

**\*Summer Camps** are coming soon. See the bulletin board for camp brochures and remember that financial assistance for campers is available. Contact Anna Peters or the church office.

**\*MCC Connects** – Jeff and Arda DeHaan, Ian and Lynn, Beechy SK are serving in Beijing China. Jeff manages an agricultural project in North Korea. Arda recently wrote, “This week we had the privilege of meeting people whose organizations work closely with MCC in Sichuan Province. We appreciate your prayers; we continually feel our Father’s arms lifting and carrying us.”

**\*Thank you!** In April, Mennonite Church Canada distributed an appeal letter to every mailbox in your congregation. I am delighted and grateful to report back to you that your generosity has so far resulted in \$39,000 in gifts. Thanks so much! Responses have slowed, but continued to come in. If you have not yet responded, please consider making a gift to the work of the wider church so that we can continue and grow in our capacity to tell the story of Jesus at home and in 25 countries around the world. –Willard Metzger, General Secretary, Mennonite Church Canada

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Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Scripture reader: Amy Loewen  
Sound: Dave Klassen  
Ushers: Dick B, Karl M.  
This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Buhler

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
June 26, 2011

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Our Story

Art & Edna Zacharias

### GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: We long for wholeness. We hope for joy.

**People: Sometimes, however, both seem to elude us.**

**The deserts appear to be expanding and our journey  
feels, at times, lost in the wastelands.**

Leader: Other times both peace and joy surprise us and rekindle, or renew our hope that things will, indeed, come to completion, to wholeness, to flower.

**People: This morning we come with our personal pains and  
joys - some of which we share with others  
and some we hardly have courage to mention to God.**

Leader: But God who made us knows us through and through,  
and God who knows us, loves us and desires our wholeness.

**All: Let us be silent then, and let us pray - listen and speak- with  
God who is with us!**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: HWB #102**

**“To God be the glory”**

**HWB #135**

**“God, whose purpose is to kindle”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

## PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

**Hymn: HWB #136** "From the depths of sin"

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

New Testament Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

**Hymn: HWB #151** "Marvellous grace of our loving Lord"

Sermon: "Vampires and Zombies" Gordon Allaby

## RESPONDING

**Hymn: HWB #143** "Amazing grace"

\*Benediction

**\*Please rise**

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**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.

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## **TODAY**

- **Semi-Annual meeting today** after the worship service in the coffee room. The Youth will have activities for the children during the meeting.
- **No Sunday School today.** Sunday school starts again on September 11.

**\*July 4-8: Mennonite Church Canada Assembly** in Waterloo, ON. Our delegates are Gordon Allaby, Jake Buhler and John Reddekopp.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Continue to remember in your prayers all those with health concerns**, including: Irvin Driedger, John Friesen, Kim Osmond and Menno Epp.

**\*Check the summer yard maintenance schedule** on the bulletin board for your turn to cut grass on the church yard. Wilf, Chris and Rachel Buhler are on the schedule for this coming week. Thanks!

**\*RJC Graduation, Sunday, June 26, 2011:** Everyone is welcome to attend the **2010-11 RJC Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises**. The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church, with Graduation Exercises commencing at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium. **Congratulations to Erin Boldt and John Baker**, who will be graduating from RJC today. Also, congrats to Erin for a wonderful performance in the RJC musical "Honk" and best wishes for safe and fun travels in Europe with Kyla and mom (Joan) following Graduation.

**\*Congratulations to the following OMC Youth** who are will be part of the Grade 12 graduating class at Warman High School on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Braun, Logan Friesen, Colin Klassen, Danielle Spence and Dillon Wiebe. Blessings to all the grads and their families at this time of celebration.

**\*The Mission and Service committee** would like to enter a float in the **Osler Parade** on July 1, but they need someone to oversee the project. Please contact any committee member or Gordon if you would like to volunteer.

**\*Vacation Bible School:** Consider an opportunity to serve by volunteering as a helper for OMC VBS this summer. The MC Sask VBS Troupe will once again lead the VBS program the week of July 25-29th (mornings.) and there will be different ways you can get involved. Watch the bulletin board next week for more information to come!

\*Mennonite Church Canada received news and a prayer request from our brothers and sisters in Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. You are invited to join in this invitation to prayer for the Jane Finch Faith Community (a congregation of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada – see <http://www.mcec.ca/content/jane-finch-faith-community>) following a tragic accident on Saturday. The congregation was at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp for a church retreat when a young man drowned while swimming in the pond. We invite the Mennonite Church Canada faith community to be in prayer for the grieving family and friends, the Jane Finch congregation, and Pastor Hans Peters and the church elders. Although this program was operating independently of camp staff, we also invite you to remember them in prayer. Pray for God's peace, comfort, and strength in the midst of this tragedy. - Dan Dyck, Director of Communications

**\*ATTENTION YOUTH! Looking for summer work?**

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is looking for VBS Troupe Members to do some traveling, and implementing Vacation Bible School programs with children at four churches in Saskatchewan. Being able to work July 11th to August 12th, 2011 is preferable. Contact Ben Borne @ [vbs@mcsask.ca](mailto:vbs@mcsask.ca) for more information!

\*Because of the mail strike by Canada Post, we urge **Canadian Mennonite subscribers** to go to our website to read the June 13 and June 27 editions: [www.canadianmennonite.org](http://www.canadianmennonite.org). In addition to the selected articles on the home page, the full versions will be available in pdf file form by clicking the link on the right side of the home page. The printed version will hopefully get moving through the mail again when delivery is resumed, but meanwhile readers can see it online. –*Dick Benner, editor and publisher*

**\*59<sup>th</sup> Waldheim Missions Conference:** “Fresh Encounters With God” will be held July 24 – 27, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Waldheim MB Church. Speaker will be John McGregor, Conference Director: Greg Wiens, and Betty Reimer (CSSM): the Kids Conference. Nursery & Pre-school care provided. [www.waldheimmissionsconference.com](http://www.waldheimmissionsconference.com)

\*From Mennonite Church Saskatchewan's Calendar: July 17-22 at Shekinah: Natural Building School.

**\*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 [http://www.cmu.ca/pdfs/Fall Festival.pdf](http://www.cmu.ca/pdfs/FallFestival.pdf) or contact [alumni@cmu.ca](mailto:alumni@cmu.ca)

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Jeremiah 28:5 - 9 (NRSV)** <sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

**Romans 6:12 - 23 (NRSV)** <sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.