

***Tables for Sale:** There are a few of the old 3' X 6' wooden tables left for sale @ \$50/table. These are being replaced by plastic tables. Please contact Sarah Hiebert.

***Once again top quality Easter Lilies** have been pre-ordered that you may purchase at a cost of \$17.00. The lilies will be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then can be taken home after the Easter service. Please use the sign up sheet to reserve a lily.

***MCC Connects - The MCCS Relief Sale and Auction** is June 10 and 11 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Volunteers along with donations of auction and artisan items, pies and bake sale goods are needed. Contact Armin & Edith Krahn, Relief Sale Coordinators, at 384-1206 or eakrahn@sasktel.net or visit sk.mcc.org/mcc-relief-sale.

***From Mennonite Disaster Service:** While very conscious about the great disaster our Japanese brothers and sisters are suffering at this time, MDS wants to continue with efforts assisting the survivors of disasters here in Canada, including Hurricane Igor effects in Newfoundland. **Please see the Bulletin Board for more details of prayer requests and many urgent needs for volunteers.**

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Scripture: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan
This Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler
Next Sunday nursery care: Sarah Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 20, 2011

***Lent Two: Shaped by New Birth
The colour is Grey-Brown***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Silent Reflection

Introit:

Jake, Kevin, Michelle and Kathryn

Ubi caritas: "Where charity and love are found, God is there"

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the hills – where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**All: Let us worship our god, who watches over us now and
always.**

Invocation

***Hymn: HWB #327**

“Great is thy faithfulness”

Confession:

**Lord, we need new birth. Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our
stubbornness and guilt, walking in blindness, our hearts
are hardened to your love. We confess to the Lord ...**

Hymn: HWB # 356

“Breath on me breath of God”

Time of Sharing

Silent Prayer and Prayer of the church

Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

Break in by your creating Spirit.

Send forth your fresh wind.

And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.

PRAISING AND HEARING

Drama

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

Hymn: HWB #395

“ Here I am, Lord”

Old Testament Lessons: Genesis 12:1-4a

New Testament Lessons: John 3:1-17

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

Hymn: HWB SJ # 78

“We will walk with God”

Sermon:

“Repair, Replace or Rebirth”

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn SJ #73**

“The Lord lift you up”

***Benediction:**

Leader: The Lord watch over you –

People: The Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: The sun will not harm you by day,

People: Nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.

***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

- **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

- **Thursday, March 24, 2011** 7:30pm Missions and Service Committee Meeting
- **Friday, March 25, 2011** 7:30 pm Junior Youth Puppet Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

* **John Friesen**, recovering from back and neck surgery at RUH.

* **Jacob L. Guenther**, receiving care at RUH.

* **Kim (and Ian) Osmond**, as Kim is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

* **Tony and Jacqueline Funk, Carl and Christy Martens-Funk** and all the family of Anna Funk, who died on Sunday, March 13 at the age of 96.

***Second Sunday of Lent today.** Our Lenten theme is “**Becoming human: called and shaped by Jesus.**” During the Sundays of Lent, the focus will be on Jesus' struggles and challenges of being human as God intended, in an inhuman world. We'll also explore what does it mean for us to be the created and recreated images of God? Each Sunday of Lent will have a colour to represent the day's theme. Copies of a study and worship resource for Lent At-Home: “**Called and Shaped by Jesus**” is available in the foyer to take home.

***Mennonite Disaster Service SK Unit** is responding to the June 2010 flooding in the Town of Maple Creek and we need you! We are looking for volunteers to drywall, mud and paint as well as do light electrical and plumbing work in three buildings. The team will leave Osler at 7 a.m., **Monday March 21**. For more information or to volunteer, call Merlis Wiebe 229 – 0696 or Ed Buhler 220 – 4543.

***Tuesday, March 22, 2011: Brown Bag Lunch at MCC Centre,** Saskatoon. Everyone is invited to a Brown Bag Lunch with Zoughbi Zoughbi, director of Wi'am, the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center, working to help resolve disputes within the Palestinian community with conflict resolution mediation.

***Shekinah Fundraising Banquet: Saturday, March 26, 2011,** 5:30pm at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction, and entertainment by the Saskatunes. Contact Shekinah office or board members for tickets.

***March 27, 2011: Stephanie Siemens** will share, in more detail, her recent experiences in Burkina Faso during the Sunday School time on March 27. The adult classes will not meet that Sunday so that they can attend her presentation.

***Are you 50 or older?** Are you interested in renewing your driving skills for today's traffic? Wildwood Mennonite Church is looking at hosting a course, over 2 consecutive days, between a Wednesday and a Friday. This is a free course; however, they need a minimum of 20 people to offer this course, so please call the Wildwood Mennonite office at 373-2126 if you are interested.

***Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Singers** fundraising Banquet and Concert will be held April 19th at Osler Mennonite Church. Join us for the banquet at 6:00 pm and/or the concert to follow at 7:30 pm. Reservations are needed for the banquet, but not the concert. Call RJC by April 8th to reserve banquet tickets (306 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca). Please join us for an inspiring evening of music! An offering in support of both schools will be taken at the concert.

***April 19, 2011: CMU/RJC** will be having a joint fundraiser concert in our church. We at OMC have been asked to billet CMU students and staff. If you are willing to host and/or have questions, please contact Margaret Dyck.(239-2205 or dyck.mj@gmail.com)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 12:1 – 4a (NRSV) ¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

John 3:1 - 17 (NRSV) ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.