

**\*MCC Connects** – Do you know that almost a billion people in the world do not have enough to eat? Canadian Foodgrains Bank and MCC believe this is unacceptable and are asking Canadians to sign a postcard - ‘A Recipe for Ending Global Hunger’ to send the Prime Minister. Postcards are available at your church and at the MCCS office. Additional resources at: [foodgrainsbank.ca/recipe](http://foodgrainsbank.ca/recipe).

**\*Shekinah Retreat Centre’s annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 12 – 14, 2012. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: October 1, 2012. See brochure/registration forms and poster on the bulletin board for details.

\*All the women in our congregations are invited to **SWM's annual women's retreat, October 19 & 20**, at Shekinah’s Timberlodge. Registration deadline is Friday, October 5. See the poster and registration forms for further details.

\*Canadian Mennonite University [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca) Is **Canadian Mennonite University** (CMU) the right University for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit CMU campus, **October 19, 2012, 8:45 to 3:00 PM**. Contact [info@cmu.ca](mailto:info@cmu.ca)

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Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
This Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler  
Next Sundays Nursery care: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Dave Klassen  
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
September 30, 2012

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship**

- One: We worship God, who inhabits our world and dwells among us.  
**All: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of our neighbour or a stranger.**  
One: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God. We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the rhythm of a heartbeat.  
**All: We come together this morning to worship God, who inhabits our world and dwells among us.**

Invocation

- \*Hymn: Green/SJ# 17 “Halle, halle, hallelujah!”**  
**Blue/HWB #384 “We give thee but thine own”**

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children’s Time

Dick Braun

- Hymn: Green/SJ #103 “Why should I feel discouraged”**

Psalter lesson--Psalm 32:8-11  
Gospel lesson - Mark 9:38-50

Offering and Offertory music

**Offertory prayer (in Unison): O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and love. Amen**

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #545**                      **“Be thou my vision”**

Sermon:                      “Casting out Demons”                      Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

\*Benediction

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB#358**                      **“Oyenos, mi Dios”**

**\*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.

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.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct 3 & 4 – Photo Sessions** for church pictorial directory
- **Next Sunday, October 7: Communion and Thanksgiving Sunday**

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**Remember in Prayer**

**MaryAnn and Abe Braun, and all of Aron Friesen’s family**, as they grieve their loss. Aron’s funeral was Tuesday in Warman.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Church Pictorial Directory photo sittings:** There are still time spots open for you! Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board today and pick a time to come on Wednesday or Thursday (Oct 3rd & 4th) this week and get your picture taken for the upcoming OMC pictorial directory. There is no charge. You also receive a free 8x10 photo and a copy of the directory. Take-home Reminder Cards are available by the sign up sheets, to help you note and remember your appointment date and time.

\*The Deacons will again assemble **care packages** for Bible school & University students and there are boxes in the foyer which you are invited to contribute to. Our **7** students are: Kyla Boldt (RJC) and Scott Feick (CMU), Lacey Braun (UofS), Craig Friesen (UofS), Anna Bigland-Pritchard (CMU), Greg Boldt (UofM), Chris Cox (UofA).

**\*Sunday, October 14**, our worship service will feature “A Buncha Guys”, with a Potluck lunch to follow.

**\*Prayer Request from Mennonite Church Canada:**

On Sept. 28-29, the executive leaders and moderators of each Area Church and Mennonite Church Canada will meet in Winnipeg for a church-wide consultation. Two young adults from each Area Church will join them. Betty Pries will facilitate the consultation.

The purpose of this consultation is to focus on the “Why” of the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The group will also be asking “How” God might be inviting the wider church to structure the support of that vision and specifically “What” God might be calling the church to do and be to bring that vision to life.

Please pray for Betty as she gives leadership to the process and for each of the leaders and young adults who will be participating. Your prayers for and during Friday evening and Saturday would be highly valued. Thank you, on behalf of your national and area church leaders.

\*Osler Library Board is looking for 3 new members. Please contact the library or Jennifer Rowan if you are interested.

\*MCC is hosting *Restorative Justice Storytelling* – an evening at **Shekinah Retreat Centre** on **Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Come to listen, laugh, celebrating the impact of those who have transformed and healed the lives of prisoners, victims, Mennonites, and beyond. Featuring stories from Dale Schiele, Wilma Derksen, Helmut Isaac, and Wayne Northey. Please feel free to invite those you feel would enjoy this event. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

**\*October 12 & 13 - RJC Alumni Weekend.** To register for volleyball or for information, email Denelda by October 7<sup>th</sup> at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com). Alumni & friends are welcome.

**\*October 20, 9am-4pm** Oskayak High School in Saskatoon: ***“It Ain’t Easy Being Green: Faithful Alternatives for Energy, Economics and Environment”*** workshops. See the bulletin board for details. Register by October 12 by phone: 242-1500 or by email @ [2BorNot2BGreen@gmail.com](mailto:2BorNot2BGreen@gmail.com)

**\*October 27, 2012 Equipping Day** at Wildwood Mennonite Church 9:30am -3:45pm. See the bulletin board or contact MC Sask for more information. Register by Oct. 18. Phone: 249-4844 or email [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca)

\*Updates for MDS are now posted on the bulletin board, including information on fall and winter projects and the Canada & US Hay drives.

\*The September 26<sup>th</sup> Update for MHSS (Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan) is posted on the bulletin board for your interest.

**\*The MCCS Encounter & AGM will be held November 2 & 3** at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Details and registration online at [mccsk.ca/call](http://mccsk.ca/call) MCCS at 665-2555. See the bulletin board for more.

\*Please mark November 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and plan to join MC Sask for a coffee & dessert evening to honor Anna Rehan and recognize her work among us. This will take place at Wildwood Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm. More details will follow.

## TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Psalm 32:8-11

**8** I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**9** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. **10** Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. **11** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

### Mark 9:38-50

**38** John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." **39** But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. **40** Whoever is not against us is for us. **41** For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. **42** "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. **43** If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. **44 45** And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. , **46 47** And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, **48** where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. **49** "For everyone will be salted with fire. **50** Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."