

MCC Connects - Children who have been neglected or abandoned learn about taking care of their health and preventing HIV at a unique summer camp in Ukraine. Through games and sporting activities, street kids are given opportunities for fun and learning. \$100 pays for games and sports equipment for 30 kids attending camp.

*This July 17-21, as a charitable fundraising event, Team CMU will be in "Hot Pursuit 2010" pursuing Winnipeg's ultra-marathon cyclist Arvid Loewen from White Rock, BC, to Winnipeg, MB, leaving White Rock only 24 hours behind Loewen. Team CMU's five professors and alumni, Team Winnipeg Police, and Team "GoGo Grannies" (joining in Calgary) are all in pursuit. You can tune in online at www.cmu.ca/hotpursuit for daily updates. The Canadian Mennonite University team is racing to raise awareness and funds to help bring international students to CMU.

*MC Saskatchewan is having a "**Day in the Park**" on Sunday, August 15. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for all the exciting details.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Scripture: Chris Cox
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Russ Friesen
This Sunday nursery care: Melanie Boldt
Next Sunday nursery care: Margaret Dyck

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 18, 2010

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Invocation: SS #190

***Hymns: HWB #226
SJ #31**

**"You are salt for the earth"
"He came down"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Gordon Allaby
Collection of "Loose Change"

Hymn: HWB #401 "This little light of mine"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-2
New Testament Lesson: Luke 6:6-11

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: SJ #65 "Let justice flow like streams"

Discussion: "Christ and Culture" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

*Hymn: HWB #377

“Healer of our every ill”

*Benediction

*Please rise

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

Remember in Prayer: *Tena Kruger who is in St. Paul’s Hospital.

*Ed Epp (Frieda's brother) passed away on July 13. The funeral is Monday, July 19 at the Waldheim MB church. Please pray for Frieda and the entire family.

THIS WEEK

- **Yard Maintenance** – Glen Grismer, Jake Buhler, Cornie Guenther
- Gordon will be on holidays from July 19 to July 26. Please contact one of the deacons for pastoral care, during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Everyone is invited to a celebration of Mrs. Annie (J.L.) Guenther's 90th birthday. A "Come and Go" tea will be held on Sunday, July 25th at Bethany Manor from 2-5 p.m.

***Congratulations to Elizabeth Buhler and Mike Shantz** on the birth of an 8 lb. baby girl, Hannah Louise, on July 10, in Hamilton, Ont. This date is also the birthday of cousin Benjamin Buhler Clark. The proud grandparents are Jake and Louise Buhler.

MDS Summer Project in Shaunavon, Sask.:

July 25-31 OMC Youth’s week to serve. We have room for 8-10 youth and adults. Call or talk to Dave Feick for details and to sign up. If we cannot fill 8 spots we will lose this opportunity.

Vacation Bible School wrapped up Friday after a wonderful week of song, stories, worship, games, learning and fun! Thanks to the MC Sask VBS Troupe: Wendy Luitjens, Clay Buhler, Katie McLellan and Teresa Friesen who did a super job! The VBS offerings and Bottle drive raised a total of \$265.65 for the "Meeting God in South Africa" giving project. **The giving jar will be in the foyer after church today** if anyone wishes to add a gift for South African missions.

VBS could not have happened without many volunteers. **A HUGE THANKS** to all of you who helped in so many ways: Helpers - Shelley Penner, Diana Buhler, Adeline Cox, Jake Buhler, Leslie Allaby, Sarah Guenther, Anna Peters, Loretta Sawatzky Charlie Clark, Leanne Friesen and Sarah Hiebert.

Billets: Russ and Lucy Friesen.

Snack Co-ordinator: Maggie Dyck, and snack providers:

Leslie A., Michelle Altstadt, Loretta Sawatzky, Linda Stucky, Lacey Braun and Sarah Guenther.

Lunch and supper hosts (for the troupe): Leslie A., Ruth Buhler, Adeline C., Christy Martens-Funk and Kathy Braun. Thank you, Thank you! You blessed each child with your loving contributions.

RJC NEWS:

***Youth: What are you doing next year?** If you are entering grade 10, 11 or 12, there is still room for you at Rosthern Junior College, the High School for you! Call 306 232-4222 to talk to Dave or email dave@rjc.sk.ca to begin the application process or to learn more about RJC. Remember to ask about bursaries too.

**Different models of how
the church (the body of Christ) relates to culture.**

By H. Richard Niebuhr

Christ Against Culture

The church is separate from culture because secular culture is to be avoided.

Christ of Culture

The church and dominant culture appear to coexist nicely, such as the label "A Christian nation." Actions and language are blended.

Christ above Culture

The church strives to rule over culture, such as the Catholic church during the Middle Ages.

Christ and Culture Paradox

This is a dualistic model: church and culture tolerate each other. This is often referred to as the "Two Kingdoms."

Christ the Transformer of Culture

The church is active "in" culture nurturing peace, justice and grace. This model is not static, and it is the most challenging model.

Remember:

The church is the body of Christ in the world today. The church is dynamic and consists of the followers of Christ. We are in process; we are following, and we are vibrant and ever-changing. As Stuart Murray puts it in his book, "The Naked Anabaptist", Our "...core convictions are aspirations rather than achievements." We strive to practice what we preach (Jesus' way and message), but we haven't yet arrived at the perfection.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 61:1 - 2 (NRSV) ¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

Luke 6:6 - 11 (NRSV) ⁶On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.