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***Mar. 9-11, 2012** – Canadian Mennonite University invites high school students to attend **PIT 2012**. CMU speakers include Irma Fast Dueck, assistance professor of practical theology, and lecturers Kenton Lobe and Justin Neufeld. Registration increases after January 31, 2012. Visit www.cmu.ca/pit for more details.

*Journey through time on the **CMU Study Tour: Ancient Stones, Living Stones: the Holy Land in Perspective**. Travel April 30 – May 21, 2012 with leader Gordon Matties, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies. Visit www.cmu.ca/studytour for more details.

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CMU Study Tour with Irma Fast Dueck Explore the wild physical, social and theological Christian landscapes in Great Britain. Tour includes Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival, London and Glasgow, and the Iona Community, August 23 to September 8, 2012. Application deadline: March 2, 2012. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/deepDown/>

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Scripture reader: Rachel Buhler
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This Sunday nursery care: Sarah Guenther & Katherine Allaby
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 8, 2012

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Introduction to Romans

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters, over the mighty waters.
All: Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, the cedars of Lebanon.
All: Let us ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
One: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare.
All: In the Lord's temple, all say "Glory!"
One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth like a flame, and shakes the wilderness.
All: Let us worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Invocation

***Hymns: HWB #17 "We gather together"**
HWB #528 "I stand amazed in the presence"

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

PRAISING AND HEARING

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn: SJ #32

“If you believe and I believe”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 29

Gospel lesson - Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: HWB #447

“O Jesus, I have promised”

Sermon: “A Baptism Message” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: SJ #95 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

*Benediction

***Please rise**

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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 and the Adult winter Bible Study Session #1** starting at 11:15 am. (Romans 1-5)
- **Pizza Lunch at noon, followed by Winter Bible Study Session #2** (Romans 6-10)
- **Floor hockey:** 7:00 – 7:30pm – younger children
7:30pm-8:30pm – older kids, youth and adults

NEXT WEEK

- **Thursday, January 12, 7:30pm Deacons Meeting**
- **Saturday, January 14, 9:30am Church Council meeting**
- **Sunday, January 15, 11:15am Will and Estate Planning Seminar with Mennonite Trust Ltd.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our **Winter Study** is on the book of Romans based on the Believer's Church Commentary. The study will be done in three sessions, so obviously it will not be a detailed analysis. Even so, we hope it will provide tools and insights for better understanding Paul's only intended theological expose. Session 1 will cover Romans 1-5, and will be during the Sunday School hour today. **All are invited for a pizza lunch at noon**, and Session #2 covering Romans 6-10 will be right after lunch. Please read Romans Chapters 11-16 as we will study those chapters on Jan. 29, during the Sunday school time.

***Sunday School Christmas Giving Project** collected \$1,638.78, plus many school kit items. Thank you for your generous support.

***Sunday, January 15, 2012: Mennonite Trust Ltd.** will present a Will and Estate planning seminar at OMC during the Sunday School hour at 11:15am. **To book an appointment with MTL to discuss drafting your will, please call the Saskatoon office at 933-2228.**

***OMC's book club** is reading "Secret Daughter". Copies of the book are available from Leslie and we will meet to discuss our thoughts on the book on February 6th at 7:00 pm.

***A Discipleship Group will organize in January.** This Discipleship Group will meet when and as often as is best for the participants. The group will seek to enhance their understanding and ability to be faithful followers of Christ, and likewise, grow spiritually, too. The goal of the group is to be open and enabled to respond to new opportunities to serve, as God leads. Please contact Gordon if you would like to be a part of this group. Ideally, the group will be ten people or less.

***Friday Night Live at RJC – Friday, January 20** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to an interactive evening of socializing and entertainment on Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm. Admission is FREE. We will meet at the church at 7:00 pm before heading up to Rosthern. RSVP to Leslie A. by January 16 if you plan to attend.

*Kathryn Janzen, Lynette and George Janzen, and Jake Buhler are in charge of the Worship Service at **Bethany Manor** this morning.

***Mentoring our youth:** a growing number of churches are adopting a mentoring system with their youth, and they are finding it to be very rewarding for all. On **Sunday, January 22, Anna Rehan** will present this concept to all adults during the Sunday School time, and then following our POTLUCK lunch, we'll have a discussion time with Anna and our youth leaders.

***Baptism** is the topic of the next children's Sunday School rotation, starting today. Your children's teachers for these three weeks are George Janzen, Adeline Cox and Edna Zacharias.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 29:1 - 11 (NRSV) ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of GOD's name; worship the LORD in holy splendour. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ The LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in GOD's temple all say, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to the LORD's people! May the LORD bless GOD's people with peace!

Mark 1:4 - 11 (NRSV) ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 19:1 - 7 (NRSV) ¹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.