

MCC Connects – Students - need a summer job? Join MCC Saskatchewan! This summer MCCS is hiring for 2 positions in youth engagement programming. See mccsk.ca for more details and full job descriptions. Applicants must be students returning to study in the fall. Closing date is April 13th!

From MC Canada: “Mennonites Everywhere” is the name of a new series of short videos to help congregations dispel myths that you need to have a certain surname or eat a certain kind of ethnic food to be part of a Mennonite congregation. The first video features NHL hockey player Nick Spaling (Nashville Predators). Watch it here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1. Future videos will feature people from all walks of life. If you or someone you know would be interested in being featured in a future video (public profile not required), email office@mennonitechurch.ca.

*Sask Women in Mission Enrichment Day, Saturday, April 28. See poster on the bulletin board for many more details.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Scripture reader: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk
This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Next Sunday nursery care: Shelley Penner

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 1, 2012

WHERE DO I SIGN?

Lent 6 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Focus Statement: *With the psalmist and the prophet Isaiah, we give thanks for God’s goodness and trust in God to save us, as Jesus did. Jesus’ mindset of servanthood led to a ride down into Jerusalem, toward scorn and suffering, an authentic sign of God’s steadfast love. Even when we break the covenant, its initiator is willing to pay the price to keep it.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

People: whose steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: We give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose steadfast Love endures forever!

Invocation

Choir: “Hosanna”

Palm Sunday Processional: Sunday School children

***Hymn: HWB #46**

“I sing the mighty power of God”

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time: Kathryn Janzen
Drama

Hymn: HWB #118 "Praise God from whom"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Choir: "Seed of Joy"

Confession: (in unison)

Jesus, we confess that we are fickle in our relationship with you. We join in when the crowds shout praises, but when identifying with you means sharing in your suffering, we run away, hide, or deny you outright. We lack the resolve to stand by you to the bitter end, to face ridicule, rejection, and persecution. Thank you Jesus, for paying the price to keep the covenant that God initiated and that we in our sin have broken. Thank you for emptying yourself and humbly suffering and dying for our reconciliation with God and our adversaries. We confess that you are Lord. Amen.

Assurance of pardon:

Leader: We shall not be put to shame, because God vindicates us.

People: Who could contend with us?

Leader: Who are our adversaries?

All: *It is the Lord God who helps us; who then can declare us guilty?*

Hymn: HWB #239 "Ride on, ride on in majesty"

Sermon: "Precious cargo" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Choir: "Be still and know"

*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 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 children** begins at 11:15 am.

THIS WEEK

- **Book Club meeting** on Monday, April 2, 7:00 pm

Holy Week Activities:

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 5, at 7:00 pm -- Pot luck supper and communion
- **Good Friday Service**, April 6, at 7:30 pm -- The Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday, April 8

- **Easter Resurrection Worship Service** at 10:00 am - bring a bell to ring.
- **Easter potluck brunch** after worship service -- bring fruit, Easter bread, eggs or cheese to share.

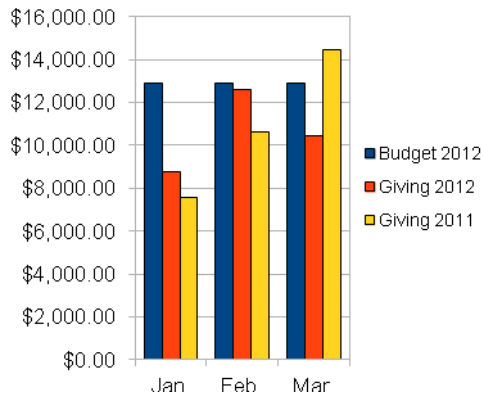
There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children, and bubble blowing (if the weather is nice).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Church Work Day on Saturday, April 21, 9 am – Noon.

***The Saskatoon Men's Chorus** conducted by Lynn Driedger, will be presenting their **spring concert "A Gift of Song"** at Knox United church on Sunday April 1 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are available from choir members, McNally Robinson Book Sellers, Doug McKinnell 239-4603, email "inquiries@saskatoonmenschorus.ca" or at the door. The cost is \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door and \$10 for seniors and students.

*Rosthern Junior College Chorale and Canadian Mennonite University Chamber Choir fundraising Banquet and Concert will be **held April 24th at Osler Mennonite Church**. Join us for the banquet at 6:00 pm and/or the concert to follow at 7:30 pm. Reservations are needed for the banquet, but not the concert. Contact RJC by April 9th to reserve banquet tickets (306 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca). Please join us for an inspiring evening of music! An offering in support of both schools will be taken at the concert.



*Note from our Treasurer: "General Fund giving for the month of March was \$10,414.51 bringing our total for 2012 to \$31,794.72. This is 20.5% of our annual budget after 24.9% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry."

*Shekinah Retreat Centre Fundraising Concert at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon on Sunday April 1, 2:30 pm.

*"A Buncha Guys" Spring Concert, Saturday, April 14, 7:30 pm at Mayfair United Church. See poster on the bulletin board.

MCC Happenings: See posters on bulletin board for more details on: *"Songs for the Sale" concert on Sunday, April 15, at Forest Grove Community Church.

*Motorcycle Rally Fundraiser together with RJC, on Saturday, June 9. Registration 10 am- Noon, rally starts at 1:00 pm.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 50:4 – 9a (NRSV) ⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Mark 11:1 - 11 (NRSV) ¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.