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***CMU's Fall Festival 2011**, Sept 30 to Oct 1. Plan to attend this exciting, fun-filled weekend featuring Blazer Award Presentations, Faculty Lecture and Recital, Volleyball games, MennoCross, Bike race, Faculty Samplers, Class Reunions, Fall BBQ (free), Fall Fair (free) and Fall Festival Worship. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/fallfestival.html> or contact alumni@cmu.ca

***Journey through time on the CMU Study Tour: Ancient Stones, Living Stones: the Holy Land in Perspective.** Travel April 30 – May 21, 2012 with leader Gordon Matties, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies. Visit www.cmu.ca/studytour for more details.

***Ten Thousand Villages:** The previously advertised part-time sales associates positions have been filled. However, volunteers are always needed and welcome. If you can volunteer some time, contact Jared Brandes, store manager at Saskatoon.45th@villages.ca

Worship Leader: Kathryn Janzen
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan
This Sunday nursery care: Jennifer Rowan
Next Sunday nursery care: Sarah Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 11, 2011

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: Praising
Leader: Praise the Lord! God's love for us is great!
People: **With every part of our being, we praise God's holy name.**
Leader: Praise the Lord who forgives, heals, redeems, and satisfies.
People: **We praise God and remember what God has done for us.**
Leader: God has removed our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.
People: **Like a father who has compassion for his children, the Lord has compassion for us.**
All: **Praise the Lord!**

Invocation

***Hymns: HWB #76 "Praise, I will praise you, Lord"**
HWB #80 "O bless the Lord, my soul"

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: (insert)

“He is Lord”

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lessons: Psalm 103:1-3
New Testament Lessons: Romans 14:1-12 (13-19)

Hymn: HWB #304 **“There are many gifts”**

Message: “Paradoxical Stumbling Block” Gordon Allaby

Litany Response: SJ #140

RESPONDING

Hymn: “HWB #154 **“This is my Father's world”**

*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.
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THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:00pm** – Worship Committee meeting
 - **Friday-Sunday, September 16-18** – Jr. Youth Retreat at Rosthern Youth Farm Bible Camp
 - **Sunday, September 18** – Loose Change Sunday
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in Prayer

Gordon is having surgery on Thursday and will be away Thursday and Friday this week.

Deanna Reddekopp, who is in RUH.

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

***A Message from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Executive:** MCSask is inviting dialog with all its member churches. As congregations age and demographics shift, we will be evaluating the priorities of MC Sask. Because much of the ministry is centered in the congregations, we plan to start by asking what you are doing within each congregation, and how you see that developing and possibly changing within the next ten years or so. We feel that MC Sask. needs to tailor its ministries so that they will support and strengthen the ministries of the congregations. We need to hear from the people in the churches what the priorities are that we should focus on as we plan for the future. It is for these reasons that we have initiated these consultations. Between September and November, 2011 we would like to meet in clusters with pastors, church councils, deacon boards, youth groups, young adults and all others who are interested. **Our congregation is invited to meet at Warman Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18th at 3:00pm.** Thank you for your participation in these discussions.

***The table in the foyer** has many of the children’s wonderful creations and artwork from Sunday School last year. Kids: please take home those items that you would like to keep. Items left after next Sunday will be discarded.

***Today: RJC’s Opening Service** will be held at 2:30 pm in the gym. Join RJC in giving thanks and asking God's blessings for the new school year.

***Plan to attend the Global leadership Summit, Sept. 29-30 @** Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon. Hear about the latest sociological trends in religion from Reginald Bibby, presentations by best selling author Seth Godin, Mama Maggie Gobran (Nobel Peace Prize nominee), and more. Registration fees for Mennonite Church Canada attendees are reduced by 60%! Find out more at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1600. Deadline for registration is September. 21. See the bulletin board for a poster with more details.

