

**\*MCC Connects** - This winter be more than a spectator. Be the tie that binds! MCC comforters bring warmth and hope to people in needs around the world. Make a comforter that MCC can send to Iraq or Kenya or other countries around the globe. Check [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) for Material Resources information.

**\*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 night. 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: Kathryn Janzen  
Song Leader: Art Zacharias  
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Cornie Guenther  
This 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 19, 2012

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

#### **Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 50)**

One: The mighty one, God, the Lord,

**All: Summons the whole earth to gather.**

One: Our God comes and will not be silent;

**All: A fire goes before him, and around him a tornado rages.**

One: The summons is to come for judgment.

**All: For God is the righteous judge; who judges all creation.**

One: Let us bow before our maker,

**All: And our judge. Amen.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: HWB #41**

**“Come, thou Almighty King”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence & Prayer of the church

### PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Lacey Braun

**Hymn: SJ#31**

**“He came down”**

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Gospel lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory prayer

**SJ #96** "I'm pressing on the upward way"

Sermon: "A Mountain Kiss" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**Hymn: HWB #117** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**COMMUNION**

Welcome: SJ #170

**Prayer: SJ #133**

Sharing of the bread and cup

**Hymn: HWB #71** "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

\*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 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**

- **Wed. & Thursday, February 22 & 23: Blanket making**
- **Thursday, February 23, 7:30pm, Missions and Service Committee meeting**
- **Friday & Saturday, February 24-25, Annual delegate sessions of MCSask at Shekinah**
- **Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent**

**Remember in Prayer**

**Aron Friesen and Connie Friesen, experiencing health issues, and those recovering from illness and surgeries. Remember delegates and all those at the annual sessions of Mennonite Church Sask. at Shekinah next weekend.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OMC Blanket Making** this week: Wednesday & Thursday all day.

**\*Monday, February 27, 7:00pm Baby Shower for Sydney Jalen Smith-Zacharias**, daughter of Sherma and Sheila. Everyone welcome

**\*Last call for delegates** for the **Annual Delegate Sessions of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** at the Shekinah Retreat Center. The sessions are next weekend: 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 available for pick up 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).

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

**\*Copies of "Sign Up and Follow Jesus", a Lent At-Home resource** are now available in the foyer. Help yourself to this booklet produced by Mennonite Church Canada for daily and weekly worship, as we make holy space in our homes and hearts for God during the season of Lent. The booklets include Children's activities.

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

**Mark 9:2 - 9 (NRSV)** <sup>9:2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**\*“Do Art”, an Art Club for Grades 4 to 9 students** is coming up three Tuesday evenings in March – March 6, 13 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Snacks are needed for the kids. If you can **provide snacks** for the kids for either March 6<sup>th</sup> or March 13<sup>th</sup>, please let Adeline know.

**\*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)

**\*Children’s Sunday School** is studying **Peace and Non-violence & Helping others.** Your teachers this rotation are Leslie, Steve & John.

**\*Our OMC 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.

**\*Aron Friesen and family thank everyone for your prayer** support and well wishes. Please continue to pray for Aron and his family as he receives treatment and anticipates surgery.

**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*Just Food Exhibit.** In this Canadian and worldwide art exhibit, visual artists add their voices to growing numbers connecting the right to food with a faith-based response to hunger in our world. 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>

**\*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.

**\*Saturday, March 3, 1pm-7:30pm The Passion of the Earth: Nuclear Waste in Saskatchewan** Everyone is welcome to attend this Kairos Lenten event in solidarity with the Committee for Future Generations. See the bulletin Board poster for details.

**\*RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 11, 7:00 pm at RJC. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music and fun, featuring A Buncha Guys and the RJC Man Choir. Included in the evening will be a dessert auction, with funds going towards RJC program projects.

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

**\*Prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:** Please keep MCCanada worker, Daniel Pantoja (Philippines), and his family, in your prayers. Daniel is in Vancouver with his 91 year old mother, who has become gravely ill. Pray for God's blessing upon Daniel's time with his mother. Pray also that his mother will sense Christ's peace. Thank you for praying with us.

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**2 Kings 2:1 - 12 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.