*MCC Connects - MCCS is currently matching work and home placements for their International Volunteer Exchange Program 2011-2012. If your business or family is interested in hosting a volunteer in your workplace or in your home please contact Myriam at 665-2555 or visit sk.mcc.org/ivep for more information.

*March 11-13 – CMU's Peace-It-Together A bus will be going from Saskatchewan. Early registration fee of \$200 is due February 15, 2011, after which the cost is \$225. Please contact Anna Rehan soon if you are considering attending, in case alternate arrangements need to be made. Please email anna@mcsask.ca or call 249-4844. For more information about PIT: pit.cmu.ca and www.mcsask.ca.

*Rosthern Junior College is now accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year. There is an "Early Bird" special for all parents of NEW students. Enroll before March 15th, 2011 and you will receive tuition prices at the 2010 rates. Contact Valerie White in Admissions: (306) 232-4222 or val@rjc.sk.ca for more information.

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Sound: Abe Braun

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A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service February 13, 2011

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 119:1-8)

L: Happy are those who abide by God's ways and teachings.

P: We are happiest when our whole heart strives to walk with God.

L: God directs us in how to live full and beneficial lives.

P: We praise God as we grow in our understanding of God's justice, grace and love.

All: God compassionately nurtures us and walks with us when we follow God's path.

Invocation: SJ#121

*Hymn: SJ# 17

"Halle, halle, hallelujah"

HWB#324

"Seek ve first the kingdom of God"

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Jennifer Rowan

Hymn: SJ#97 "The Lord is my light"

Old Testament Lessons: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

New Testament Lessons: Matthew 5:21-37

Offering and Offertory Music Prayer of Thanks

Hymn: HWB#514 "Lord, I am fondly, earnestly"

Sermon: "A Life of Choosing Life" Jerry Buhler

RESPONDING

*Hymn: SJ#49 "Rain down"

*Benediction

*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

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages begins at 11:15 a.m
- Potluck lunch
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00-7:30 pm younger children

7:30-8:30 pm – older kids, youth and adults

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:30pm Education Committee meeting
- Thursday, February 17, 2011 7:30pm Worship Committee meets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

- *Stephanie Siemens, who leaves for Burkina Faso on Thursday, February 17 on a MC Canada learning tour for 11 days.
- * **John Friesen**, who is scheduled to have back and neck surgery on February 28, to correct a nerve problem that is preventing him from walking.
- *Linda Doell as she recovers from foot surgery.
- *The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having their annual Vereniki and Sausage Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, February 15. The supper will be from 5:00-7:00pm, with admission by donation.
- *Church Directory: A 2011 Osler Mennonite Church Directory of local and regular attendees will be printed in February. It's not too late to notify the office know of any changes or corrections to the 2010 Directory.
- *Special business meeting on Sunday, February 27, immediately following the worship service: the adjusted proposed budget for 2011 will be presented.
- *MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions: March 18 & 19, 2011 at Hope Mennonite Fellowship Church in North Battleford on March 18 & 19, 2011. Anyone interested in representing OMC as a delegate, please talk to Carl Martens-Funk.
- *Songfest '11 happens at First Mennonite Church February 25-26, 2011 with guest conductor Ben Pauls. See the bulletin board or www.mcsask.ca for more information and registration forms
- *RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction Sunday, March 6, 7:00 pm at RJC. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music featuring A Buncha' Guys and the RJC Man Choir. The evening includes a dessert auction, with funds going towards RJC program projects. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

*The Deacons are updating the Prayer Chain. See the bulletin board sign up sheet for those offering to be on the 2011 prayer chain.

*Presentations on Mental Health: The Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan invites you to presentations on Mental Health on March 4-5 at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon. On Friday, Mar 4, 7:30 pm, **Dr John Elias will rephrase mental illness and mental health** by talking about social well-being in the Mennonite context. On Saturday morning, March 5, the business session will begin at 9:30 am. At 11:00 am, **Dr Jake Ens and Barbara Ens will discuss case history on schizophrenia**. After lunch (All are invited), there will be an open forum to talk back to our guests about our own views. All are welcome. Contact Jake Buhler @244 1392 for more information.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20 (NRSV) ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in God's ways, and observing God's commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm 119: 1 - 8 (NRSV) ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. ² Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, ³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. ⁴You have commanded your precepts to

be kept diligently. ⁵O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ⁶Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. ⁷I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. ⁸I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Matthew 5: 21 - 37 (NRSV) ²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anvone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33" Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' 34But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.