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***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 12 – 14, 2012. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, a calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: October 1, 2012. See brochure/registration forms and poster on the bulletin board for details.

*The MDS Update for August 30, 2012 is now posted on the bulletin board. Please remember Art & Edna Zacharias in prayer as they serve with MDS in Minot this month.

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Scripture reader: Naomi Schellenberg
This Sunday Nursery care: Adeline Cox
Next Sundays Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan
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 9, 2012

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Our Sunday School Story

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

One: I will praise the Lord all my life!

All: I will sing praise to God as long as I live!

One: Do not put your trust in mortals, for their power is not everlasting.

All: Blessed are those whose help and hope come from the Lord God.

One: The Lord loves us, lifts us up, and sustains us!

All: The Lord reigns forever! Praise the Lord!

Invocation

***Hymn: Green/SJ #19**

Blue/HWB #528

“I will call upon the Lord”

“I stand amazed in the presence”

Sharing of joys and concerns

Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Stephanie Siemens

Hymn: Blue/HWB #401

“This little light of mine”

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Lesson from the Epistles: James 2:1-17

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #229 “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore”

Sermon: “The Doors” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #423 “May the grace of Christ our Savior”**

*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.

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.
- **Potluck**, starting at Noon.

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, Sept 13, 7:30pm Deacons Meeting**
- **Friday-Sunday SMYO Jr. High Retreat** at the Rosthern Youth Farm –meet at the church Friday at 7:30pm. Leslie Allaby has the information you need.

Remember in Prayer

Susan and John Bueckert and family, on the death of Susan’s sister, Mrs. Helena Wahl (Friesen). The memorial service was held Saturday, Sept 8 at Bethany Manor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Next Sunday, September 16th** will be the Child Dedication service for Olivia Martens. Note that it will also be **Loose Change Sunday**.

***The Gathering Place resumes coffee time** after worship this morning. If you enjoy treats with your coffee, please consider signing up for a turn at bringing snacks for the adult coffee time, as well as for children’s Sunday School. The sign up sheet is now on the bulletin board.

***Sunday School starts today** and the theme for children’s Sunday School this year is “**Salvation History: Biblical Stories**”. The first rotation will focus on “*God saves Moses*”, with all students together as one group led by Christy today. Christy and Leslie are your teachers for the first rotation of the new 2012-2013 Sunday School year for the kids. Stephanie Siemens is the Youth class teacher, Erica Doucette will teach the PreSchool and Kindergarten class, and Cornie Guenther will co-ordinate the Adult Bible Study class. Other regular volunteer helpers are Snack time supervisor Kevin Boldt, and Registrar and assistant Sunday School superintendent, MaryAnn Braun. John Reddekopp is our Sunday School superintendent and the person to talk to, to volunteer your help with teaching.

***The Church Yard maintenance** schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Dave Feick and Kevin Boldt are asked to take charge of cutting the grass in the church yard for the next two weeks.

***The OMC Book Club** is reading “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Several copies will be available to borrow from Margaret Dyck and book discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 9. If you enjoy reading, consider joining the Book Club. See Margaret after church today for a book or more information.

***On October 3 & 4**, a professional photographer will come to our church to take our photographs for the new OMC pictorial church directory. We need everyone to participate to make the directory complete and watch for information about photo sittings next week.

*Address change for Chris and Olivia Cox: 6805 112 Street N.W., #11, Edmonton AB T6H 3K2

***Sonrisa** welcomes all young women ages 18-39+ to join us in our third season of singing together. Our kick off barbecue is on Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Driedger-Enns farm at Osler. Regular rehearsals happen on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Call Lynne 239.4966 or Nicole 370-2050 or email gord.lynne@sasktel.net for further information and an enthusiastic welcome.

*The Youth Farm **corn maze** is open at Rosthern for family fun! See the bulletin board for details.

*October 19-20, Shekinah Timber Lodge: Sask Women in Mission invite you to a **Women's Retreat**, with guest speaker Doris Dueck. See the bulletin board poster for details and registration forms.

***RJC classes started this week, but you are invited to join the RJC Opening Service** on Sunday, September 16th at 2:30 pm in the gym. RJC would be delighted to have you join in as they gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

*Mennonite Church Canada offices are excited to launch a new **Resource Centre** website, at the same time as 300+ new DVD's have been added to their catalogue. Check these resources out at: <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/Home>

*October 27 – Equipping Day at Wildwood Mennonite Church. More information to follow in the weeks to come.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 35:4 - 7 (NRSV) ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. The LORD will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. God will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

James 2:1 - 17 (NRSV) ¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.