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***SMYO Jr. High Youth Retreat: September 16-18:** at the Youth Bible Farm Camp in Rosthern, **Registration deadline is September 10, 2011.** Junior Youth: please talk to Leslie Allaby as soon as possible for registration and more information.

Canadian Mennonite University 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, Fall BBQ (free), Fall Fair (free) and Fall Festival Worship. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/fallfestival.html> or contact alumni@cmu.ca Leader:

***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.

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 4, 2011

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 68:4-6)

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

People: Lift a song to God who rides upon the clouds – be exultant before the Lord!

Leader: Parent of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People: God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together.

Invocation

***Hymns: SJ #49
SJ #43**

**“Rain down”
“My faith has found a resting place”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

Hymn: HWB #227

“Two fishermen”

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory prayer: HWB #751 (In unison)

Old Testament Lessons: Isaiah 58:8-14
New Testament Lessons: Matthew 18:1-5

Hymn: HWB #229 “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore”

Message: “Jack’s world” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: SJ #73 “The Lord lift you up”

*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.

There will be no Nursery Supervision this Sunday.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, September 6, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:30pm** – Education Committee and Youth Ministry team meeting (Anna Rehan-guest speaker)
 - **Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:30pm** – Deacons Meeting
 - **Next Sunday, Sept. 11** – Sunday School resumes at 11:15am.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon will not be in the office on Thursday, September 8.

*Copies of the latest “**Rejoice**” devotional guide (for September-November 2011) are now in the foyer, available to take home.

* **Remember all those with health concerns**, including: Irvin Driedger, John Friesen, Kim Osmond, Jacob L. Guenther, Mark Bigland-Pritchard’s mother and Deanna Reddekopp.

***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.

Osler Mennonite Church congregation is invited to meet at Warman Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18th at 3:00pm. Thank you for your participation in these discussions.

***Sunday School Information**

The new Sunday School year begins next Sunday, September 11, beginning with student registration at 11:15am. This is will be Year Four in our Four Year Rotation Model, with a theme this year of: “**Our Church**”. The first rotation will focus on *The Church: Many Parts but One Body*, with the students together as one group for the first Sunday, playing cooperative games and other activities in the multi-purpose room. We do, however, need teachers for the Art and Drama sessions for the following two Sundays: September 18th and 25th. If you can help out in this way, please speak with John Reddekopp or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Thank you to everyone who helped last year. We look forward to a wonderful year – with your help! The following are regular volunteers with the Sunday School program;

Erica Doucette: Pre-School teacher.

Christy Martens- Funk: Gathering Time leader

Leslie Allaby: Junior High teacher.

MaryAnn Braun: Student Registration and Attendance.

Kevin Boldt: Snack Time Supervisor.

John Reddekopp: Sunday School Superintendent

***Baby Shower for Gina & Jefferson's daughter Sophie:** next Sunday, September 11 at 2:30pm 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 will be a container for money gifts, but other gifts are also welcome.

***There is still time to register for the 2011-2012 school year at Rosthern Junior College!** Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or val@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information. Classes began Monday, August 29. *Consider RJC, where Life Meets Learning!* **RJC's Opening Service** will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 2:30 pm in the gym. Join RJC in giving thanks and asking God's blessings for the new school year.

***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.

***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.

To see what kind of items you will find on display, check out the photo story report of the Artisan Day in 2009; <http://mhss.sk.ca/events/Artisan-Day-09-photostory.shtml>.

***Home: A Film and Art Contest. Youth and Young Adults** (ages 13-30) are invited to create a short film (4 minute maximum) or a visual art piece to explore the idea of "HOME", using the following themes: Immigrants & refugees, Caring for our earthly home, Aboriginal land rights and issues and Improving our community. Register by Oct. 21 @ mccsfilmcontest@gmail.com. See: sk.mcc.org

***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

***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.

***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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 58:8 - 14 (NRSV) ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Matthew 18:1 - 5 (NRSV) ¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.