

* **MCC Connects** - Picture \$4,095 in pennies and change at the Penny Power table, and it's all for wells in Mozambique! Thank you volunteers, donors, buyers and all who came to the Saskatoon Relief Sale for food and fellowship! Net proceeds of about \$80,000 offer a brighter future through MCC's work in relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. Relief Sale Committee.

*The MC Sask Council regrets to announce that after 27 years of faithful service to our Area Church community, **Anna Rehan** has decided to submit her resignation as Area Church Youth Minister effective December 31, 2012. Her capable leadership in nurturing our young people will be sorely missed and we wish her every blessing. Thank you from all of us, Anna.

*Please see the bulletin board for a new PRAYER REQUEST from Mennonite Church Canada. Your prayers are needed.

* **Congratulations to Emmaus Mennonite Church**, celebrating their 75th 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, a anniversary Celebration, followed by coffee & dessert.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
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 8, 2012

“Seek Peace through Reconciliation”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Psalm Reading: Psalm 34: 14-18

Call to Worship

One: We seek peace.

All: We pursue peace

One: Peace with our family

All: peace with our neighbours

One: peace with our friends,

All: peace with our enemies.

One: We seek Christ

All: We pursue Christ,

One: who guides our feet

All: who strengthens our legs

All: as we walk the difficult and holy path of peace.

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

***Hymn: HWB #1 “What is this place”**

HWB # “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Sharing of joys and concern

Prayer of the church (and Blessing of the Gomez Family)

LISTENING

Children's Time

Lacey Braun

Hymn: SJ #54 **“Longing for light”**

Old Testament lesson: Philemon

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: HWB #26 **“Holy Spirit, come with power”**

Message: “Look for Peace by making things right” Jake Buhler

RESPONDING

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy One,

All: we know of children in our community who do not live in safety.

One: We know of adults in our community who do not live with dignity.

All: We know that within this town, there is poverty, there is abuse, there is fear and deep sorrow.

One: Your picture of peace plays at the periphery of our vision,

All: but it is hard for us to bring it into focus.

One: Your words of promise echo faintly in our ears,

All: but it is hard for us to hear them clearly.

One: We know that you call us to your work of peace right here with our neighbours,

All: but our feet feel heavy; our hands are hesitant.

All: Holy One, forgive our failings.

Assurance of Pardon

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

*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.

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.

Remember in Prayer

Roberto, Amalia, Loren & Robert as they leave for their mission trip to Panama this week. They will serve in Panama from July 10-24th.

Linda Doell, who will be having surgery on Wednesday.

Our delegates to Mennonite Church Assembly from July 12-15th:
Gordon Allaby, John Reddekopp and Edna and Art Zacharias

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. George Janzen and Steve Rowan are asked to be in charge of cutting the grass in the church yard this week.

*Gordon will be away on vacation leave July 7 – 11, after which he will be attending Vancouver 2012 Mennonite Church Assembly in Vancouver from July 12-15. Please contact the deacons or Carl or Louise for any concerns while Gordon is away.

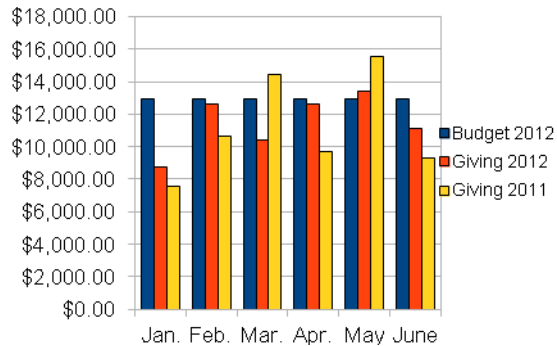
*For the summer months, Adeline will be in the office on Friday mornings only.

*Those willing to help teach children's Sunday School next year (Sept 2012-June 2013), please sign up on the "Teaching Team Sign-up" sheet on the bulletin Board.

* **VBS – Call for Volunteers.** Erica will be co-ordinating our VBS program the week of August 13-17, along with the MCSask VBS Troupe. Please talk to Erica if you can help a little or a lot! Snacks will be needed, as well as helpers to assist the troupe with supervision of young and active children. More to follow soon.

***Loose Change Sunday** – next Sunday, July 15th.

***General Fund giving** for the month of June was \$11,122.73 bringing our total for 2012 to \$68,992.86. This is 44.5% of our annual budget after 49.7% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



"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 8 - Seek peace through reconciliation

July 15 - Seek peace with your neighbours (music Sunday).

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

*Everyone is invited to a celebration of **George Giesbrecht's** 65th birthday on Sunday, July 15 at 2:00pm in our church gym.

***The Gathering Place is on a summer break**, back in September for after-worship coffee time. Thank you to Joanne and Louise for your service – enjoy a well earned summer break!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Philemon 1:1 - 25 (NRSV) ¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.