

* **MCC Connects** - Plans are in place for the greening of the space around the MCC Centre. Watch for changes coming this summer. Please support efforts to reduce carbon emissions which impact climate change as we seek to live in right relations with creation.

***The Saskatoon MCC Relief Sale and Auction** is coming soon to Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Volunteers along with donations of auction and artisan items, pies and bake sale goods are needed. Contact Armin & Edith Krahn, Relief Sale Coordinators, at 384-1206 or eakrahn@sasktel.net or visit mccsk.ca.

***Today: Pleasant Point Gospel Musicfest**, Sunday, May 27 at the church 8 miles south of Clavet. Featuring Willie Sons, Lost River Ramblers, and friends. Commemorative worship service at 10 a.m., lunch, music at 1 -3 p.m. Call 931-2449 for further information.

*Monday, June 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany Manor - **“What’s Happening in the Ukraine!”** Come and hear stories about the Florence Centre and hopes for the future by Drs. Lucy Romanenkova and Natasha Mosol. See the bulletin board poster for more details.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Scripture reader: John Gascho
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens
This Sunday nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Next Sunday nursery care: Jan Guenther and Delaney Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 27, 2012

Pentecost Sunday

Prelude

GATHERING: We Listen, Wait and Pray

Welcome

Reader’s Theatre (based on Acts 1 and 2: 1-21)

Candle One: Waiting for God’s Spirit

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God of Pentecost, this morning, trembling with awe, we draw near to the flame of your love. Yearning to be touched and transformed by your presence like the disciples of long ago.

All: Waiting in hope, we leave behind the clutter of our daily lives and turn our faces toward a sound like the rush of a violent wind, ready to embrace the signs of your Spirit moving among us during this worship hour.

One: Open our ears and our hearts as we remember the amazing outpouring of your Spirit at Pentecost on the disciples in Jerusalem. May that be our experience, too. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Invocation (based on Psalm 104)

***Hymn: SS# 104 “Come, O Spirit, come”**

Pentecost reflection “Possessed” Gordon Allaby

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

CONFESSING: We Receive Hope for the Fullness of Redemption

Sharing of joys and concerns & Prayer of the church
Gospel Lesson: Romans 8: 22-27
Silence
Prayer of Assurance

Children's Time Kathryn Janzen
Candle Two: Receiving God's Spirit

Hymn: SS #106 **"Like a tender breath, stirring"**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: HWB #356 **"Breathe on me, breath of God"**

Sermon "From the Valley" Gordon Allaby

PRAISING: We go forth, sharing the Good News of Jesus

***Hymn: SJ #77** **"The peace of the earth be with you"**
Candle Three: Going forth with God's Spirit

***Benediction: SS #144**
***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 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 all ages** begins at 11:15am.
 - **Weiner Roast at 6:00 pm**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon Allaby will be on vacation leave this week, but will be in the area if he is needed for emergencies.

*Deacon sponsored **Wiener Roast** starts at 6:00pm today. Please bring wieners and bread/buns, snacks &/or desserts to share. Beverages and condiments will be provided.

*Trustee Committee is looking for several volunteers to plant and maintain the flower beds on the south side of the church. The area has many perennials- but needs a few annual flowers to fill in some spots. Contact Bruce or Doug if you have some time and ideas!

*Submissions for the **June newsletter** to be submitted to the office by May 30. This will be the last newsletter for the summer (back again in September), so get your submissions including jokes, announcements, recipes & peace notes to the office by Wednesday.

***Sunday School Information**

Sunday, June 3, 2012- Last Sunday of regular classes for children.
Sunday, June 10, 2012- Annual Games Day for Sunday School children.

Sunday, June 17, 2012- Church Picnic. Bibles will be presented to Grade 6 students.

*There are just a very few **opportunities** left to **bring snacks** for the children's Sunday School and the after-worship coffee time, before the Gathering Room and Sunday School take a summer break. Please consider signing up for one of the remaining spots in June. Thank you, Louise, for your generous service in the coffee gathering room and for bringing snack again last week.

*The **Church Yard maintenance** schedule as prepared by the Trustees committee, is now posted on the bulletin board and copies were placed in your church mailbox if you are involved. Dick Braun and Eugene Penner are scheduled this coming week.

*Our church is working the 1:00 shift in the **Verenicke booth** at the MCC Relief Sale on Saturday, June 9. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help the work of MCC. We need 12 volunteers.

***Penny Power for MCC** – a giving jar has been set up in the foyer to receive your pennies for a very worthwhile project this year. Drilling wells in Mozambique will improve the quality of life for many, especially for the women and girls who are responsible for supplying water for their families. The change in your pockets may not seem like much but together we can make a BIG difference!

***Upcoming RJC Events: See the bulletin board posters for details or RJC website www.rjc.sk.ca for information/forms**

***RJC Prospective Student Family Picnic, June 3, 2:00pm**

***Rosthern Junior College** invites everyone to its June musical, Rogers & Hammerstein's **"OKLAHOMA"** on **June 22 & 23 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets (\$15) went on sale to the public Wed, May 23. Call the RJC office to purchase your tickets: (306 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca).

***Mennonite Church Sask. Motorcycle Rally Fundraiser** together with RJC, is on Saturday, June 9. Registration: 10 am- Noon. Rally starts at 1:00 pm. See the bulletin board poster for more information.

***July 12 – 15: Mennonite Church Canada's 2012 Assembly in Vancouver.** Get more details and register at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/vancouver2012/>

***Burnt Thicket Theatre** presents a touring play *She Has A Name*, telling the story of a young teenage girl forced into prostitution in a Bangkok brothel. **May 30- June 2 at the BackStage Stage in the Remai Arts Centre, Saskatoon.** Burnt Thicket Theatre works to communicate God's heart by integrating artistic process with a life lived with Christ. See the bulletin board poster for details. *This play brings the nameless victims of trafficking into our western world and makes them all too close and real to ever forget. You must see it! - Mark Wollenberg, International Justice Mission Canada.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Ezekiel 37:1 - 14 (NRSV) ¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and the LORD brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²GOD led me all

around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³The LORD said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then the LORD said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then the LORD said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as GOD commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then the LORD said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Romans 8:22 - 27 (NRSV) ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.