

***MCC Connects** - MCC Ugandan partner, Mengo Clinic, hosts children's club where 75 HIV-positive children play games, interact with caregivers, eat a nutritious lunch and enjoy time with friends. Their caretakers discuss issues encountered in dealing with HIV and receive helpful information. Your financial gifts to MCC make it possible to support partners who respond locally to HIV AIDs.

***Adventurers Wanted!** Africa, Asia, Europe, the Holy Land – Mennonite Church Canada has service and ministry opportunities in of all these locations – right now! If you can: drive, do property maintenance, teach English, practice hospitality, assist a pastor or librarian – or are a young adult looking for a cross-cultural adventure in a Christian context– then we have something for you. Service terms range from 3 months to 3 years or more. Anyone 18 years of age and older can apply. For details, visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/possibilities.htm

*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: Gordon Allaby
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Scripture: Lyle Stucky
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens
This Sunday nursery care: Sarah Buhler
Next Sunday nursery care: Leslie Allaby



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 9, 2011

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

One: The God who created heaven and earth calls us into a covenant of righteousness and of justice living.
All: **We are the light to all nations. We open the eyes that are blind.**
One: We free the prisoners from their dark dungeons.
All: **God is still creating newness. The old is past; the new is arriving.**
One: God is lord of all.
All: **God is lord of all.**

Invocation: #673 HWB in unison

***Hymn**

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Stephanie Siemens

Hymn

Old Testament Lessons: Isaiah 42: 1-9

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 3, Acts 10: 34-43

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Offering and Offertory Music

Hymn

Sermon: Mark Bigland-Pritchard

RESPONDING

*Hymn

*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.

TODAY

- **Anyone interested in Winter Book Club**, please remain in the sanctuary after today's worship service to pick a date and time for the first meeting of the book club.
- **Winter Bible Study** begins at 11:15 am today in the sanctuary. Topic: "Faith and Hope in the midst of changing times". **A Pizza Lunch will follow at noon.** Session 2 of the Bible Study led by Dave Feick continues at 1:00pm.
- **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

THIS WEEK

- **Committee Reports** are to be submitted to Shelley Penner by Monday, January 10.
 - **Ladies Wednesday Bible Study cancelled** until further notice due to scheduling conflicts.
 - **Deacons Meeting** Thursday, January 13, 7:30pm
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today: Everyone is invited to celebrate Lois Siemens' ordination** at Superb Mennonite Church this afternoon. The service will begin at 3:00 pm. Greetings can be e-mailed to michwark@sasktel.net

***Winter Bible Study** begins today at 11:15 am and continues the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. January 16, 2011 - Session 3 – presented by Christy Martens-Funk
January 23, 2011 – Session 4 – presented by Stephanie Siemens
January 30, 2011 – Session 5 – presented by George Janzen

*Next Sunday is **Loose Change Sunday**.

***New Members:** Karl Martens will be received as a new member (by transfer) on January 16th, and Kathryn Janzen (by transfer) will be received as a new member on January 23rd.

***Coming soon:** Blanket making January 17, 18 and 24, 25, 2011.

***Sunday School Information-** The children are currently learning about the topic: "Three Young Men Stand Tough". It is taken from the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendego in the book of Daniel. **Teachers are needed for the 3-week follow up rotation on 'Daniel'** which begins on January 23. For more information, speak to John Reddekopp. The sign up sheet on the bulletin board still has opportunities to lead Art and Drama Sunday School sessions.

clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Acts 10:34 - 43 (NRSV) ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

***Youth Pastor** Dave Feick has submitted his resignation as youth pastor, and he will continue to work with the youth ministry team during this time of transition. Dave is currently a full time student at seminary, and thus he felt, his studies and other interests were taking him in a different direction. We are grateful for Dave's ministry to our youth, and we will formally share our appreciation at our annual meeting on February 5th.

Youth Announcements

***Friday, January 14, 2011 Youth Progressive Supper.** Please call Dave or Leslie for details and let them know if you will be coming.

***Friday, January 21, 2011, 5:30pm – RJC Open House (more details below).** Please let Dave or Leslie know by January 16 if you would like to attend.

***January 28-30 SMYO Senior High Retreat** at Shekinah. Theme: “Earth, Stars and Us”. See Dave now for information and registration forms.

***CMU PIT - Mar. 11 to 13, 2011 – PIT is back!** And the time to register is now! CMU welcomes students to pray and praise together at PIT 2011's “Pieces of Peace” gathering. This year's event features speakers Adelia Neufeld Wiens, Dan Epp-Tiessen, and Jarem Sawatsky and drama from Ted Swartz (www.tedandcompany.com)
Reminder: Registration fees increase after Feb. 1. Visit pit.cmu.ca

***RJC Open House, January 21, 5:30-10:00 pm** Come and find your place with us! Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of information about Rosthern Junior College. Bring your parents, bring your youth pastor, bring your whole youth group. Come for supper and stay for School and Dorm tours, Coffee House, Parent Meeting and Night Lunch. Please call 306 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca by January 17 to register.

***Too icy or snowy to get exercise walking?** Then, walk in the church. Church is open for walking Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-noon.

***Russian Gulag Presentation: Friday, January 21, 2011.** You are invited by the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan to Bethany Manor for a 25 minute presentation by Ruth Derksen of Vancouver on her book: *“Remember Us: Letters from Stalin’s Gulag”*. Ruth will also show her 45 minute film: *“Through the Red Gate”*, describing survival and death under Stalin’s rule in Russia from 1929 – 1953. No admission charge. Donations welcome. Contact Jake Buhler (244-1392) for more information.

*Our **Annual Business Meeting** is Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 9:30am to noon.

***Upcoming MCSask Event: Women in Ministry luncheon** will be held at Wildwood Mennonite Church on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Contact MC Saskatchewan for more information.

***Mark on your calendars:**

Friday, February 11. Adult Game Night sponsored by the Deacons.

Saturday, March 12. Family Swimming

Canadian Mennonite University Announcements www.cmu.ca

***Feb. 3 to 5** – Attend this year’s Refreshing Winds Conference and explore what it means to worship in cultural context. See bulletin board poster and visit <http://www.cmu.ca/conferences.html>

May 9-13, 2011 School of Writing at CMU offers writers the opportunity to receive creative support and guidance from respected award-winning writing instructors. Application deadline: March 1, 2011. See the bulletin board poster for details, or visit: <http://www.cmu.ca/schoolofwriting/index.html>

June 6-24, 2011 – Canadian School of Peacebuilding at CMU. Take your choice of five-day courses alongside peacebuilders from around the world. Learn various approaches to peacebuilding, justice, reconciliation, conflict resolution and development within this international network. All courses are available for professional development or academic credit. Application deadline is April 1, 2011. <http://www.cmu.ca/csop>

Isaiah 42:1 - 9 (NRSV) ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:1 - 17 (NRSV) ¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will

