*MCC Connects – There's enough food for everyone. Yet there are 1 billion people in the world who are hungry. Hunger in a world of abundance is unacceptable. Fast for Change, a joint CFGB/MCC resource, invites your participation as a way to respond. Visit sk.mcc.org for links to resources and registration to participate.

***Prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada**: Continue to pray for the wife and children of Jeff Warkentin, former MC Canada worker in Burkina Faso, who passed away suddenly September 24th. The Warkentins were in Burkina Faso for six years and returned to Canada in June.

***Wildwood Mennonite Church is seeking a secretary** for approximately 12 hours/week. Duties include reception, produce weekly bulletin, maintain church files and records, update and produce church directory. Experience in Excel, Word and PowerPoint and a willingness to learn church data base program is required. Salary commensurate with experience. If interested please email <u>wmc@wildwoodmennonite.org</u> or call Pauline at 373-2126.

Worship Leader:Gordon AllabySong Leader:Ben BuhlerAccompanist:Lynette JanzenScripture:Mackenzie RowanSound:Chris BuhlerUshers:Cornie Guenther, Russ FriesenThis Sunday nursery care: Diana BuhlerNext Sunday nursery care: Jan Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH



Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service October 9, 2011

Thanksgiving and Homecoming Sunday

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship HWB#681

Invocation

*Hymns:	HWB #87	"Great is the Lord"
	SJ #18	"Over my head"

Greetings from the diaspora

Hymn: SJ #16

"Praise with joy the world's Creator"

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

Hymn:

"Thank You"

Offering and Offertory Music Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lessons: Psalm 100 New Testament Lessons: Philippians 4:4-9

Hymn: HWB #94

"Come, ye thankful people"

What makes church home – Jim Dyck, Ben Buhler, Ian Osmond, Chris Buhler

RESPONDING

Closing Hymn

*Benediction

*Please rise

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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, October 13, 7:30pm Deacons meeting
- Friday, October 14, 7:00-10:00pm Youth: Meet at the church to go to the Rosthern Youth Farm Corn Maze
- Next Sunday, October 16, Stewardship Sunday: Potluck and "Talk About" Stewardship

Remember in Prayer

Loretta Sawatzky and Lois Miller, both recovering from surgery.

If you know others with health concerns, please let Gordon know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Bible Instruction classes for Grade 6 students** began again this week at Osler School. Thank you to Jake for your willingness to continue in this valuable learning experience.

*Saturday, October 29, 9:30am – OMC Men's breakfast

*The Deacons are collecting items for care packages for our students at RJC and also, those away at University and Bible schools. Shoeboxes with the students' names will be in the foyer in the weeks to come – you are invited to add notes of encouragement, nonperishable treats and small items to these care boxes. In order to ship these boxes, the **Deacons need a list of our students** at RJC or University. If you have not already done so, please let the church office know your student's school, and their mailing address.

*Friday & Saturday, November 4-5: MCCS Encounter & AGM at Eigenheim Mennonite Church. Delegates are needed to represent OMC. Please talk to Carl Martens-Funk to volunteer to act as a delegate. A Registration Form with more details is posted on the bulletin board or forms are also available at sk.mcc.org

*Missing: From the Coffee Gathering room, the black board and money box. If found, please return to Joanne Feick or Louise Buhler.

*The Mission and Service Committee will again provide much appreciated hot chocolate on October 31 while people are out going door to door. This is also a fun opportunity for two non-town people to experience the fun of the evening. Please contact Gordon if you would like to volunteer. We offer hot chocolate from 5-7:30 pm.

***Today at 1:30pm**: Mennonite Church Sask. invites everyone to attend the **Retirement Celebration for Don Unger** at the Rabbit Lake Hall. Call Lavonne Dyck 342-4316 for directions and additional information.

***October 14 and 15: Women's Retreat at Shekinah** "Spiritual Growth and Learning" based on <u>The Cup of Our Life</u> by Joyce Rupp. Speaker: Rose Graber. To register call 232-4204 or 232-5050.

*October 22, 2011 9:30am to 3:45pm: 7th Annual Equipping Day at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. The theme will be "Growing as Family" with many Workshops. Presenters include Jake Buhler, Eric Olfert, Maria Campbell, Ray and Abe Funk and many more! See the bulletin board poster or www.mcsask.ca) for more details of workshops at this great learning event and for registration forms.

*Monday, October 24, 5:00 – 7:00pm: RJC Perogy Supper

Fundraiser at First Mennonite Church (418 Queen Street, Saskatoon). Admission is by donation, and the RJC Chorale will be performing. Everyone is welcome.

*October 28-30: Shekinah will host a Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat. Cost is \$145 and the registration deadline is October 15th. Contact Donna Schultz at (306)232-4733 or <u>dls0503@hotmail.com</u>. Some brochures are on the bulletin board or download yours from www.shekinahretreatcentre.org

*November 5: 2011 Touring Mission Fest: Departing from Wildwood Mennonite Church and Bethany Manor, here is an opportunity to visit See Life Network House Church in Saskatoon, Laird Mennonite Church, RJC, Mennonite Heritage Museum at Rosthern and Osler Mennonite Church. Register by October 15 with Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. See the Bulletin board for details and registration forms, or visit: <u>www.mcsask.ca</u>

***MEDA Dinner and Speaker Event - Thursday, November 24**. Everyone is welcome! Tickets are \$20. Contact Bethany Manor at 242-9019 or email <u>smcsi@sasktel.net</u>

***OMC** Coming Events - mark your November calendar:

November 9: Book Club meeting to discuss "The 19th Wife" November 20: Loose Change Sunday November 20: Potluck Sunday and "Talk about" church membership, bylaw change, and the 21st century church family. *Once each year, the **church council analyzes** the life and health of our church. The council plans to spent time during their November meeting to use the **"SWOT"** approach for assessing our church. The "SWOT" analysis tool avoids emotionally laden criticism or praise by examining the **"S"--Strengths** (what we do well), the **"W" Weaknesses** (what we do less well), the **"O" Opportunities** (external issues) and **"T" Threats** (also an external consideration). The SWOT approach will help us identify key factors that impact our church's ability to achieve our purpose and vision. Please share with Gordon or a council member how you understand our SWOT's so that council will be better equipped for their discussion.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 100:1 - 5 (**NRSV**) ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into the LORD's presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is the LORD that made us, and we are the LORD's; we are the LORD's people, and the sheep of the LORD's pasture. ⁴ Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving, and the LORD's courts with praise. Give thanks to the LORD, bless the LORD's name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; the LORD's steadfast love endures forever, and the LORD's faithfulness to all generations.

Philippians 4:4 - 9 (NRSV) ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.