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**\*Saturday, November 19, 5:00 – 6:00pm: RJC Corporation Annual General Meeting** in the chapel. This meeting is an important time for acknowledging the past year, but just as importantly, planning for the current fiscal year. Everyone welcome.

**\*Saturday, November 19, 6:00pm: RJC Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet** in the auditorium. Guest speakers are Irma & Antony Sanchez Solano (MCC Country Representatives for Guatemala & El Salvador) and Adriana Koehn (Connecting Peoples Coordinator for MCC Guatemala & El Salvador), who provide leadership for RJC groups that travel to Latin America as part of the Alternative Service and Learning Program. Sonrisa will be the musical guests. A Silent Auction and offering will be part of the evening. Tickets are complimentary, but must be reserved by contacting RJC by November 10th (306 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca))

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Worship Leader: Jim Dyck  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens  
This Sunday nursery care: Kathy Braun  
Next Sunday nursery care: Jennifer Rowan

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
November 13, 2011

### *Peace Sunday*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Our story and the Peace Lamp

### **Call to Worship:**

One: We wait for God

**All: We hope in God's word**

One: More than those who watch for the morning

**All: More than those who watch for the morning**

One: For with God there is steadfast love

**All: And with God is great power to redeem.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: SJ #32**

**HWB #407**

**“If you believe and I believe”**

**“We are people of God's peace”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

**Hymn: HWB #412**

**“We shall walk through the valley”**

Reader's Theatre

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lessons: Isaiah 58:6-12, **Proverbs 16:7 in unison**  
New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:9-21, **Proverbs 16:7 in unison**  
**“When the ways of people please the LORD, GOD causes even their enemies to be at peace with them.”**

**Hymn: SJ #66**

**“If the war goes on”**

Message: “The battle for Peace” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**Hymn: SJ #56**

**“Make me a channel of your peace”**

\*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**

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children  
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

**NEXT WEEK**

- **Tuesday, Nov 15, 7:30pm** – Education Committee meeting
- **Thursday, Nov 17, 7:00pm** – Worship Committee meeting
- **Sunday, November 20, Noon** – **Church potluck**, followed by “talk about” session with theme of church membership, including the MC Sask article about church membership.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Next Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Sunday, as well as loose change Sunday.**

**\*Christmas choir practices** begin next Sunday, November 20 at 11:30 a.m. and continuing each Sunday at the same time. Everyone is invited to come and sing!

**\*Saturday, November 26, 11:30am** – Deacons’ sponsored **Ladies Christmas Luncheon** at the Willows. Women of all ages are invited to join in the food, fun and fellowship! Please sign up on the bulletin board so reservation numbers can be confirmed.

**\*OMC Book Club** is reading *The Time in Between* by David Bergen this month. Several copies will be available to borrow **today** after church, with discussion on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. For more details see the bulletin board or contact Margaret Dyck.”

\*On August 6, members of the **7000 Generations Walk Against Nuclear Waste** stopped at our church for supper and an evening of sharing. They were on their way to Regina to present a petition against a proposed nuclear waste storage site in northern Saskatchewan. This group now is inviting us to a **Northern Thank You Feast** on Saturday, December 3, 5 p.m. at the Bernice Sayese Centre in Prince Albert (1350 - 15th Avenue West). See the bulletin board poster. **RSVP by November 15** to 288-2079 (Candace) or [committeeoffuturegenerations@gmail.com](mailto:committeeoffuturegenerations@gmail.com). Mark BP will act as a coordinator for rides for people planning to attend: Call Mark at 249-4101 or 827-7431 or email: [mark@lowenergydesign.com](mailto:mark@lowenergydesign.com),

**\*A Student Bursary fund** was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who are attending one of our Church schools. A once in a life time bursary of \$500.00 per student will be made available as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify, the applicant or their parents must be members of the Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. Please contact a member of the Bursary Committee for an application form: Doug McKinnell, Margaret Boldt, and Linda Stucky.

**\*Sunday, November 13, 2:30pm** at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, an Afternoon of Classical Music. An offering will be taken that will go towards African relief. All are welcome.

**\*Nov 15-17, 2011: Rural Church Ministries Conference** in Bragg Creek, Alberta. Speakers David Webber and Shannon Jung will be speaking on Practicing Care in Rural Congregations. Eric Olfert, MC Sask, will be presenting a workshop on the Vibrant Rural Church experience. Note the Brochure on the church bulletin board.

