

**\*MCC Connects** - Do tougher prison sentences and building more jails create safer communities? What role can discipleship and restorative justice play in public safety? See MCC's response to Bill C-10 at [sk.mcc.org](http://sk.mcc.org)

**\*Urgent Prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:** Many densely populated parts of Thailand are experiencing the worst flooding in more than 50 years. As of Nov. 3, news reports say that approximately one-third of the country is under water. Hardest hit are central Thailand and the capital city of Bangkok. While Mennonite Church Canada workers Pat and Rad Houmphans and their church community (Living Waters Church of Borabu) are safe in the north-eastern part of the country, they report that by the end of October, close to 400 people had died and more than 2.5 million people have been impacted by the rising water. Flooding is expected to continue. Threats of disease in the midst of this humanitarian crisis are very real and the situation is worsened by an impending economic crisis as factories close. Please join us in thanking God for the safety of the Houmphans and Living Water Church, and pray for the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well-being of the citizens of Thailand as they cope with this disaster. May the light and love of God shine in the midst of despair.

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
Scripture: Frieda Rempel  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens  
This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen  
Next Sunday nursery care: Kathy Braun

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
November 6, 2011

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Call to Worship and Invocation: HWB #661**

**\*Hymns: HWB #151      “Marvellous grace of our loving Lord”**  
**HWB #570      “We walk by faith”**

Our Story Sarah Hiebert

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

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Adeline Cox

**Hymn: SJ # 95      “I want to walk as a child of the light”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

**Hymn: SJ #94      “Blest are they”**

Sermon: “The Journey of Faith” Patty Friesen

## RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB #332

“Blessed Assurance”

\*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

- **Monday, November 7**, 7:00pm - OMC Book Club meets
  - **Wednesday, November 9**, 7:30pm – Church council meeting
  - **Thursday, November 10**, 7:30pm – Deacons Meeting
  - **Friday, November 11, 11:00am** – Rotary Peace Park Remembrance Day Memorial Service
  - **Sunday, November 13 is Peace Sunday.**
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***Church Council’s next meeting** will be Wednesday, November 9. When Church Council meets, they will be analyzing the life and health of our church. Before Wednesday, please share with council members what you see as our “SWOT”: **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats before Wednesday’s meeting.

\*Our church served 78 people with hot chocolate in the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

\***Friday, November 11, 11:00am:** An outdoor **Remembrance Day memorial service** to remember all the losses from war will be held at the Rotary Peace Park (South side, near the Traffic Bridge) on November 11 at 11:00 am. This event is open to the public, and is sponsored by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.

\***Sunday School Information Update:** Led by Jake Buhler, Ruth Buhler, Steve Guenther, and Ben Buhler, the children are currently learning about early Anabaptists through drama and other activities. The next rotation begins next Sunday and teachers are needed for the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> rotation. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

\***OMC Book Club:** The book we are reading this month is *The Time in Between* by David Bergen. Several copies will be available to borrow on November 13th after church. Discussion of this book will be Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. For more details see the bulletin board or contact Margaret Dyck.”

\***Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is a church potluck and “talk about” session** with the theme of church membership, including the MC Sask article about church membership. **November 20<sup>th</sup> is also Memorial Sunday.**

\*You are invited to attend the Mennonite Historical Society of Sask. Genealogy Day **“Remembering the Peacemakers” on November 11 and 12 at Bethany Manor**, 110 LaRonge Road, in the Fellowship Centre. On **Friday, Nov.11, 7:30 pm**, Leonard Doell will lead a short Remembrance Day Service with Conrad Stoesz of Winnipeg as the keynote speaker; entertainment by Shelly Lavertie. **Saturday, November 12, 10am to noon** with Conrad Stoesz. Lunch \$8.00. There will be various speakers from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

\***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.

**\*Student Bursary fund:** This fund was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt and is 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 for 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. The committee members are Doug McKinnell, Margaret Boldt, and Linda Stucky.

**\*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.

**\*Bethany Manor Annual Craft Sale** will be held on **Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** in the Fellowship Centre. There will also be a Concession Booth selling sandwiches, dessert, coffee & tea. Everyone Welcome!

**\*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). Adriana, Antony and Irma provide leadership for RJC groups that travel to Latin America as part of the Alternative Service and Learning Program. Sonrisa, a women's choral group led by Lynne Driedger-Enns, will be our 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))

**\*RJC On Stage - Fall Theatre, November 20 & 21, 7:30 pm** - The RJC Theatre Arts class is preparing two one-act plays by playwright Christian Kiley entitled "The Art of Rejection". The Musical Theatre class will present excerpts from various musicals such as "Children of Eden", "High School Musical 3", "Bye Bye Birdie", "The Prince of Egypt", "Wicked", and an "Andrews Sisters" impersonation. Join us Sunday or Monday evening. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale now (reserved seating only). Call RJC at 306 232-4222 for tickets.

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

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Genesis 12:1 - 9 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I 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." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.