB #575 “Precious Lord, take my hand”

*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 9:15 am.
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages begins at 11:15 am.
- **Adult choir practice at Noon.**

THIS WEEK

- **Friday, Dec.1, 10am – Memorial for Betty Kruger**
- **Friday, Dec 1, 7pm – Hanging of the Greens**
- **Sat. Dec 2, 11:30am – Ladies Christmas Luncheon**
- **Sat. Dec 2, 1-4pm – Parents Afternoon Off/Childcare**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult choir practice at Noon**
 - **Sunday School Forum:11:15am - Children & Communion**
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Next Sunday, Dec. 3, Advent 1: Patty Friesen “A Wakeful Faith”

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen

Sound: Chris Buhler Ushers: Russ Friesen, Carl Martens-Funk

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 3: First Advent – “A Wakeful Faith” by Patty Friesen

Dec 10: Second Advent – “John the Baptist” by Patty Friesen

Dec 17: 10:00 am – Sunday School Christmas Program -
“Outstanding in their Field” followed by Christmas coffee.

Dec 24: 10:00 am – Christmas Hymn Sing
7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 31: “Christ is born!” – Audrey Bechtel preaching

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, lunch visit. Wed.: office, visit.
Fri.: funeral. Sat: OMC Xmas lunch

Terri Lynn's Week: Tues: CPE meeting. Wed: advent prep.
Thur: office. Fri: memorial service. Sat: youth childcare event

Remember in Prayer:

Chalan's dad's stroke and Loretta and Lloyd's 2 week grandparenting stint, joy serving at Friendship Inn, worshipful SMYO service and Katherine's sharing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A big thank-you to everyone who organized, baked for and donated to the Low German fundraiser that raised \$1900.00 for the Al-Nouris who will be coming soon!

***Adult choir practices** on Sundays at **noon.**

***Friday, December 1** at 7:00 p.m. - **The Hanging of the Greens**
Everyone is invited to help decorate for Christmas! We will begin with a short liturgy, then decorate our beautiful Christmas tree and sanctuary. This is a fun evening for kids, families - anyone who loves Christmas!

***Ladies & Girls Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 2,**
11:30 am here at OMC. The sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board with all the details.

***Student Care Packages:** The deacons invite you to bring goodies for our post-secondary students. Gift boxes will be in the foyer for the next couple of weeks to collect your Care gifts, such as gift cards, treats, KD ☺ etc. for Zachary, Matthew S., Dayna, Liam and Steph. Thanks for your support. Please bring your items by December 10th. *Donations to Dayna, Steph and Matthew's MDS spring break trip also welcome!*

***Trouble Hearing the Service?** Please signal the sound person or the speaker or both!

King: I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.

Narrator: These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life.

***Dec 11, 7:30pm : Station Singers** present “Have you Heard the Story?” with John Rutter at Station Arts Center in Rosthern. Tickets: Adults \$20/Students \$10/Kids 12 & under \$5. (Call 306-232-5332)



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November 22, 2017 – Work of MCC Canada:

On Monday, MCC’s partner Communauté des Églises de Frères Mennonites au Congo (CEFMC, Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo), distributed one month of food rations and non-food items, including tarps, to 180 internally displaced families in Kikwit district, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. One recipient was Christine Ndaya, displaced from Mbuji-Mayi in the Kasai region. She is pregnant and has three children, who also benefit from the assistance.

***Saturday, Dec 2 - Parents' Afternoon Off!**

Kids are invited to Osler Mennonite Church from **1-4pm on Sat Dec 2**, so that their parents might have a few hours of un-busyness to spend as Advent begins.

Youth from Warman & Osler Mennonite (& Terri Lynn & sponsors) will provide childcare for kids. We welcome any kids who are potty-trained; please bring *outdoor clothes* for your child. We'll play games, perhaps watch a Christmas movie, do a craft and a snack will be provided! **Please reply to Terri Lynn if your kids are joining us.** Mark this date on your calendar - kids and youth both had a great time last year!

***Christmas Hampers:** Mission and Service Committee is planning to distribute Christmas hampers in December. If you are aware of families or individuals that would benefit from a hamper please contact a member of the M & S Committee: John G., Sandra G., Jean, Marlene or Margaret D.

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

YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec 2: Youth child-care service project: Babysitting provided for ‘Parents’ Advent Day Off’!

Saturday Dec 16: Christmas Party @ Josh & Cindy Wallace's

*Please join **OMC City Singers for Seniors** at Oliver Lodge, **Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 10:30 am**, with lunch to follow and another singalong at John and Anne Friesen's at 1:30 p.m.

*Please join **OMC Singers for Seniors** at Warman Special Care Home on **Friday, Dec. 15 @ 10:30 am**, followed by 12:00 lunch and another singalong at Susan Bueckert's in Neuhorst.

***Address change** for Dennis & Margaret Boldt:

P.O. Box 307, 307-1010 Ruth St. Saskatoon SK S7J 4M9

Phone: 306-979-4702 Email: mardenb@sasktel.net

***Sunday School Christmas Project;**

...keeping watch over their flock by night (Luke 2;8).

This year the Sunday School Christmas Giving Project will be one that helps to provide rabbits and chickens for poor people around 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. We hope to receive donations towards this project during the month of December. Our goal is \$750.00 this year.

***Osler School Christmas Carol Festival** here @ OMC - **Friday December 8th at 10am.** Come & enjoy the hard work and beautiful music prepared by these grade 4-6 students and their teachers.

***From the Trustees Committee:** The front of the church sanctuary has been repaired and a rail is now in place for any items that need to be hung -- please do not hang items elsewhere. Please consult the Trustees Committee before hanging anything in the church. Thanks!

***Advent at Home** - Families with children:

Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of "Yes! Let It Be!" a free, downloadable guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

***Sonrisa Women's Choir and A Buncha Guys** come together for two concerts this Christmas season. **Saturday, December 9th** at 7:30 at Knox United Church in Saskatoon, and **Sunday, December 17th** at 7:00 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Donations from both concerts will go to support Shekinah. Please join us!

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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 31-46

—based on The Good News Bible by Carolyn Brown.

Narrator: When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the righteous people on his right and the others on his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right,

King: Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

Narrator: The righteous will then answer him,

Right Side: When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?

King: I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!

Narrator: Then he will say to those on his left,

King: Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.

Narrator: Then they will answer him,

Left Side: When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and would not help you?

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