

***MCC Connects** - MCC Saskatchewan thanks you! Donations received to date are well ahead of last year. Your continued support is critical as we are about to take on more international programming through MCC Canada. Our challenge is to keep the right balance between international and domestic work/programming. Thank you for "sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ."

***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. 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

Worship Leader: Kathryn Janzen
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Susan Braun, Cornie Guenther
This Sunday nursery care: Adeline Cox
Next Sunday nursery care: Diana Buhler

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 5, 2012

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: HWB # 36 "God of our strength"**
HWB #565 "My faith looks up to thee"

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time Adeline Cox

Hymn: HWB #553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Gospel lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: HWB #559 "O thou, in whose presence"

Sermon: "Hidden from God" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB #575 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

*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 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.

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for children** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

NEXT WEEK

- **Monday, February 6, 7:00pm, OMC Book Club meeting**
- **Wednesday & Thursday, February 8 & 9: Blanket making in the mornings**
- **Thursday, February 9, 7:30pm, Deacons meeting**

Remember in Prayer
Aron Friesen and Connie Friesen, Linda Doell and others experiencing health issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Education Committee would like to offer an **Art Club for kids** for **three Tuesday evenings in March**. Helpers are needed - Can you help one evening? Or two, or even all three? If so, please speak to Gordon or Adeline to volunteer and join the creative fun!

***OMC's book club** is reading "Secret Daughter". All are welcome to join discussion on the book on **Monday, Feb 6, 7:00pm**.

***OMC Blanket Making: February 8, 9, 15 & 16, in the mornings.**

***February 17, 7:30pm Adult Games Night** presented by the Deacons. Bring snacks, drinks, and games to play.

***Friday, 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.

*The **Youth Farm Bible Camp** is having their annual **Vereniki and Sausage Supper** at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, February 7, 5:00-7:00 pm. Admission by donation.

***The Truth and Reconciliation Hearings** are being held in 12 Saskatchewan communities. See the information from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan on the Bulletin Board for details. More information is also included in the February newsletter.

***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

*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.

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

***Please contact Carl if you like to be a delegate at the Annual Delegate Sessions of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** at the Shekinah Retreat Center. The sessions are scheduled for February 24-25 at Shekinah. 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.

The Registration form, accommodation information, and the Report Booklet, are now available at www.mcsask.ca. Note: registration forms can be printed from the site and returned to the MCSask office by **February 15, the early fee deadline**. Several copies of the registration forms are also on the bulletin board. *The Moderator's Report (Page 3 & 4) contains important information from Renata that should be studied by congregational chairs and delegates.*

***Our Church Directory** will be updated soon. Please submit revised addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to the office.

***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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 40:21 - 31 (NRSV) ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is the LORD who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Isaiah 40 (continued) ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when the LORD blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? The One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my GOD"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth. The LORD does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ The Lord gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Mark 1:29 - 39 (NRSV) ²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.