

**\*MCC Connects** - This winter be more than a spectator. Think thrift! Clean out your closets and take items to an MCC Thrift Shop near you. Your donation provides affordable goods for shoppers and resources for MCC's worldwide work. You can make the world a better place. Check [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) for Saskatchewan Thrift Shops.

**\*Grade 8-10 Youth are invited to SPEND-A-DAY** (and night) at RJC, on Friday/Sat. March 2 & 3. Those who cannot stay Friday overnight are welcome to come for the day and evening and leave before the sleep-over. There will be brunch and an information session Saturday morning for everyone, including those who did not spend the evening. See the bulletin board poster for details or contact Valerie White at [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca). Registration forms are due Feb. 16th. **Please let Leslie know if you would like attend.**

**\*Mar. 9-11, 2012** – Canadian Mennonite University invites high school students to attend **Peace-It-Together (PIT) 2012**. CMU speakers include Irma Fast Dueck, associate professor of practical theology, and lecturers Kenton Lobe and Justin Neufeld. Registration increases after January 31, 2012. [www.cmu.ca/pit](http://www.cmu.ca/pit)

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Cornie Guenther  
This Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler  
Next Sunday nursery care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

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

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Our Story:

Mark Bigland-Pritchard

### GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Call to Worship: HWB #753**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: HWB #166  
SJ #54**

**“I'll praise my Maker”  
“Longing for light”**

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Discipline of Silence & Prayer of the church  
**Antiphon: HWB #395 Refrain**

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Wilf Buhler

**Hymn: SJ #61**

**“How can we be silent”**

**Old Testament Lessons: HWB #830**

Preface for New Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 10: 17-19

**Gospel lesson: Luke 4: 18-19 (in unison)**

Luke 4:18 - 19 (NRSV) <sup>18</sup>“**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,** <sup>19</sup> **to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

**Hymn: HWB #409** "What does the Lord require"

Sermon: "What Does the Lord Require of Us?:  
God's Heart for Justice" Dr. Cory Neudorf

RESPONDING

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

\*Benediction

**\*Please rise**

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**We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.**

We welcome Dr. Cory Neudorf, B.Sc., M.D., M.H.Sc., FRCPC  
Chief Medical Health Officer, Saskatoon Health Region

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 children** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Floor hockey is cancelled this week.**

**NEXT WEEK**

- **Wednesday & Thursday, February 15 & 16: Blanket making all day.**
- **Wednesday, February 15, 7:30pm, Education Committee Meeting**
- **Thursday, February 16, 7:30pm, Worship Comm meeting**
- **Friday, February 17, 7:30pm, Adult Games Night**
- **Saturday, February 18, 6:00pm Youth: Swimming at the Shaw Centre. Meet at the church at 6:00pm**

**Remember in Prayer**

**Aron Friesen and Connie Friesen, experiencing health issues, and those recovering from illness and surgeries.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OMC Blanket Making: February 15 & 16, all day!**

**\*Friday, February 17, 7:30pm Adult Games Night** Bring snacks, drinks, and games to play, including crokinole boards.

**\*Saturday, February 18: Youth Swimming** at the Shaw Centre. Youth will meet at the church to leave for Saskatoon at 6:00 pm. To volunteer as a driver or chaperone, please contact Leslie.

**\*Communion** will be served on Sunday, February 19.

**\*Now is the time to contact Carl if you can be an OMC delegate at the Annual Delegate Sessions of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** at the Shekinah Retreat Center. The sessions are February 24-25 at Shekinah and our congregation may appoint 5 delegates. MCSask also encourages us to appoint one or two people who are interested in relationships with First Nations, to serve as contacts with the Ministries Commission. Those appointees should then attend the ADS, including the important Friday afternoon session with Harry Lafond from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and Howard Cameron, Elder from Beardys and Okamasis First Nation.

**Copies of the Report Booklet are now in the church office. Copies of the registration form and a letter with more information are posted on the bulletin board.**

Accommodation information @ [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca).

**Note the early fee deadline of February 15 to save \$20.**

*The Moderator's Report (Page 3 & 4) contains important information from Renata that should be studied by congregational chairs and delegates.*

**Canadian Mennonite University** [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

\*Canadian Mennonite University's (CMU) Board of Governors takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of **Dr. Cheryl Pauls** as the university's second president. Pauls, who is currently a faculty member of CMU, assumes her new duties November 1, 2012. Read the full news release at <http://media.cmu.ca>

\*\***“Youth Ministry as School of Love”** is a youth ministry conference planned for **June 1 - 2** at CMU. The conference will feature Mark Yaconelli and Michael Hryniuk. Participants can register for this conference separately or participate in it as part of a week long course. Contact [abergen@cmu.ca](mailto:abergen@cmu.ca).

