

**\*MCC Connects** – Amid escalating conflict among ethnic and religious groups in the Nineveh Valley, Iraq, MCC is supporting the creation of three peace libraries that will make peace materials available to grassroots community leaders and provide a space for community dialogues. Your gifts help make peace-building possible. \$100 supports grassroots activities for peace. Visit [donate.mcccana.ca](http://donate.mcccana.ca)

**\*Worship + Imagination** (formerly Refreshing Winds) will take place **February 7 – 9, 2013 at CMU**. This year's symposium will explore the theme of "Worship & Witness." How does worship bear witness to the imagination of God in the world? How does worship shape us for witness? How can worship and the arts resist injustice and oppression and enable God's peace and reconciliation in the world? *Who should come?* Worship planners and leaders, pastors, musicians, church leaders, and lay people. Learn more about the resource persons, schedule and registration details by going to [www.cmu.ca/wi](http://www.cmu.ca/wi)

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Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanist: Diana Buhler  
Scripture Reader: Steve Guenther  
This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther and Delaney Sawatzky  
Next Sunday Nursery care: Lucy Friesen  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Steve Rowan

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
November 11, 2012

### *Peace Sunday and Remembrance Day*

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Our Story

### GATHERING

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

**One:** We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.

**All:** **We gather together to hear the words of the One who is love.**

**One:** We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

**All:** **Come let us worship. *Let us worship the Prince of Peace.***

Invocation

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #366    "God of grace and God of glory"  
Green/SJ#56                "Make me a channel of your peace"**

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time and Loose Change Collection                      Gordon Allaby

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #412    "We shall walk through the valley"**

Old Testament lesson: Proverbs 6:16-19

Gospel lesson – John 20:21

Lesson from the Epistles – Romans 14:19

Offering and Offertory music  
**Offertory prayer: Green/SJ #148**

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #372 "O healing river"**

Sermon: "We Remember" Gordon Allaby

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #134 "Babylon streams received our tears"**

### Remember Litany

**Men:** Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.

**Women:** Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed.

**Men:** Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.

**Women:** Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes.

**Men:** Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.

**Women:** Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace.

**Men:** Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.

**Women:** Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies.

**Men:** Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.

**Women:** Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.

**All:** Remember with joy that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Three prayers of Remembrance: printed in bulletin

OUR LOSSES: Louise Buhler

OUR ENEMIES: Edna Zacharias

INNOCENT VICTIMS: Mark Bigland-Pritchard.

Minute of silence

### Closing Prayer

God of refuge and strength, grant us your strength so we might actively seek ways to bring your peace and justice to our community and world. Strengthen us, through your gift of love and grace to live out our longing for peace and justice.

We leave here remembering the loss and proclaiming your love and peace.

May there never be silence in face of evil.

May God give us strength and power as peacemakers, and may we be filled with the nonviolent love of Jesus. AMEN

**\*Please rise**

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**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 should be accompanied by an adult.)

**Children's Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

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### TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Floor Hockey – 7:00pm**

### THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, November 15, 7:00pm** – Worship Committee Meeting
- **Sunday, November 18 – Potluck Fundraiser** for Stephanie Siemens volunteer term to Bolivia

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Next Sunday, November 18:** there will be a **potluck fundraiser for Stephanie Siemens** here at OMC. This will also be open to donations that will go towards Steph's 1-year volunteer term teaching English in Bolivia. Bring your family, friends and favourite dish! If you would like a tax deductible receipt, cheques should be made out to "Evangelical Mennonite Missions Conference" with the memo line reading: "the ministry of Stephanie Siemens"

**\*Saturday, December 1 at noon: OMC Ladies Luncheon** will be a Bangladesh meal at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The cost is \$17.00 per person.

\*Sunday November 25: Memorial Sunday at OMC

\*All are invited for an afternoon of delightful classical music -- both instrumental and singing -- at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, 1701 Ruth Street in Saskatoon on November 18 at 2:30 pm. Please join us for an informal coffee and fellowship time after the concert.

**\*RJC Corporation AGM**, Saturday November 17th, 5:00 pm in the RJC Chapel at 5:00 pm.

\* **RJC Annual Fundraising Dinner & Event**, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at RJC. To reserve your complimentary tickets call 306.232.4222 or email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) by November 8th.

**\*RJC On Stage Fall Theatre** – Sun/Mon, Nov. 18 & 19, 7:00 A stage version of the classic Alfred Hitchcock movie mystery "The 39 Steps." and excerpts from "Godspell" based on the book of Matthew. Tickets are \$10. Call RJC at 306 232-4222 to reserve your tickets.

\* **Monday, November 19**, Broadway Theatre, 7-8:30pm, a Saskatoon Premiere: **The Starting Point: Saskatoon Experiences of Poverty and Health**. More details on the bulletin board for this free event.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Proverbs 6:16-19

<sup>16</sup>There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: <sup>17</sup>haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that hurry to run to evil, <sup>19</sup>a lying witness who testifies falsely, and one who sows discord in a family.

### John 20:21

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

### Romans 14:19

<sup>19</sup>Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

## Prayers of Remembrance:

### OUR LOSSES

We are familiar with the poppies, the eleventh minute, eleven o'clock moment of silence, and the visible emotions of those who have fought in the wars of this last century in particular. Our hearts ache with all those who remember the horror of warfare, the pain and the grief of losing those loved. We join our voices together remembering our losses, knowing that you are the balm that heals all wounds. We join those who honour the names of loved ones, the pain and the grief. We remember our losses.

### OUR ENEMIES

Gracious God, we pray for mercy as we remember the anguish we have caused to our enemies. We confess our participation in doing violence and destruction. We confess that we often support unjust systems, and that we harbour a reservoir of personal anger with personal enemies. Forgive us our iniquities as we earnestly pray for the wellbeing of our enemies. Forgive us and bless our enemies.

### INNOCENT VICTIMS

Creator, God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness, kindle in our hearts your passion for peace and justice. We acknowledge the trauma, horrific pain, and incredible loss that surround war and violence. We remember the innocent bystanders and civilians who have been affected by war—the deaths and destruction.

God of justice and peace, we pray to you from a world filled with prejudice, hatred and greed. We lift to you our prayers for those who live daily with war, injustice and violence. We ask for your presence with them in their ongoing struggles for justice and peace. Open our eyes to see their faces. May we feel their pain and know their stories. We remember those who suffer from structural violence and injustice in our society, the poor, the homeless, and those who are targets of racism. Let there be voices to speak for the weak, the marginalized and the powerless. We pray for the victims as we pray for those whose position and authority affect the lives of others.

AMEN