

***Camperships** are available for the MC Saskatchewan summer camps. Please contact Anna Peters or the church office to apply.

*Bethany Manor Staff invites you to a **Fundraiser on May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Bethany Fellowship Centre** for Shirley Mierau, who is a hairdresser at Bethany. Shirley has had two major cancer surgeries and her recovery will take longer than first hoped. Come join us for an evening of music, fellowship and refreshments. All proceeds will go directly to Shirley.

***MCC Connects** – The 13th annual charity ride of the Prairie Falcon Motorcycle Rally is on June 11, 2011 beginning at 9:30am at MCC Saskatchewan's parking lot. This event raises money for MCC and Rosthern Junior College projects. Join the fun! See the poster in your church; visit sk.mcc.org for ride details.

*Please keep the family of Gordon Nesdoly in your prayers as they mourn his sudden and tragic death. Gordon was the chair of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Ministries Commission and was passionately involved in many areas of ministry on behalf of MC Sask.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Elsie Epp
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Susan Braun, Russ Friesen
This Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler
Next Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 22, 2011

Easter Sunday 5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge;

People: in your righteousness deliver us.

Leader: You are our rock and our refuge,

People: our leader and guide.

Leader: To you we commit our spirits,

People: for our times are in your hands.

All: Let your face shine on us and save us in your steadfast love.

Invocation:

Faithful God, through your word spoken and received today,

Breathe your life into our stony hearts.

Gather and build us into a house of prayer,

A rock of refuge, a tower of love.

Through your Spirit, be our shelter now and in generations to come. Amen.

*Hymns: HWB #26
HWB#43

**“Holy Spirit, come with power”
“Christ is our cornerstone”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time OMC Youth and Wilf Buhler

Baptism

Introduction

Sharing of faith: Erica Doucette

Pastor: Let us hear your declaration.

Candidate: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Pastor: Hear the pledge of your family of faith.

People: We rejoice with you. We will pray for you. And, we will walk with you in the way of Jesus.

Baptism

{Erica will be at the front after the benediction; please welcome, bless and give her your hand in mutual fellowship.}

Hymn: HWB #447 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Offering and Offertory Music
Prayer of Thanks

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 31: 1-5

New Testament Lessons: Acts 7:55-60, I Peter 2:4-10

Hymn: HWB #343 "My hope is built on nothing less"

Sermon: "Crushed rocks" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: HWB #362 "Help us to help each other"**

***Benediction**

***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 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, May 26, 7:30pm** – Missions & Service Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

***Irvin Driedger**, in City Hospital after a serious stroke.

* **John Friesen**, continuing rehabilitation therapy at City Hospital.

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

* **Menno Epp**, who is also receiving chemotherapy treatments.

***Penny Power raises money for Mennonite Central Committee** projects of peace, relief and development around the world. You may have noticed a large pitcher in the foyer. You are invited to bring pennies and other coins to church and drop them in the pitcher. I challenge you to fill this pitcher by the time the MCC Relief Sale arrives on June 11. – Diana Buhler

***Our delegates to MC Canada Assembly 2011** in Waterloo this summer (July 4-8) are John R., Jake B. and Gordon A. Share your opinion with these delegates about MC Canada's restructuring and the proposal to change the Assembly from meeting annually to every other year. (www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1500)

***Sunday School Curriculum:** If you would like to help write curriculum for next seasons Sunday School year, please contact John Reddekopp or Gordon. The curriculum writers will be meeting soon to begin planning for next year.

1 Peter 2:4 - 10 (NRSV) ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1 - 14 (NRSV) ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^ε in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*** Everyone is invited to a Warman Community band concert** on Sunday, May 29, 2:30pm at the Warman Gospel Church.

***Please pray for all the flood affected residents of Southern Manitoba** as they vacate their homes for what could be several weeks, followed by many months of rebuilding. Ask God for safety and health of the many weary volunteers, provincial leaders who must make difficult decisions. Also, remember the people of **Slave Lake, Alberta** who experienced major losses as a result of the devastating fires. Thank God for the preparations thus far that have kept thousands of people safe

***MDS Canada** has, in addition to its ongoing work, numerous new disasters demanding attention; including Manitoba flooding and the Slave Lake fires. For information on how you can assist, see the information posted on the bulletin board or call 1-866-261-1274.

*Business leaders, congregations, related partners, individuals: You are invited to **support the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly** in Waterloo, Ont. this summer by **advertising your sponsorship** of this national church event. Details: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1524. Thanks for supporting your national church!

***Mennonite Church Canada** invites submissions for the full-time positions of Director of Native Ministry (based in Winnipeg) and Director of Partnership Development (based in Western Canada). For position descriptions/requirements, see: <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/getinvolved/jobs/>. Correspondence may be directed to Kirsten Schroeder, Director, Human Resources at kschroeder@mennonitechurch.ca, Mennonite Church Canada, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg MB R3P 0M4 (ph. 204-888-6781; toll-free 1-866-888-6785). Application processing for both positions will begin June 16.

***Mennonite Church Canada leadership** has had to reduce ministries and other budget items by \$500,000 for the coming year. Mennonite Church Canada invites your prayerful consideration of this giving opportunity.

***A Workshop: “Relationship Model of Governance, Strategic Planning and Mutual Accountability”** will be held at Louise Street Community Church on May 27-28, 2011. See the Bulletin Board for details and Registration forms.

***Campers & Helpers still needed for Shekinah** - If you can volunteer as a cook, kitchen helper, or Bible Leader at Shekinah camps this summer, please contact Kristy at the Shekinah office: (306) 945-4929.

***Rosthern Junior College** is pleased to present its June musical, **“HONK”**, a musical comedy lovingly based on the story of the Ugly Duckling, on **June 24 & 25 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 each, and go on sale to the public on Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 am. For tickets, call RJC’s office (306.232.4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca).

*** The current News Bulletin from the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan (MHSS)** with upcoming events, programs and activities, along with other information useful to everyone interested in Mennonite history, culture or religion, is now posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Canadian Mennonite University www.cmu.ca

***August 21 to 26** – Announcing the **Rosamunde Summer Music Academy**, Canada’s newest program for string players of all ages and skill levels! The Academy offers its students a high calibre musical learning experience, handpicked faculty and a holistic teaching philosophy. www.rosamunde.ca

***Portable CMU** offers you the benefits of university instruction in your own local setting! The 2011 brochure features **17** short courses on a wide range of topics our faculty members have prepared to deliver in a variety of contexts away from CMU. <http://www.cmu.ca/portable.html>

*** "Roll with the Declaration! KAIROS Cross-Canada Action in support of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.** On June 20th, the cross-Canada Banner train will arrive in Ottawa and an enormous banner will be created on Parliament Hill. Please go to www.kairoscanada.org for information: including an account of the Blanket train experience which arrived in Ottawa 10 years ago, the rationale for the current initiative and why we as church communities are called to be involved. **The Banner Train Schedule (travels through Saskatchewan on June 16, with stops in Unity, Biggar, Saskatoon at 8:45 am, Watrous and Melville),** See the website for instructions on how to make a banner, and suggested outlines for a 45-minute, half or full day community event (the Blanket Exercise could be included as part of one of the longer banner-making workshops). Members on the MC Sask. Ministries Commission invite you to contact them if you would like to discuss this initiative with them. (Your church office has the contact information)."<http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/take-action/the-land-our-life/roll-with-the-declaration/>

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 31:1 - 5 (NRSV) ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me, ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Acts 7:55 - 60 (NRSV) ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.