

* **Bethany Manor Spring Tea:** Saturday, May 7, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Proceeds will go towards new chairs for the choir. Everyone is Welcome!

***RJC Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, May 7, 5:00 pm** - In conjunction with the May 7th RJC Golf Tournament, there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to publicly thank all those who gave of their time and talents to create our new **Student Gathering Space**. The transformation of the former boys' shower and washroom to the beautiful Student Gathering Space is indeed miraculous and needs to be celebrated! If you are interested in attending this banquet, call or email the school by Monday, May 2 to reserve your seat or table (306 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca). Banquet tickets: \$20. The Gathering Space official opening will be Sunday, May 15 (Spring Concert.)

***MCC Connects** – Plan ahead to join the community of volunteers and supporters at the MCC Relief Sale in Saskatoon on June 10 -11. Enjoy the fun in fundraising. Volunteers and donations of auction and artisan items, plants, pies and bake sale items are still needed. Contact coordinators Armin & Edith Krahn at 384-1206 or eakrahn@sasktel.net. Information at sk.mcc.org.

*The new Rejoice Devotional (for June-July-August) is now available in the foyer.

Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Anna Peters
This Sunday nursery care: Jean Harms
Next Sunday nursery care: Jan Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: SS #179

Invocation
Lighting of the Peace Candle

***Hymns: HWB #280** “Christ the Lord is risen today”
HWB #273 “Low in the grave he lay”

Sharing of joys and concerns
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Choir
See What a Morning
With A Voice of Singing
In Christ Alone/Most Holy One

Children's Time Edna Zacharias

Hymn: HWB #275 “Lift your glad voices”

Affirming our Faith: SS #181

Worship Music: "Like a tender breath, stirring" SS #106
Christy Martens-Funk, Michelle McKinnell, Lynette Janzen

Offering and Offertory Music
Prayer of Thanks

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 28: 1-10

Hymn: HWB #274 "O sons and daughters, let us sing!"

Sermon: "It's over" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: HWB #118** "Praise God from whom"

***Benediction**

*****RING your bell every time you sing "Alleluia or Hallelujah."**
***Please rise**

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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.

TODAY

- **Potluck Brunch at 11:00am – everyone welcome!**
- **No children's Sunday School today. Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:30am, followed by kite flying if the weather co-operates.**

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, April 28, 7:30pm – Executive Meeting**

- **Friday, April 29, 7:30pm – Jr. Youth Puppet practice**
 - **Saturday, April 30, 9:00am – Men's breakfast and Work day**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

- ***Irvin Driedger**, who had a serious stroke.
- * **John Friesen**, continuing rehabilitation therapy at City Hospital.
- * **Kim (and Ian) Osmond**, as Kim is undergoing chemotherapy.

***Easter Lilies:** it is not too late to purchase one of the Easter lilies; we have extra, and if you'd like to take one home, then please pay Rachel or place your cheque in the offering, being sure to designate the purchase on your cheque. And then take your lily home TODAY. Did you know, you can plant them in your yard (6 inches deep from the top of the bulb) and they will bloom each summer?

*There will be a **congregational meeting** after the morning service **on Sunday, May 1**, to accept the reviewed financial statement for 2010. Also, at that time council will bring a recommendation to the congregation that Gordon Allaby receive a sabbatical leave for the purpose of rest and spiritual renewal, beginning July 10 and ending on August 22, 2011. Mennonite Church Canada feels it is beneficial to both church and pastor that sabbatical leaves occur, and Council agrees that Gordon, after serving our congregation for seven years, should take some time to recharge and be rejuvenated. Deacons and Worship Committee will take on extra responsibilities during that time.

***Newsletter submissions deadline: Wednesday, April 27.** Send email submissions to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net, as Gordon will be away this week.

***May 6, 5:00-8:00 pm: A Community fundraiser** for Kimberly and Ian Osmond. Kim has stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma, will be having 8 months of chemo treatments, and be unable to work. Donations of chili, buns, and pies are needed, as well as volunteers for set up, dishes, and clean up during and after the supper. This is greatly appreciated by the family. To donate or volunteer assistance, call Eileen McGill @ 239-2160 or Heather Wall @ 239-4210.

***Sunday School teachers** are needed for the rotation after Easter: May 1, 8 & 15. The theme will be “the Parables of Jesus”. See the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or talk to John Reddekopp if you can help.

***Munsch on This:** Calling EVERYONE! We (Craig and Steph) have written a hilarious play for us, as a church family to put on. But we need your help! We will need people for acting, set design, costumes, sound, and lighting. Practices will be held mainly Sunday afternoons, and also some evenings closer to the performance dates. Dress rehearsal: June 12; Performances: June 17th and 18th We are very excited about doing this and hope for it to be an inter-generational activity. Please let us know if you would like to get involved!

***Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2011: “It’s Epic: Remembering God’s Future”**, in Waterloo, Ontario, this summer (July 4-8), will include many friends, a special Sarah Harmer concert, awesome worship music and inspiration overflowing. Everything you want to know about this event, including online registration, can be found at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1500_or_by_calling_1-866-888-6785.

***Air Miles** - Mennonite Church Canada Assembly will be held in Waterloo, Ontario this summer. If you would like to donate air miles to delegates who will attend on behalf of our church, please talk to a council member.

***Worship Time and Talents Surveys:** If you have not yet returned the Worship Time & Talents Survey that was placed in your church mailbox, please complete and return the survey to any worship committee member as soon as possible. Thank-you!

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 28:1 - 10 (NRSV) ¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of

him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

John 20:1 - 18 (NRSV) ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.