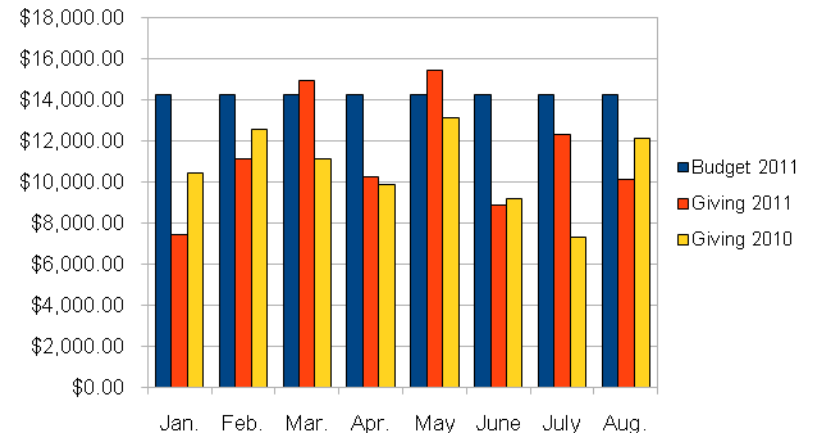
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 103:1 - 3 (NRSV) ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits— ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

Romans 14:1 - 12 (NRSV) ¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

***The Deacons are putting together a list of our students** at RJC or University. Please advise the office of the name of your student, their school, and their mailing address.

***General Fund giving for August** was \$10,149.66 bringing our total for the year to \$90,550.50. This is 52.8% of our annual budget after 66.6% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***Baby Shower for Gina & Jefferson's daughter Sophie today** at 2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church. This is a joint shower with our 3 sponsoring churches. Each person attending is asked to bring either sweets or sandwiches. There is a container in the foyer for money gifts, but other gifts are also welcome.

***Sonrisa invites** all young women interested in singing in the choir to join us for our first gathering of the 2011/2012 season. We will kick off the year with a barbecue at the Driedger-Enns farm at Osler on **Sunday, September 11th at 7:00 pm**. Following rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Email Lynne at gord.lynne@sasktel.net or Nicole at Nicole.Tiessen@aodbt.com for more information or to let us know you are coming.

***In keeping with our Safe Church Policy**, if you volunteer to teach Sunday School or otherwise work with children, and have not yet submitted a completed **Criminal Record Check**, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

***Wednesday, September 21, 3:00pm: International Day of Peace** and everyone is invited to MCCA to attend the launch of a new travelling display created by Citizenship and Immigration Canada: "**Canada: A History of Refuge.**" The display features stories of refugees who have come to Canada through the Private and Government Sponsorship Programs, as well as in-land Claimants, a timeline of Canada's involvement from the 1700s through to 2011, as well as information panels on the various protection programs. September 21st also happens to be International Day of Peace so MCCA wants to recognize this special day and officially open this display. MCCA will be hosting the display from September 19 through to October 3rd and all are welcome to view the display at any time during office hours. Please see the bulletin board poster for those hours. **On September 21 at Mennonite Central Committee, starting at 3:00pm**, the afternoon will include a few speeches from a variety of people including Chai Boupaphanh from Drake, SK who is featured on one of the display panels. Chai was sponsored by the Drake Mennonite Church with his family back in 1980 and has recently had one of his photographs selected by the National Geographic Magazine. Chai tells an interesting story of how it all started with his sponsor. In addition, we will have a little entertainment and some refreshments.

***Artisan Day: Saturday, September 24** from 9:15 am to 3:00 pm at Bethany Manor. Admission is \$2 at the door. Come see numerous articles on display, paintings, quilts, pottery, woodwork, carvings, and other crafts, all of excellent quality. Visitors will have an opportunity to talk with the artisans. For a sample items you will find on display, check out the photo story report of the 2009 Artisan Day: <http://mhss.sk.ca/events/Artisan-Day-09-photostory.shtml>.

***The Corn Maze and Petting Zoo** at the Youth Farm Bible Camp is open for the season every Friday-Sunday from 1:00-8:00pm. For more information check out the website: www.youthfarmcornmaze.com

***Sat., October 1: Ride for Refuge Canada:** Cycle 10km to 50 km and raise funds for the MCCA Refugee Assistance Fund. MCCA's goal for 2011 is to raise \$10,000. Join their team "Pedal for Peace" or create your own team. Visit: sk.mcc.org. or see Bulletin board.

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

***See the Bulletin Board** for a letter from Dan Dyck to all congregations in Mennonite Church Canada, forwarding a message on behalf of Tamara Petkau, a member of Carman Mennonite Church. Tamara is appealing for help to **extend the Canadian government's 1:1 matching donor program to address the famine in East Africa.** The 1:1 donor matching program is scheduled to end on September 16, 2011. Individuals can write their own letter, or sign and mail one of the copies posted on the bulletin board. Action is needed now due to the deadline! If you have questions email Tamara at: petkau.tamara@gmail.com.