

\***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: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanists: Melanie Boldt  
Sound: Chris Buhler  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Sarah Hiebert

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
July 29, 2012

*“Seek peace within the congregation”*

**Focus statement:** If we want to be a witness for Christ's peace in the world, we must live out that peace within our own congregation.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing our story: Dave Feick

### GATHERING

Psalm Reading: Psalm 34: 1-3

#### **Call to Worship:**

One: As we gather together to worship, let us remember the words of Scripture:

**All: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.**

One: Jesus sent his disciples out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

**All: For with two, if you fall, someone is there to help you up.**

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

**All: Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm.**

One: Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

**All: Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.**

One: May we spur each other on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another

**All: Let us worship God together.**

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

\***Hymn: HWB #17** “We gather together”  
**HWB #322** “For we are strangers no more”

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

**Hymn: HWB #407** “We are people of God’s peace”

New Testament lessons: Matthew 16: 15-19; 18: 15-22  
Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory prayer

**Hymn: SJ #2** “Come walk with us”

Message: “When the trail gets rocky” John Reddekopp

RESPONDING

**Prayer of Confession: HWB #696**

Assurance of Pardon

\***Hymn: HWB #420** “Heart with loving heart united.”

\*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.

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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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **Only 3 weeks till VBS, August 13-17 and there are opportunities to help.** Speak to Erica Doucette, who is coordinating 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. The Ben Buhler family is 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

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

**Portable CMU:** Bring CMU to your own local setting. The 2012-13 Portable CMU brochure features 20 short courses in a wide range of topics our faculty members have prepared to deliver in a variety of contexts away from CMU. Visit <http://www.cmu.ca/portable.html>

Wondering what to do this fall? Consider spending a year traveling the world, learning about God and making lifelong friendships. **CMU’s Outtatown** discipleship program has just a few spots remaining for male students (ages 17-22) for the upcoming school year. Call (204) 487-3300 or visit [www.Outtatown.com](http://www.Outtatown.com) for more information!

**\*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:**

**Matthew 16:15 - 19 (NRSV)** <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

**Matthew 18:15 - 22 (NRSV)** <sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." <sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."