

***MCC Connects** – You are invited to attend the Second Annual Spruce River Folk Festival on August 27 beginning at 1:30 PM at the Spruce River Farm, 20 kms north of Prince Albert on Hwy 2. Co-sponsors for the festival, Grace Mennonite Church, MC Sask and MCCS, have designated proceeds to the Young Chippewayan Genealogy Project. Visit sk.mcc.org/aboriginalneighbours for more details.

*Wondering what to do this fall? Consider spending a year traveling the world, learning about God and making lifelong friendships. **CMU's Outtatown** discipleship program has just a few spots remaining for male students (ages 17-22) for the upcoming school year. Call (204) 487-3300 or visit www.Outtatown.com for more information.

***CMU** – See Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/employment.html> to view four CMU employment opportunities.

***MDS** update for August 14, 2011 is now posted on the bulletin board. See the update for details of current projects and needs, and opportunities to help and give.

Worship Leader: George Janzen
 Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
 Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
 Sound: Abe Braun
 Ushers: Susan Braun, Sarah Hiebert
 This Sunday's Nursery Care: Sarah Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 August 14, 2011

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship
 Invocation

***Hymns: SJ #45 "In the morning when I rise"**
HWB #11 "Sweet hour of prayer"

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Lynette Janzen

Hymn: SJ #43 "My faith has found a resting place"

Offering and Offertory Music
 Offertory prayer

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1 – 2, 29-32,
 Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn: HWB #338 "I know not why God's wondrous"

Message: "High hopes" Dave Feick

RESPONDING

Hymn: SJ #73 "The Lord lift you up"

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today: Mount Royal Church in Saskatoon: Celebrate Restraint**

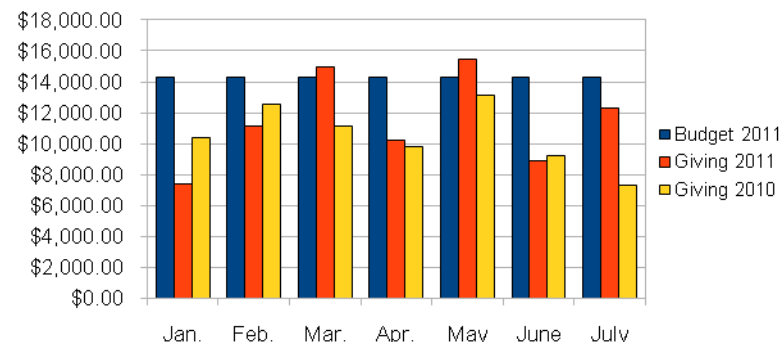
- "Live simply that others may simply live". MC Sask, Sask MB Conference and MCC present a community event themed around simple living. Starting at 2pm, there will be inspirational speakers, practical workshops, food, and at 7pm, music by Secondhandpants! For details see the bulletin board poster or visit sk.mcc.org.

***Pray for Elsie Epp** and the family of Menno Epp, grieving the passing of Menno. **Remember all those with health concerns**, including: Irvin Driedger, John Friesen, Kim Osmond, Jacob L. Guenther, Mark Bigland-Pritchard's mother and Deanna Reddekopp. Also, **prayer is requested for the Gomez family** as they adjust to Roberto being away weeks at a time, as he starts a new job working in the Alberta oil patch.

***Check the summer yard maintenance schedule** on the bulletin board for your turn to cut grass on the church yard. Lyle Stucky, Mark Bigland-Pritchard and Glen Grismer are scheduled to look after church yard maintenance this coming week. Thank you! Also, thanks to Diane McKinnell for work on the church flower beds.

***SMYO Jr. High Youth Retreat:** coming this fall at the Youth Bible Farm Camp in Rosthern, September 16 – 18th. Registration deadline is September 10, 2011. Please speak to Leslie Allaby for more information.

***General Fund giving** for the five Sundays of July was \$12,299.08 bringing our total for the year to \$80,400.84. This is 46.9% of our annual budget after 58% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***Calling all students going into Grade 10-12!** There is room for you at Rosthern Junior College, the high school for you! Visit: www.rjc.sk.ca or call Valerie (306 232-4222) or email val@rjc.sk.ca

***Ride for Refuge Canada:** Cycle 10km to 50 km and raise funds for the MCCS Refugee Assistance Fund. MCSask's goal for 2011 is to raise \$10,000. Join their team "Pedal for Peace" or create your own team. Visit: sk.mcc.org. (See the Poster on the bulletin board)

***Home: A Film and Art Contest. Youth and Young Adults** (ages 13-30) are invited to create a short film (4 minute maximum) or a visual art piece to explore the idea of "HOME", using the following themes: Immigrants & refugees, Caring for our earthly home, Aboriginal land rights and issues and Improving our community. Register by Oct. 21 @ mccsfilmcontest@gmail.com. See: sk.mcc.org

***The second Rural Church Ministries Conference** sponsored by CirCleM will be held November 15-17 close to Calgary, Alberta. The theme is "New Shoots from Old Roots: Celebrating vital ministry in town and country". Eric Olfert and Naomi Unger will be presenting a workshop. See the website for more information.

http://www.circle-m.ca/conferences-and-events/circle_m_conference/new_shoots.php

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 56:1 (NRSV) ¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

Isaiah 56:6 - 8 (NRSV) ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be God's servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11:1 - 2 (NRSV) ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

Romans 11:29 - 32 (NRSV) ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:21 - 28 (NRSV) ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.