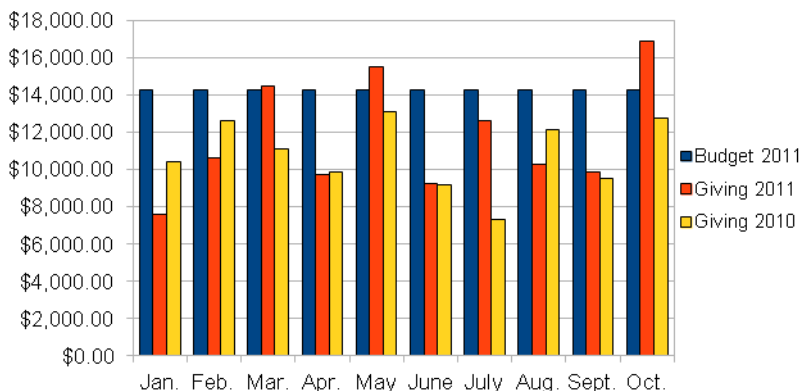
**\*Friday, Nov 18: Person-to-Person Fundraising Supper**, 6pm at Calvary United Church, 114 25th Street, Prince Albert. Dinner by donation and donations over \$20 will be receipted. Keynote speaker will be Dale Schiele and music will be presented by local groups.

**\*Saturday, November 19, 10am – 4:00pm:** Everyone invited to the **Bethany Manor Annual Craft Sale** in the Fellowship Centre. A Concession Booth will be selling sandwiches, dessert, coffee & tea.

**\*RJC On Stage - Fall Theatre, November 20 & 21, 7:30 pm** – See the bulletin board poster for more details. Call RJC for tickets: \$10/each (reserved seating only). Phone: (306)232-4222.

**\*MEDA Dinner and Speaker Event - Thursday, November 24.** Tickets: \$20. Bethany Manor at 242-9019 or email [smcsi@sasktel.net](mailto:smcsi@sasktel.net)

**\*General Fund giving** for the five Sundays in October was \$16,864.46 bringing our total for the year to \$116,777.56. This is 68.2% of our annual budget after 83% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry."



**\*November 17, 2011, 7:00pm Hospice in Saskatoon.** Everyone is invited to attend a Community Visioning Event in the Galaxy A Ballroom at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel. Information about palliative care services presently operating in Saskatoon, the potential for extending care in our community and models of hospice care practised in other Canadian cities will be presented. Come share your vision and shape the future of hospice care in Saskatoon. See the bulletin board poster or visit: [www.hospiceinsaskatoon.ca](http://www.hospiceinsaskatoon.ca).

### Peace Quotes

Prayer is the beginning and the end, the source and the fruit, the core and the content, the basis and the goal of all peacemaking.

– Henri Nouwen

With one hand we say to an oppressor, “Stop what you are doing. I refuse to honour the role you are choosing to play. I refuse to obey you. I refuse to cooperate with your demands. I refuse to build the walls and the bombs. I refuse to pay for the guns. With this hand I will even interfere with the wrong you are doing. I want to disrupt the easy pattern of your life... [T]hen the advocate of nonviolence raises the other hand. It is raised out-stretched—maybe with love and sympathy, but maybe not—but always outstretched with the message that, “No, you are not the other; and no, I am not the other. I won’t let go of you or cast you out of the human race. I have faith that you can make a better choice than you are making now... Like it or not, we are part of one another. – Barbara Deming

Jesus’ Third Way is not natural. We have not been prepared for it through millions of years of conditioning for flight or fight responses. We do not come to these things by virtue of a sunny disposition but by conversion, practice, imagination, and risk. Nonviolent training needs to become a regular and repetitive component of every change-oriented group’s life; it is not a last minute strategy that can be donned at will like an asbestos suit. – Walter Wink

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. – Karl Barth

Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anaemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Because of our faith in Christ and in human kind, we must apply our humble efforts to the construction of a more just and humane world. And I want to declare emphatically such a world is possible. To create this new society, we must present outstretched, friendly hands, with hatred, without rancour—even as we show great determination, never wavering in the defence of truth and justice. Because we know that seeds are not sown with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands. – Adolfo Perez Esquivel

I submit that the ultimate religious question today is no longer the Reformation's "How can I find a gracious God?" It is instead, "How can I find God in my enemy?" What guilt was for Luther, the enemy has become for us: the goad that can drive us to God. What has formerly been a purely private affair—justification by faith through grace—has now, in our age, grown to embrace the world... There is, in fact, no other way to God for our time but through the enemy, for loving the enemy has become the key both to human survival in the age of terror and to personal transformation. Either we find the God who causes the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, or we may have no more sunrises. – Walter Wink

Jesus lived a life of action. He practiced public, provocative, creative nonviolence, with regular acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. He was a one person crime wave, breaking every law that violated God's law of peace. He organized the poor in Galilee and walked to Jerusalem in a campaign of active nonviolence. He entered the corrupt Temple, turned over the tables of the money-changers, drove out the cattle, and declared the place as house of prayer. He did not hurt or kill anyone, but he took dramatic, direct action for justice. For this deed, he was arrested, tried, tortured and executed. As his followers, every one of us has this same vocation of active nonviolence. – John Dear

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Isaiah 58:6 - 12 (NRSV)** <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and the LORD will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

**Romans 12:9 - 21 (NRSV)** <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.