

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

***MCC Connects** – Biodegradable and compostable products are made from natural materials like corn, reed grass, potato starch and sugar cane. The Relief Sale committee is caring for creation by using biodegradable dishware which will be composted rather than sent to the landfill. Check it out on June 10 & 11 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Visit sk.mcc.org/mcc-relief-sale for sale details.

*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!

***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 for more information!

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Susan Braun, Russ Friesen
This 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 29, 2011

Easter Sunday 6

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Leader: We bless you, O God.

Let the sound of your praise be heard,

People: for you have kept us and adopted us as your own.

Leader: We have been tested:

People: caught in the net, faced with fire and water.

Leader: Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**All: We bless you, O God,
for you have kept us and adopted us as your own.**

Invocation:

**God, you are Lord of all in heaven and earth,
yet you reveal yourself to us in love.**

**As we search for you,
illuminate what is yet unknown,
adopt those who are still orphaned,
and clarify our vision of your love.**

In your Spirit may we live and move and have our being. Amen.

***Hymns: HWB#298 “Come, Holy Spirit”** Michelle McKinnell
HWB#290 “Spirit, come, dispel our sadness”

Sharing of joys and concerns
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

OMC Youth and Sarah/Charlie

Hymn: HWB#303

“Come, gracious Spirit”

Offering and Offertory Music
Prayer of Thanks

New Testament Lesson: John 14:15-31

Hymn: SS #104

“Come, O Spirit, come“

Sermon:

Mark Bigland-Pritchard

RESPONDING

***Hymn: HWB#289**

“Filled with the Spirit's power”

*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

- **Tuesday, May 31** – Gordon will not be in the office.
 - **Wednesday, June 1** – Deadline for newsletter submissions.
 - **Thursday, June 2, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in your prayers:

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

* **John Friesen**, recovering from surgery at home.

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

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

***Volunteers are needed from our congregation for the Verinicki Booth at the MCC Relief Sale** on Saturday, June 11. Sign up on the bulletin board sign up sheet and come to work together joyfully – serving God and neighbours with hearty food and hospitality, and washing up dishes with your church family from 1:00-3:00pm.

***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

***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'd like to take this on.

* See and sign the Youth Banner in the foyer – part of the "**Roll with the Declaration! KAIROS Cross-Canada Action in support of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.** There is more information on the bulletin board in the foyer. Mark June 16, 2011 on your calendars – that is the date that the Banner Train Schedule stops in Saskatoon at 8:45 am. More information at: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/take-action/the-land-our-life/roll-with-the-declaration/>

***Mennonite Disaster Service** continues to serve in many locations, including recovery efforts after Missouri and Kansas tornados, Manitoba flooding and Slave Lake Fires. See: <http://mds.mennonite.net/home/> or the bulletin board (under Service Opportunities) for more information. Or call 1-866-261-1274.

***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.

***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 went on sale to the public on May 24th. For tickets, call RJC’s office (306.232.4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca).

*** See the current News Bulletin from the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan (MHSS)** posted on the bulletin board. The Bulletin lists upcoming events, programs, activities and information about Mennonite history, culture or religion.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 17:16 - 34 (NRSV) ¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this babbling want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. ²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from

each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” ³²When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

John 14:15 - 31 (NRSV) ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.