\*MCC Connects – "Take Your Place" is the fourth CD featuring Kim Thiessen, a MCC Alberta staff member. She collaborates with church choirs from Maasai communities in Kenya. The accompanying DVD features stories about AIDs work in Kenya. Proceeds support MCC's HIV and AIDS work. Purchase the CD/DVD for \$20 at MCCS office or through sk.mcc.org.

\*Christian Peacemaker Teams — Aboriginal Justice invites all peoples to join in a day of prayer on January 30<sup>th</sup>. All people of every Faith are called to join together, as the Algonquin First Nations meet in the Beaver Pond Forest in Kanata in prayer for preservation of this forest and all creation.

\*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.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky Accompanist: Diana Buhler Sound: Chris Buhler

Dick Braun, Karl Martens Ushers:

This Sunday nursery care: Adeline Cox Next Sunday nursery care: Jennifer Rowan

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service January 30, 2011

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

Call to Worship Invocation

\*Hymn: SJ#15 "Santo (Holy)"

> "God of our strength" HWB#36

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

## PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Kathy Braun

**Hymn: SS#41** "Blessed are they"

Old Testament Lessons: Psalm 15

New Testament Lessons: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

**Hymn: HWB#145** "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

"The Folly of the Cross" Matthew Thiessen Sermon:

#### RESPONDING

\*Hymn: HWB#553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"

\*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**

- Winter Bible Study: final session at 11:15 am today in the sanctuary.
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages begins at 11:15 a.m
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00-7:30 pm younger children 7:30-8:30 pm – older kids, youth and adults
- **SR. Youth** are at Shekinah this weekend for the SMYO Senior Youth Retreat.

## THIS WEEK

• Annual Business Meeting: Saturday, February 5, 9:30 am to noon.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Thank-vou! to everyone who helped make blankets and also to those who contributed to the cost of those blankets. A total of 110 blankets were made and shipped to MCC on Wednesday.

- \*Annual Reports have been placed in your mailboxes. **Please be** familiar with the bylaw changes proposed for the Annual Business Meeting on February 5.
- \*Evening of games for adults on Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. Bring your favourite game plus a snack or dessert for the Snack Smorgasbord. This evening of fellowship is sponsored by the Deacons Committee.
- \*Church Directory: A 2011 Osler Mennonite Church Directory of local and regular attendees will be printed in February. Now is the time to let the office know of any changes or corrections to the 2010 Directory.
- \*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.

## \*Remember in Prayer:

- \*The family of Elizabeth Unger Buhler, Canada's oldest citizen, who died last week, just short of her 112th birthday on Jan 24. Elizabeth is the great aunt of Edna Zacharias, and Jake, Wilf and Ben Buhler. Her life spanned 3 centuries and her funeral was held on Saturday in Winkler, Manitoba.
- \*In Children's Sunday School, the current rotation is teaching the story of Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6). Your teachers are: Drama: Bruce Boldt, Art: Shelley Penner, Story: Adeline Cox. The next 3-week rotation (Rotation Model 8) will look at emotions in the Psalms. Volunteers needed to lead the Story and Drama classes, (Feb13, 20 & 27). Please see the additional information with the teacher sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- \*Belated Birth Announcement: Rachel Joanna Buhler Clark was born December 4, 2010 to Sarah Buhler and Charlie Clark. While Rachel's birth was announced in church, the bulletin announcement was missed. Congratulations again to Rachel's parents, her brothers: Simon & Benjamin & proud grandparents, Jake and Louise Buhler.

\*Kids Club: The Education Committee would like to present a Kids Club for five evenings in March/April. Please consider helping or leading this fun and valuable ministry for school-age children.

### **Youth Announcement:**

\*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 <a href="mailto:anna@mcsask.ca">anna@mcsask.ca</a> or call 249-4844. For more information about PIT: <a href="mailto:pit.cmu.ca">pit.cmu.ca</a> and <a href="mailto:www.mcsask.ca">www.mcsask.ca</a>.

\*Sonrisa's first rehearsal is on Sunday Feb 6, 7:30 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. All young women over 18 who love to sing are welcome. For more info contact Lynne at 239-4966 or gord.lynne@sasktel.net.

**Canadian Mennonite University Announcement** www.cmu.ca \*Feb. 3 to 5 – There is still time to be inspired and renewed by joining registrants to hear Brian McLaren, Steve Bell and many others at the Refreshing Winds Conference. Register full or part time, or drop in for a main session for \$20. See bulletin board poster and visit <a href="http://www.cmu.ca/conferences.html">http://www.cmu.ca/conferences.html</a>

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Psalm 15:1 - 5 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; <sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; <sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; <sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31 (NRSV)** <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the

wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1 - 12 (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.