

* **MCC Connects** – On assignment: Conservation agriculture project coordinator Miriam Harder, of Clavet, (Pleasant Point Mennonite Church), coordinates research trials with MCC partners in arid regions of Central America. Read more in **MCC's Spring 2013 issue of *A Common Place* magazine** or go to acommonplace.mcc.org

* **May 5, 2013, 3-5pm**, MC Sask invites everyone to a service of celebration and communion for Breath of Life Mennonite Church, 731 Avenue J South in Saskatoon.

* MC Sask Continuing Education presents a week long education event about learning skills for **conflict resolution** with Matthew Hartman, May 21-24 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. See the bulletin board for more details.

* See the bulletin board for information about several **RJC** Employment opportunities.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanists: Melanie Boldt
Scripture Reader: Ruth Buhler
This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky
Next Sunday Nursery care: Leslie Allaby
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 28, 2013

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: (Adapted from Psalm 148).

One: Praise the One who commanded your creation!

Many: Praise God, you angels, from the highest heights!

One: Let sun, and moon, and shining stars rejoice!

Many: Let praise resound from the earth itself, from the deepest seas!

One: Fire and hail, snow and frost! Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars!

Creeping things and flying birds, glory in your creation!

Many: Young and old together! Men and women alike! Rulers of the earth and common folks in unity: Praise God's holy name!

All: *Let us worship God!*

Prayer of Invocation: (Unison).

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.

We thirst for the waters of eternal life.

We yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,

And create in us your new heaven and new earth.

Speak to us words of comfort and hope;

Words of challenge and courage.

Come and move among us we pray. Amen.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB # 298 “Veni Sancte Spiritus”**
Blue/HWB #89 “For the beauty of the earth”

Sharing of joys and concerns
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #483 “O God, who gives us life”

New Testament Lessons: John 13:31-35, Revelation 21:1-6

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #299 “New earth, heavens new”

Sermon Joel Kroeker

Prayer of Confession:

One: We confess, Lord, that we are often quick to criticize what we don’t understand. We are eager to judge what we can’t fully comprehend. You are the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and end of all things, and yet we often pretend to have knowledge equal to yours. Who are we to hinder your movement in the world?

Many: Teach us O God! Help us to humble ourselves, and open our eyes and ears and hearts and minds to your leading.

Assurance of God’s Love:

What God has made clean, you shall not profane.
Through the promise of resurrection,
We have all been made new people.
Our god, who made all things clean,
Has satisfied our thirst with the water of life,
And sated our appetites with the bread of salvation!

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #323 “Beyond a dying sun”**

*Benediction

**Please rise*

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.

TODAY

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, May 2, 7:30pm** Missions and Service Committee Meeting
- **Saturday, May 4, 9-12 am** – OMC Work morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The annual **OMC work 'morning'** is **next Saturday, May 4th** 9am -noon We will try and accomplish outside work- as well as many inside tasks such as cleaning and painting, so all are welcome!!

*In the last three months, \$4300.00 was raised during OMC fundraising for the MC Canada **Youth Assembly!** We are in excess of what we need for the Assembly, leaving approximately \$900.00 to be put back into the youth fund for next Fall's junior high and senior high SMYO retreats and activities. Hurray!! The youth and I are overwhelmed with your generosity and support. Thank you!!! We look forward to treating you to a night of gourmet desserts and coffee in September when we can share our stories and experiences from the July assembly. –Leslie Allaby

* **RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 25** - Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes on-course contests and challenges, and a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. Information and registration forms will be available on the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Registration deadline is May 13. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, please contact RJC.

* Friday, May 10, 2013, 7:00pm - University of Emmanuel College, College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, the Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon and St. Andrew's College invite you to attend the Joint Convocation Ceremonies of the Saskatoon Theological Union at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Ave. So, Saskatoon.

* **Canadian Mennonite University** www.cmu.ca
“One of the most important things I’ve learned during my time at CMU so far has been the power of love and forgiveness,” comments Shadrack Mutabazi, a student from Democratic Republic of Congo studying Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies. Want to know more about the power of nonviolent action? Check out *Finding Your Voice: Understanding Nonviolent Action for Today’s Complex World* with Mubarak Awad at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 24 – 28, 2013. See csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca for more information.



*SANDY RESPONSE: MDS is seeking volunteers (especially those who can serve those for several weeks in leadership roles) to go to Staten Island, New York. We want to keep working through the summer and particularly need volunteers for spring and summer. Call Evelyn at 866-261-124 if you are interested in serving.

* Those who have ears, let them hear! We need **volunteers to run the sound panel** during Sunday morning worship services ---a most vital ministry in our congregation! Training will be provided and a flexible schedule will allow you to do this job easily and well! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melanie Boldt, Kathryn Janzen, Lynette Janzen or Michelle McKinnell.

* **Catechism** for Senior Youth will resume in the next Sunday school year, as we now have senior youth. Also, contact Gordon if you're interested in attending a catechism class or new member class.

* **Don't forget to bring your pennies** and add them to the jar in the foyer for the *Penny Power Water Project*. Pennies and other coins collected go to the MCC Relief Sale in June for relief worldwide. (And OMC has a **mystery donor matching those donations 4 to 1** (up to \$400). Adults are allowed and encouraged to help out the children and bring your pennies and coins, too!

* OMC 2013 **Yard Maintenance sign-up sheet**: trustees are asking OMC members to consider helping out with 2013 church yard maintenance, and signing the list on the church bulletin board. We would be especially delighted and grateful, to those who could help out several times this summer!!!
Also, we are again looking for several volunteers to look after the planted areas in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street.

* Planting flowers this spring? Worship Committee invites you to plant a few extras to make bouquets for the front of the sanctuary on Sundays in summer. If you enjoy growing and arranging flowers, and would be willing to make a **floral arrangement(s)** for a Sunday morning(s) during the growing season, feel free to do so! It adds natural beauty to our worship. Any questions, please speak to Melanie Boldt.

* **RJC Open Campus Day** is coming on May 11th. Save the date and watch Facebook and the RJC website for more info.

***Ladies - exciting news:** A new women's group is starting up called "Heart to Heart"! We will meet one evening a month starting Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. It will be a time of learning, sharing, prayer and fellowship. Mark your calendars - hope to see you there!

* Can you take a turn and help with set up and clean up for the after worship **Gathering coffee time?** Please speak to Joanne for details and to volunteer.

* **Camperships** are still available. