

***MCC Connects** - Plan to attend the third Annual Spruce River Folk Festival on Saturday, August 25, beginning at 1:30 PM at the Spruce River Farm, 20 kms north of Prince Albert on Hwy 2. Co-sponsors for the festival, Grace Mennonite Church, MC Sask and MCCS, have designated proceeds to the Young Chippewayan Genealogy Project. Visit mccsk.ca for details.

***RJC Summer Open House** - “An Evening at RJC” on **Thursday, August 23 from 7:00–9:00 pm.** This evening is geared for families that are considering Rosthern Junior College in the next couple years. There will be tours, grads sharing stories, ice cream sundaes in the dining hall and free sunglasses to all prospective students from grades 9-12. All attending families who register for this fall will be entered into our WIN AN IPAD2 contest. Please RSVP to RJC by Monday, August 20th (val@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222).

***Church Matters Podcast-** *And the Word of the Lord was Rare: W. Metzger*, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada explores the growing interest in Anabaptism around the world. He asks: “Are Mennonite and Anabaptist churches sufficiently grounded in scripture to be able to respond?” ww.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1786

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Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 12, 2012

“Seek peace within the Broader Church”

Focus statement: God calls us to come together and seek the Holy Spirit when there are disagreements within the broader church.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Our story: Amalia and Roberto

GATHERING

Psalm Reading: Psalm 34: 1-3, 14

Call to Worship: Blue #716

Invocation and Prayer for peace (*Lighting Peace Lamp*)

***Hymn: Blue #25 “Jesus, stand among us”**
Purple #1 “Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

Sharing of joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Sarah/Charlie

Hymn: Green #52 “Jesus, help us live in peace”

New Testament lessons: Acts 15:1-35 (1-19)

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue #363

“Renew your church”

Message: “A Welcoming Church” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy One, we come to you as part of the body of Christ.
Hear our confession:

All: We belittle those who disagree with us, and seek the company of those who agree with us.

One: We believe that our way is right and their way is wrong.

All: We fail to have the patience, the energy, the courage, the faithfulness, to see your way together.

All: God of peace, forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn: Blue #311 “The church's one foundation”**

*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.

The nursery is available for parents with infants and small children.

Please note that no supervision will be provided in the Nursery during the summer months.

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

THIS WEEK

- **Monday – Friday, 9am – 11:30am VBS**
- **Wednesday, 7:30pm** Education Committee Meeting

Remember in Prayer

Those with health concerns, including Aron Friesen and family, and also, Stella Peters from Warman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **YAY! Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow** with the theme: *“Take me to the Water – God’s Love flows”*. **August 13 – 17, Monday-Friday, 9:00-11:30am each day.** All Children from age 4 to Grade 6 are invited to come and bring a friend, to join in learning, worshipping and VBS fun and games! If you need more information, please talk to Erica (281-8620)/email: e_ca90@hotmail.com.

*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Lyle Stucky and Glen Grismer are asked to take charge of cutting the grass in the church yard this week.

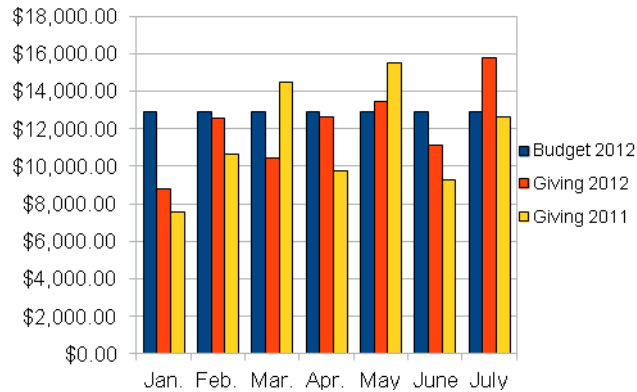
**“Seek Peace and Pursue it”* is our theme for July and August. This is an MC Canada series, and each Sunday will focus on different aspects of peace.
August 19 – Seek peace and know God’s blessing
August 26 – Seek peace through love

***This afternoon**, - MC Sask invites you to a Celebration of Dale Schiele and Helmut Isaac’s 30+ years of work with P2P. Come to Scott Park beside Mount Royal Mennonite Church (29th Street and Avenue P) at 3:00 pm for music, stories and farmer sausage on a bun. Bring a desert or maybe chips or a salad, and lawn chairs. And bring your stories! There will be an offering to cover costs with any extra going to P2P/Micah Mission.

***Tonight**, MCSask invites everyone to a play presenting the true story of a Mennonite Rebel. You are invited to attend **“Gadfly: Sam Steiner Dodges the Draft”** at 7pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. See the bulletin board poster for details.

*Sunday, August 26, 2:00pm at Shekinah: **A Mennonite/Muslim Gathering** sponsored by MCSask. See the Bulletin Board poster for details.

*General Fund receipts for the month of June were \$15,778.21 bringing our total for 2012 to \$84,771.07. This is 54.7% of our annual budget after 58.2% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 15:1 - 35 (NRSV) ¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.” ⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary,

we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” ¹²The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ¹⁶ ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷ so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.’ ¹⁹Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. ²¹For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues.” ²²Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, ²³with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. ²⁴Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, ²⁵we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: ²⁹that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.” ³⁰So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. ³¹When its members read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation. ³²Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers. ³³After they had been there for some time, they were sent off in peace by the believers to those who had sent them. ³³After they had been there for some time, they were sent off in peace by the believers to those who had sent them. ³⁵But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.