

\***MCC Connects** - Learning Tours provide a unique opportunity to learn about MCC's work and partners in a new culture and political reality. There's room for a few more participants in a tour to Israel/Palestine being planned for March 2013. Contact organizer Ray Friesen at 306.773.6061 or cell #306.741.0035 for details.

\*See the bulletin board for an update **from MCC on the widespread drought** and food distribution in Mexico. Your donations are gratefully accepted to support this critical work.

\* **Congratulations to Emmaus Mennonite Church**, celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, July 29 in Wymark with a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Jerry Buhler, followed by dinner at noon and then at 2pm, an Anniversary Celebration, followed by coffee & dessert.

\*Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is honouring the many years of ministry that Dale Schiele and Helmut Isaac have provided through **Person to Person** to those in prison and those released from prison. Come to the park beside Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon on August 12, 3:00 pm, to sing, tell stories, and celebrate. P2P volunteers are especially invited to come and bring their stories.

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Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanists: Diana Buhler  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
July 22, 2012

### *“Seek Peace through Humility”*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing our story: Reflections of MC Canada Assembly

### GATHERING

Psalm Reading: Psalm 34: 14-18

### **Call to Worship**

One: To worship is to bear witness that there is One who deserves worship.

**All: There is One who is holy and righteous and powerful.**

**All: And that One is not us.**

One: So as we gather for worship, let us humble ourselves.

**All: Let us release our pride and our sense of entitlement,**

**All: that we might listen deeply and watch expectantly.**

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

\*Hymn: **SJ #2**

**HWB #367**

**“Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)**

**“For the healing of the nations”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Stephanie Siemens

**Hymn: HWB #383**

**“God, whose giving”**

Old Testament lesson: I Samuel 25: 1-35 (paraphrased)

Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory prayer

**Hymn: HWB #307**                    “Will you let me be your servant”

Message:                    “Peace in Place”                    Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: Holy One, sometimes we act as if we are of upmost importance.

**All: Hallowed be your name.**

One: We spend so much energy trying to make things the way we want them to be.

**All: Your will be done.**

One: Sometimes we feel as if we deserve whatever we want.

**All: Give us this day our daily bread.**

One: We think that everyone should overlook our mistakes.

**All: As we forgive those who sin against us.**

One: Temptations abound. The evil is real.

**All: Deliver us, forgive us, O Holy One in heaven.**

Assurance of Pardon

**\*Hymn: HWB #434**                    “Thuma Mina”

**\*Benediction: SS #147**

**\*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.

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.

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\*Linda and Lyle Stucky and family thank you for your many expressions of sympathy following the death of Linda’s mother.

**Remember in Prayer**

- Linda Doell, recovering from surgery at home.
  - Roberto, Amalia, Loren & Robert Gomez, on a mission trip to Panama till the 24<sup>th</sup>.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Tuesday, July 24, 7:30pm:** Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower** for Chris Cox and Olivia Sammons. Bring your partner to celebrate with this young couple. Note: A gift option is to contribute to a money tree, which will be available at the shower. Congratulations and blessings to Chris and Olivia who will be married at OMC next Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**\* Only 3 weeks till VBS, August 13-17 and there are opportunities to help.** Speak to Erica Doucette, who is co-ordinating VBS. There is a box in the foyer to collect 600 ml pop bottles and glass jars (canning jars or jam or salsa jars).

\*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Bruce Boldt and Garry Boldt 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, August and September. This is an MC Canada series, and each Sunday will focus on different aspects of peace.

July 22 – Seek peace through humility

July 29 – Seek peace within the congregation

August 5 – Seek peace with your enemies

August 12 – Seek peace within the broader church

August 19 – Seek peace and know God’s blessing

August 26 – Seek peace through love

September 9 – Seek peace as a lifestyle

September 16 – Seek peace through respect

September 23 – Seek peace for the whole world

September 30 – Seek peace for your community

\*The **MDS** update for July 12, 2012 is now on the bulletin board.

**\*Bethany Manor:** Volunteer Servers are needed in the Dining Room to help set up, serve the meal and clear tables (2-3 hrs/meal). Receive a free meal each time you serve! Please contact Jennifer Bulka, Food Services Manager, at 380-7920.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**1 Samuel 25:1 - 35 (NRSV)** <sup>1</sup>Now Samuel died; and all Israel assembled and mourned for him. They buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David got up and went down to the wilderness of Paran. <sup>2</sup>There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. <sup>3</sup>Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite. <sup>4</sup>David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. <sup>5</sup>So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. <sup>6</sup>Thus you shall salute him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. <sup>7</sup>I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. <sup>8</sup>Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight; for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.'" <sup>9</sup>When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David; and then they waited. <sup>10</sup>But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. <sup>11</sup>Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?" <sup>12</sup>So David's young men turned away, and came back and told him all this. <sup>13</sup>David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage. <sup>14</sup>But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he shouted insults at them. <sup>15</sup>Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields, as long as we were with them; <sup>16</sup>they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. <sup>17</sup>Now therefore know this and consider what you should do; for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him." <sup>18</sup>Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready

dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys <sup>19</sup>and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. <sup>20</sup>As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. <sup>21</sup>Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good. <sup>22</sup>God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him." <sup>23</sup>When Abigail saw David, she hurried and alighted from the donkey, and fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. <sup>24</sup>She fell at his feet and said, "Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. <sup>25</sup>My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. <sup>26</sup>"Now then, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, since the LORD has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. <sup>27</sup>And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. <sup>28</sup>Please forgive the trespass of your servant; for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. <sup>29</sup>If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the LORD your God; but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling. <sup>30</sup>When the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, <sup>31</sup>my lord shall have no cause of grief, or pangs of conscience, for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant." <sup>32</sup>David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! <sup>33</sup>Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! <sup>34</sup>For as surely as the LORD the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." <sup>35</sup>Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition."