

***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.

*See the bulletin board for information about an **Urgent prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada** for peace on Jeju Island, where there are ongoing protests against a naval base being constructed by the South Korean government. www.narpi.net.

***Menno Simons College (MSC)** invites inquiries and applications for the position of **Student Services Assistant**. Applications will be accepted until August 12, 2011. Inquiries should be directed to Dianna Robson, Director of Human Resources at drobson@cmu.ca or 204-487-3300, <http://www.cmu.ca/employment.html>.

*Canadian Mennonite University is seeking applicants for the position of **Admissions Counsellor**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. More information: <http://www.cmu.ca/employment.html>; Call 204.487.3300 or email hrdirector@cmu.ca.

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Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 31, 2011

"Remembering God's Future: An Inclusive Story."

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: While we have different origins, ages, opinions, or occupations, we greet each other in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

People: Christ unifies us with one call to be a new people.

Knowing we are loved by God, we can love each other.

Leader: We gather as a community of faith, called the church, and we delight in celebrating our relationship through Jesus Christ.

People: We praise God that this is possible, and take joy in sharing our unity with all people everywhere who choose Jesus as Lord.

All: *May the Christ who makes us one, be among us and in us, and work through us as we celebrate the diversity among us.*

Invocation

***Hymns: HWB #651
HWB #46**

**"I owe the Lord a morning song"
"I sing the mighty power of God"**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Wilf Buhler

The Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, Saskatchewan S0K 3A0

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Hymn: HWB #366

“God of grace and God of glory”

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory prayer

Scripture Readings: Revelation 21: 1-6, and 24-27; Revelation 22:17

Hymn: HWB #304

“There are many gifts”

Message:

Witness Stories and Reports- Jake Buhler and John Reddekopp
Reflections- Jake Buhler. "Is it possible to remember the future?"

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB #327 (v.1)

“Great is thy faithfulness“

Benediction

Leader: As Jesus sent the disciples out into the countryside to preach and to heal, so Christ sends us to speak words of hope and to heal human hearts today.

People: **We accept the mission to be God's people in the world.**

All: *We leave this place, knowing that God loves us and has called us to be a blessing in the midst of the earth.*

Leader: Go in peace, knowing that the new covenant of right relationships with all people, with God, and with God's creation resides within your heart and motivates your every action. Amen.

***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.

There is no Nursery supervision provided today.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

THIS WEEK

- **Saturday, August 6, 7:30pm -Fellowship Room:**
Programme with “The Committee for Future Generations”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Pray for all those with health concerns**, including: Irvin Driedger, John Friesen, Kim Osmond, and Jacob L. Guenther. Also, please remember Menno Epp and his family, as Menno is gravely ill.

****Mennonite Church Canada Assembly-** The 2011 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly was held in Waterloo Ontario July 4-8 with the theme: "It's Epic;Remembering God's Future". Worship and study sessions focused on Revelation 21 and 22. **This Sunday, we will again integrate various aspects of the assembly into our worship service**, to help us experience, to some degree, what took place at the assembly

***Birth Announcement: Emmett Isaac** was born to Julie Bergen & Matt Braun on Thursday, July 28, weighing in at 10 lbs. 5 oz. Congratulations to Mom and Dad and Emmett's big sister, Nora, as well as proud grandparents, Dick & Kathy Braun and all the Brauns.

***Check the summer yard maintenance schedule** on the bulletin board for your turn to cut grass on the church yard. Bruce and Garry Boldt are scheduled to look after church yard maintenance this coming week. Thank you!

*** VBS was a great week thanks to the VBS Troupe and wonderful OMC volunteers.** Attendance varied each day from 28 to 33 enthusiastic and active children. **A great big Thank you!** to Sarah B., Jake B., Loretta S., Anna B-P., Sarah H. and Joanne F. for your daily help. VBS could not have happened without you! Also, huge thanks to people who provided snacks, supplies and also lunches for the VBS Troupe, including: Louise B., Loretta S., Christy M-F., Edna Z., Lynette J., Lacey B., Leslie A & the Youth, Michelle A., Garry B., Kathy B., Cornie & Sarah G., Kathy B. We tasted and saw: God is good!

***Celebrate Restraint** - "Live simply that others may simply live" MC Sask, Sask MB Conference and MCC present 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.

***7000 Generations Walk stopping in Osler on August 6-7**

The Committee for Future Generations, a group of First Nations, Metis and northern settler people, is walking from Pinehouse to Regina to share their concerns about the possibility of nuclear waste being transported to northern communities for long-term storage. The group plans to stop in Osler on the evening of **Saturday, August 6**, and depart for Saskatoon the next morning. The Church Council has agreed that we will open our church (bathrooms, fellowship hall and kitchen). **Mark Bigland-Pritchard is in communication with the group and planning a programme which will take place at 7:30pm in our fellowship room. Everyone is welcome to come.**

The group plans to pitch tents and bring mats to sleep on the gym floor. A number of elders are travelling with the group and will need billets. Before the evening programme, we want to provide them with a meal of chili, buns and cookies as well as a light breakfast the following morning.

Please let us know if you can take someone in for the night or supply some chili, buns or cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the back. The contact people are Ruth Buhler (accommodation) and Edna Zacharias (food).

More information on the Committee and the Walk:

<http://www.cleangreensask.ca/Home/learn-more/nuclear-waste/northerners-say-no-to-nuclear-waste>

<http://www.facebook.com/sayno2nuclearwaste?sk=wall>

*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!

***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 job description, visit (www.rjc.sk.ca). Please direct enquiries and resumes to: Gail Schellenberg, RJC, Box 5020, Rosthern, SK S0K 3R0 or email: administration@rjc.sk.ca, fax: 306-232-5250 or phone: 306-232-4222.

***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

***MDS is seeking someone to fill the full time position of *Region V Manager* beginning immediately.** For information and details visit <http://mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment>. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Revelation 21:1 - 6 (NRSV) ¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21:24 - 27 (NRSV) ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:17 (NRSV) ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.