

**MCC Connects** - Come to the MCC Relief Sale and Auction at Prairieland Park on June 11 & 12 to meet friends, eat ethnic foods, learn about MCC's work in Haiti, and donate resources for MCC's global work of disaster response, sustainable development and justice and peace work.

**June 15** - Senior's Retreat at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.

**June 19** - 7:00PM Charity Auction at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.

**Youth events for June:**

**June 20** - Youth focused church picnic worship service at 10:00 am

**June 24** - 7:00 pm RJC Musical "Oliver!"

**MDS Summer Project in Shaunavon, Sask.:**

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

\***ROSTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE** is pleased to present it's June musical, "OLIVER" on **Friday & Saturday, June 25 & 26** at 7:30 pm. Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, May 25 at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$15 each and can be reserved by calling the RJC office (306.232.4222 or email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)).

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Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Scripture: Carl Martens-Funk  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
June 6, 2010

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

**Call to Worship:**

One: We are pieces in a broken world.

**All: We seek wholeness.**

One: We separate and wonder why there is brokenness.

**All: We desire peace.**

One: We ask for healing and wholeness.

**All: We can not do this alone.**

One: We are pieces in a broken world.

**Invocation: SJ #145**

**\*Hymns: SJ #45**

**HWB #619**

**"In the morning when I rise"**

**"Glorious things of thee are spoken"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and **Prayer of the Church** (see insert)

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Wilf Buhler

**Hymn: HWB #143**

**"Amazing Grace"**

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 17:17-24

New Testament Lesson: Luke 7:11-17

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: HWB #170** "The King of love my shepherd is"

Sermon Jan Braun

RESPONDING  
\***Hymn: SJ #73** "The Lord lift you up"

\*Benediction

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\*Please rise

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**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.

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#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tena Kruger, as she grieves the passing of her sister, Martha (Janzen) Froese, on May 30.

#### TODAY

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

#### THIS WEEK

- **MCC Relief Sale** on June 11 & 12 at Prairieland Exhibition.  
**June 12 - 9:00 am to noon-** OMC Youth will be working the pop and ice cream booth at the MCC Relief Sale.
- **Deacons meeting** on Thursday, June 10, 8:00 p.m.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- **OMC semi-annual meeting** – June 13 right after church.
- Last Sunday of Sunday School till the fall.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Bible Presentation to graduating Grade 6 students:** Everyone is invited and encouraged to sign the Bibles that will be presented to four Grade 6 students that are graduating up to Junior Youth in the fall. The Bibles will be at the front of the church for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Words of encouragement or a favourite verse or quote may be included.

**\*The Church Council is purposing an amendment** for the Church Office Administrator to the Bylaws. Please review the copy of the purposed changes that has been placed in members' mail boxes. If you have any questions regarding this addition to the Bylaws please contact Dick Braun, Congregational Chairperson. This will be **voted on at the Semi-Annual Meeting** which will be held on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> right after the Church service.

**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the MCC Relief Sale on Saturday, June 12 from 1-3 p.m.** (clean-up at the Verenike Booth). Please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board.

**\*Please contact Diana Buhler** if you are able to volunteer next Friday, June 12, to help with setup for the MCC Relief Sale. Volunteers are asked to be at Hall E, Prairieland Park, between 9 and 10 a.m. Call Diana at 239-4706.

\*Our **Church Picnic lunch** will be a **Cold Plate Potluck**. Everyone is asked to bring some of the following: cold salads, cold meats, buns, cheese, fruit. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

\***OMC church picnic** – our Annual Church Picnic and outside worship service, here on our grounds, is **June 20th**, and this year's theme will feature **our youth**. A segment of the service will be the imparting of advice and wisdom. **All adults are asked to consider sharing a sentence or two** of what you feel is important for our youth to hear. This could be a lesson you've learned, an experience, a verse from the Bible or a pillar in your belief system. Please contemplate what you can share, and try to keep it brief.

\* **VOLUNTEERS are needed at the Hamburger Booth** during the **Food Grains Bank Auction Sale on Saturday, June 26** from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Walter Wiebe farm. Contact Garry Boldt if you are willing to help.

**\*Volunteers needed as COUNTDOWN TO VBS continues....**

Only 5 weeks to Vacation Bible school ! We will host children from 4 years of age to Grade 6, for 5 mornings in July (12-16th). MC Saskatchewan's VBS troupe will lead the sessions, but we need to provide 5 or 6 group helpers. If you are able and willing, please sign up on the foyer bulletin board (even if you can't help every day). This year's theme: "Meet God on the mountain"

If you can't attend, but can bake cookies or help provide snacks, there is also a place for you to sign up. **Thanks!**

*If you have any questions, please speak to an Education Committee person. Thanks for considering this important ministry.*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**1 Kings 17:17 - 24 (NRSV)** <sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to

remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup>But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup>The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." <sup>24</sup>So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

**Luke 7:11 - 17 (NRSV)** <sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

**Psalms 30:1 - 12 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. <sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. <sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my

prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Eternal God, arbiter of justice and champion of peace, reach into the deep pit of violence, despair, and ruthlessness that shapes the lives of so many in Palestine and Israel. The nations are in an uproar, kingdoms totter, people cry out.

**You, O God, are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Grant, O God, healing to the men and women injured during the Israeli military assault. Bring grace and consolation to those who mourn the dead.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be filled.**

God who has proclaimed release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed, may all who have been taken prisoner for their involvement in the flotilla return safely home. We remember these and others who are unjustly detained.

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, who has sent me to proclaim release to the captives...and to let the oppressed go free.**

Lord of all, make known to all in Palestine and Israel that your love extends to all people, that might is not right, that fear begets fear, that love conquers all. Give hope to the many who, in love, speak and act boldly for justice.

**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.**

God of Justice, we pray that the nations of the world will no longer stand idly by, but uphold the rights of the oppressed in Gaza, the West Bank, and around the globe. We, the peoples of many lands, “reaffirm [our] faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.” [UN Charter: Preamble]

**Your judgements are just, O Lord, you will hold all nations accountable for what they have done, and also for what they have left undone.**

God who offers life in abundance, break the chains of injustice that shackle the people of Gaza. May the blockade that limits food and medicine, toys and cement, culture and trade, friendships and families be swiftly ended. May the people of Gaza and of the West Bank be brought together in unity.

**They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. For like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. [Isaiah 65]**

God of equity, who knows no distinction between race or creed or colour, help us to be ever impatient in our encounter with injustice and abuse. As ambassadors for Christ, do not allow our hearts to be hardened, but let us live your message of justice, peace and reconciliation. We remember the words of your prophet: “The effect of justice will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” [Isaiah 32:16-18]

**God, in your grace, transform the world.**