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Luke 4:18 - 19 (NRSV)** <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

**Micah 6:8 (NRSV)** <sup>8</sup> God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Isaiah 58:6 - 7 (NRSV)** <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

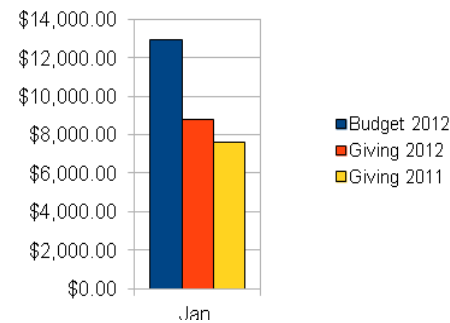
**Deuteronomy 10:17 - 19 (NRSV)** <sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup>who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

\*The Education Committee will offer **“Do Art”**, an **Art Club for Grades 4 to 9 students for three Tuesday evenings in March** – March 6, 13 & 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can **provide snacks** for one of the evenings for these young aspiring artists, please let Adeline know.

\***Our Church Directory** is being updated. Please submit any changes to addresses, phone numbers or email addresses for the directory **to the office by Wednesday, February 15.**

\***OMC Book Club** is reading "The Midwife's Confession" for the month of February. Anyone interested in a copy of the book please see Leslie. Discussion will be on Monday, March 5, 7:00 pm.

\***General Fund giving for the month of January** was \$8,787.08. This is 5.7% of our recently approved annual budget after 8.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



\***Attention: Quilters! Urgent request from MCSask for centrepieces for the Annual Delegate Sessions.** Please see the bulletin board for details or contact Charlotte Bueckert at MC Sask by phoning: 249-4844 or email: [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca)

\***Rejoice devotionals** for March/April/May are now in the foyer, available to take home.

\***The sign-up sheet for teachers** is on the bulletin board for the next Sunday School rotation starting February 19, with the theme: **Peace and Non-violence: Refusing Violence and the Military.**

\***Our prayer chain** is now being updated. To add your name, or to be removed from the current prayer chain, sign up on the bulletin board or let the church office know.

\***Warman Thrift Shop:** In order to keep janitorial costs down at the Thrift Store, the store is looking for a part time volunteer to sweep/wash floors; clean bathrooms and help volunteers keep the door windows clean. Hours are flexible, preferably after the store closes. This volunteer position could be filled by one or several people. If you feel led to serve in this way one or more times a week please stop by the Thrift Store to pick up a 'job description'. If you have any questions please talk to Sheila, store manager at 933-3293.

\***Sunday February 12** at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Join the Saskatoon **Chamber Singers in a Valentine's Day treat** "Of Life and Love: Music that captures the emotions that come from living and loving" Advance tickets can be purchased from Michelle (it's cheaper!) or you can buy them at the door.

\*Osler Elementary School Grade 7, 8 & 9 French Class presents: **French Winter Carnival, February 16, 2012**, 5:00-8:30pm at Osler School All Osler Students and parents are welcome to join in ! All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

\***The Mennonite Historical Society of Sask.** invites you to attend the book launch of **Jack Driedger's "Enn Bloomenheim Opjewossen"** at Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre on Friday, February 17 at 7:30pm. Free admission.

\***Just Food Exhibit.** In this art exhibit from Canada and around the world visual artists add their voices to the growing number of people connecting the right to food with a faith-based response to hunger in our world. The exhibit will be in Saskatchewan for the month of April. One half of the exhibit will be hosted at the Rosthern Station Arts Centre, and the other half at MCC on 600-45th Street West, Saskatoon. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

\***The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada** will host its fourth National Event in Saskatoon on June 21 to 24. This is an opportunity for all Canadians, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to learn more about and bear witness to the legacy of the Residential School system. Prior to the National Event in Saskatoon the TRC is holding 12 Community Hearings throughout Saskatchewan. The schedule appears in the information posted on the bulletin board, and more information is in the OMC February newsletter. Attending one or two of these hearings is a good way to prepare ourselves for attending the event in June. For the latest information go to <http://sk.mcc.org/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-canada>

\*The latest update from **MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service)** is posted on the bulletin board, with lots of opportunities for service.

\***The Academy of Discipleship is offering two 8 week courses**, beginning February 13/14: *The Serpent and the Dove: Light from Genesis 1 to 11* on Tuesdays at Mount Royal Mennonite Church with instructor: Dr. Walter Klaassen *Stories Jesus told : The parables of Christ* on Mondays at Nutana Park Mennonite Church with instructors Vern Ratzlaff & Leighton Tebay. See the bulletin board posters for more details.

\***Writer Rudy Wiebe:** On March 2-3 Rudy Wiebe, one of Canada's most famous novelists, will speak twice at the Mennonite Historical Society of Sask (MHSS) annual meetings to be held at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon. On Friday evening at 7:30 pm his topic will be *An Anabaptist Tracking Big Bear: A Great and Sad Life*. The Joy Singers will entertain that evening. On Saturday morning at 11:00 am he will speak on: *An Anabaptist Tracking Big Bear: A Continuing Legacy*. The MHSS business session will begin at 9:30 am. Lunch will be served. The storytelling session will go from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Admission is free. Contact Jake Buhler 244 1392 for more info.

\***Songfest** will be at First Mennonite Church, **March 23 & 24**. See the bulletin board for a poster and registration forms.