

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** with special guest Jerry Buhler Saturday, April 16th at 7:30 at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. An offering will be taken to support The Micah Mission. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson in Saskatoon, from Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door.

***MCC Connects** – Jim & Mavis Olesen, Regina, are completing their three year service term as Education/Global Family Coordinators. They helped MCC to focus attention on teacher training, quality of curriculum and community ownership of local schools in international settings. Support education through MCC's Global Family Program at globalfamily.mcc.org

*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 are taken home after the Easter service. Please use the sign up sheet to reserve a lily.

***Last Sunday's Loose Change** collection totalled \$192.35. Thank you for your generous giving to this project for children of Colombia.

Worship Leader: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan
This Sunday nursery care: Sarah Guenther
Next 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
March 27, 2011

Lent Three: Shaped through Thirst The colour is Red

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming to Worship

Silent Reflection

Introit:

Lynette, Kathryn, Ben and Wilf

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

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: Come; let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker

Leader: For the Lord is our God,

People: We are the people of God's pasture,

All: We are the flock under God's care.

Invocation

***Hymn: HWB #55**

"Let's sing unto the Lord"

Confession:

Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life.

And yet,

We have drunk deeply of resentment;

We have savoured self-centeredness.

We confess to the Lord ...

Hymn: HWB #582

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Time of Sharing

Silent Prayer and Prayer of the church

Today, O God, let us hear your voice.

Give us this living water so we may never thirst again. Amen

PRAISING AND HEARING

Drama

Children's Time

Stephanie Siemens

Hymn: SJ #82

“Water has held us”

Old Testament Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7

New Testament Lessons: John 4:5-42

Offering and Offertory Music

Prayer of Thanks

Hymn: SS #50

“Come, bring your burdens to God”

Sermon:

“Divination Stick”

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: SJ #77**

“The peace of the earth be with you”

***Benediction:**

Leader: Like water poured out on a thirsty land,

People: May the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit on us.

Leader: May we blossom with new life.

All: May we bring refreshment and joy to others. 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.

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:
Stephanie Siemens will share with the adult and youth about her Burkina Faso trip during Sunday School hour.
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00-7:30 pm – younger children
7:30-8:30 pm – older kids, youth and adults

THIS WEEK

- Deadline for newsletter submissions: Wednesday, March 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

* **John Friesen**, recovering from surgery, now at City Hospital.

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

***OMC Book Club:** For all those interested a second book has been chosen for reading and discussion. This book is “Unless” by Carol Shields. Approximately 10 copies will be available for loan and may be picked up at church on Sunday

***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: Billets are needed** for the CMU students and staff coming for the CMU/RJC joint fundraiser concert in our church. If you are willing to host and/or have questions, please contact Margaret Dyck.(239-2205 or dyck.mj@gmail.com)

***Nursery:** If you are interested in helping out with nursery supervision for 4 Sundays in the year, please call Diana at 239-4706.

***Children's Sunday School** starts a new rotation this Sunday, with the theme: "Miracles of Jesus". Your teachers for the next three Sundays are: Shelley Penner (Art), Steve Guenther (Story), Chris Buhler (Drama), and Erica (Adeline-sub) in the Pre-school class.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Exodus 17:1 - 7 (NRSV) ¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

John 4:5 - 42 (NRSV) ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those

who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Only use these two if there is room:

***Sonrisa, a choir of young women** welcomes everyone to a concert at the Station Arts in Rosthern on Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10.00 each) are available through choir members, Station Arts at 232-5332 or emailing sac.rosthern@sasktel.net. Guest Artists: JP Hoe and Matt Harder (from House of Doc). Sonrisa thanks A Buncha Guys for opening the path and the community for continuing support.

***Labyrinth Meditation: Walking the Sacred Path.** Dawn Guenther, labyrinth artist, & Terry Harrison, educator, will facilitate an evening that will include conversation about the labyrinth, poetry and prayers, and walking the beautiful hand painted cloth labyrinth; Wed. March 30, 7:30 pm in St. Andrew's College Lounge. Co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy [Anglican, Presbyterian, United] and Friends of Sophia. More info: Ursula at 966-8500 or www.usask.ca/mfca/ecumenical

Leave this in again???

***Third 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.

What about Seniors Banquet April 9th?

***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.**