\*MCC Connects - Mennonite Central Committee is appealing for donations to support its response to the drought and food crisis in Ethiopia and Kenya where about 11 million people need humanitarian assistance. Please consider a gift to help provide supplemental food for at-risk groups, and to support food-for-work projects. To donate, visit sk.mcc.org or contact MCCS at 665-2555. We encourage you also to pray for people in the region.

**\*SMYO Jr. High Youth Retreat:** coming this fall at the Youth Bible Farm Camp in Rosthern, September  $16 - 18^{\text{th}}$ . Registration deadline is September 10, 2011. Talk to Leslie Allaby for more information and watch for more details to come.

#### \*Canadian Mennonite University <u>www.cmu.ca</u>

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 <u>www.Outtatown.com</u> for more information!

CMU's Fall Festival 2011, Sept 30 to Oct 1. Save the date and plan to attend this exciting, fun-filled weekend for family & friends, alumni, students, staff & faculty. Visit <u>http://www.cmu.ca/pdfs/Fall</u> <u>Festival.pdf</u> or contact <u>alumni@cmu.ca</u>

Worship Leader:	Sarah Buhler
Song Leader:	Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist:	Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound:	Chris Buhler
Ushers:	Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk
This 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 July 24, 2011

"It's Epic: Remembering God's Future."

#### Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

# **GATHERING**

Call to Worship:

Leader: We worship God, who inhabits our world and dwells among us.

#### People: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of our neighbour or a stranger.

Leader: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God. We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

People: We come together this morning to worship God, who inhabits our world and dwells among us.

#### Invocation

\*Hymns: HWB #332 SS#89 "Blessed Assurance" "Christ is alive"

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

# PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Jennifer Rowan

Offering and Offertory Music

**Offertory prayer (in unison):** 

"O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and love. AMEN"

Readers' Theatre: "And God Said": Jake Buhler, Edna Zacharias, Deanna Reddekopp, John Reddekopp Congregational songs: HWB # 50 verses 1 and 3 HWB # 136 verses1 and 3 HWB # 163

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Message: "It's God Story" Reflections- John Reddekopp

#### **RESPONDING**

Hymn: HWB #323

"Beyond a dying sun"

#### \*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

• No Sunday School today. Sunday school starts again on September 11.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Pray for all those with health concerns,** including: Irvin Driedger, John Friesen, Kim Osmond, J.L. Guenther & Menno Epp.

\*\*Mennonite Church Canada Assembly- The 2011 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly was held in Waterloo Ontario from July 4th. to 8th. The theme was; "It's Epic;Remembering God's Future". The worship and study sessions focused on Revelation 21 and 22. Our church delegates were Gordon Allaby, Jake Buhler, and John Reddekopp. Deanna Reddekopp attended as a visitor.
For the next two Sundays, various aspects of the assembly will be integrated into our worship services. This is to help us experience, to some degree, what took place at the assembly
The Readers' Theatre presented this morning was part of the opening worship session of the assembly. It was written by Carol Penner. If you are interested in checking out her blog, it is;

www.leadinginworship.com

\*Check the summer yard maintenance schedule on the bulletin board for your turn to cut grass on the church yard. Carl Martens-Funk and Tony Funk are scheduled to look after church yard maintenance this coming week. Thank you!

### YAY!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts tomorrow morning!

Monday to Friday this week, from 9:00am to 11:30am, all children from age 4 up to those going into Grade 6 are invited to come for learning fun, games, crafts, drama, snacks and more!

Please bring your friends and plan to come every day. A big thank you to everyone at OMC who have donated time, meals, money and baking for this VBS week. Thanks to all your efforts, we look forward to rich blessings as the children learn to "Taste and See: God is Good!"

# \*Tonight at 7:30 PM, House of Doc Barn Concert will be

at the Driedger Enns Barn, east of Osler. (Phone: 306-270-2125) A *great evening for the whole family!* Admission: \$15/adult or \$40/family. Please RSVP to email: <u>cmnepp@gmail.com</u> by July 18. (Perhaps it's not too late). Bring a lawn chair & invite your family and friends! (*Need driving directions? Call 239-4966*)

\*Address change for Michelle McKinnell and Karl Martens: 908 Main St., Saskatoon, Sk., S7H 0K5.

\*Peace Mennonite Church 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary July 30 & 31, 2011 Activities include waffle and ice cream party, worship service and celebrations including: singing, stories (open mike), lunch and more. If you have pictures, stories, or reflections of your time or association with Peace Church, we would love to be able to display them or share them. For more information or to RSVP, contact: Otto/Florence Driedger, 586-8718, 539-1334, <u>driedgeo@uregina.ca</u> or Peter/Margaret Peters @ 781-2231 or <u>mppeters@sasktel.net</u>, by July 20, 2011. See the bulletin board poster for more information.

<u>\*Celebrate Restraint</u> - "Live simply that others may simply live" MC Sask, Sask MB Conference and MCC have teamed up to offer a community event themed around simple living. Join us on **Sunday August 14th at Mount Royal Church in Saskatoon** for inspirational speakers, practical workshops, food & music by Secondhandpants! For details see poster or visit sk.mcc.org

**\*MDS**: See the bulletin board for the latest update on MDS activities, from Newfoundland (Hurricane Igor) to New Orleans and Alabama. There are several Youth projects in the works for this summer. We are all encouraged to pray for MDS.

**\*Kairos banner:** See the bulletin board for some photographs of the stop in Saskatoon, where our banner was displayed along with other banners that were enroute to Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

\*Calling all students going into Grade 10-12! If you are entering grade 10, 11 or 12, there is still room for you at Rosthern Junior College, the high school for you! Visit the website at <u>www.rjc.sk.ca</u> or call Valerie (306 232-4222 or email <u>val@rjc.sk.ca</u>) to begin the application process or to learn more.

\*Employment opportunity for a dean at RJC: A full-time residence staff position is available in the girls' dormitory beginning August 23, 2011. For a complete job description, please visit our website (www.rjc.sk.ca). Please direct enquiries and resumes to: Gail Schellenberg, Rosthern Junior College, Box 5020, Rosthern, SK S0K 3R0 or email: <u>administration@rjc.sk.ca</u>, fax: 306-232-5250 or phone: 306-232-4222.