

**\*MCC Connects** - MCC has raised more than \$2.7m for the East Africa drought. It is expanding its response in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, where some 12 million people are impacted. "It's clearly the most severe food security emergency in the world today," said MCC Africa Department director Bruce Campbell-Janz. MCC thanks you and asks for your continued support both financially and in prayer for the people of East Africa.  
Learn more at: [mcc.org/eastafricadrought](http://mcc.org/eastafricadrought)

\*Mennonite Church Sask invites everyone to another *Walking the Path* opportunity: "**Reconciliation and Residential Schools: A Historian's Perspective.**" by Dr. Jim Miller, Professor of History at the U of S, Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm, in Room 322 of St. Andrew's College

\***Canadian Mennonite University** [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)  
**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, free fall BBQ & fall fair and fall festival worship. Visit: <http://www.cmu.ca/fallfestival.html>.

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

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Worship Leader: Jake Buhler  
 Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
 Sound: Dave Klassen  
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan  
 This Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler  
 Next Sunday nursery care: Leslie Allaby

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 September 25, 2011

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Call to Worship  
 L: Becoming a baby,  
**P: Christ transformed all of us into his sisters and brothers.**  
 L: Telling us stories we had forgotten,  
**P: God helps us to walk the paths of discipleship.**  
 L: Becoming foolish in the world's eyes.  
**P: The Spirit teaches us all we need  
 to find our way into the kingdom.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: HWB # 50                      "Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah"**  
**HWB #66                      "O worship the King"**

Our Story

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

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time    Kathy Braun

**Hymn: SJ#94                      "Blest are they"**

Offering and Offertory Music  
 Offertory prayer

Old Testament Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7  
New Testament Lessons: Philippians 2:1-13

**Hymn: HWB #369**            **“Lord, whose love in humble service”**

Message:            “Theology of Harry Potter”            Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**Hymn: “HWB #434**            **“Thuma mina”**

\*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.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Friday, Sept. 30, 7:30pm** – Jr. Youth Puppet Ministry practice

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**Remember in Prayer**

**Mark Bigland-Pritchard** and family as Mark’s mother died on Wednesday.

**Deanna Reddekopp**, who is now at home.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*TODAY at RJC: Sunday, September 25, 2:00 pm** - The RJC Choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra will present a Fall Concert. The concert will reflect the work of both groups during a weekend workshop at RJC. Hear each group perform their own pieces, and combine for a couple of songs together. RJC and the SYO have cooperated for their fall workshop for over 17 years! Admission is by donation.

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

**\*OMC’s Book Club** is starting up again soon! Diane McKinnell has selected the first book for this fall: “The 19<sup>th</sup> Wife” by David Ebershoff. Diane will borrow 6 books from the library the last week in September and **people can get books from Diane next Sunday, Oct. 2** or contact Diane (239-4603) or Leslie Allaby. Tentative discussion date for this book is November 9. More details on the bulletin board.

\*In recognition of Wilfred Laurier University's 100th Anniversary, **Sandra Horst** will be receiving an award as "100 Alumni of Achievement" for her accomplishments in the field of opera in Canada. The ceremony will take place Oct. 1 in Waterloo, Ontario. Congratulations, Sandra!

**\*MDS Service Opportunities:** Are you looking for a new experience or a fresh challenge? Consider volunteering with MDS. Check out the latest service opportunities on the bulletin board, or browse the Net: [www.mds.mennonite.net](http://www.mds.mennonite.net)

**\*Sat. October 1: Ride for Refuge Canada:** Cycle 10km to 50 km and raise funds for the MCCS Refugee Assistance Fund. MCSask’s goal for 2011 is to raise \$10,000. Join their team “Pedal for Peace” or create your own team. Visit: [sk.mcc.org](http://sk.mcc.org). or see Bulletin board.

**\*Tuesday, October 4 - 5:00-7:00 - The Youth Farm Bible Camp** is having their annual Fall Supper. Roast Beef, Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salads, Pies and more. Admission by donation.

**\*Oct. 1: Ten Thousand Villages celebrates 65 years** of treating our global neighbours more fairly. When Edna Ruth Byler first brought Puerto Rican needlework to North America in 1946, the term Fair Trade did not exist. Her volunteer project to provide market access for artisans spearheaded the Fair Trade movement in North America and eventually evolved to become Ten Thousand Villages. On October 1, celebrations will take place in stores and at Festival Sales across Canada, as well as at the national Head Office in New Hamburg, Ontario. We celebrate with them and say “Many Thanks!” to the volunteers our congregations have supplied to Ten Thousand Villages stores over the years. See the bulletin board for details of this cross-Canada event.

**\*October 9 – 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 The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp. Speaker: Rose Graber. To register call 232-4204 or 232-5050.

**\*October 22, 2011 9:30am to 3:45pm: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Equipping Day** at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. The theme will be “Growing as Family” with many Workshops. See the bulletin board poster or [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)) for more details and registration forms.

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

**\*November 5: 2011 Touring Mission Fest:** Departing from Wildwood Mennonite Church and Bethany Manor, 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: [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca)

## TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Exodus 17:1 - 7 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**Philippians 2:1 - 13 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.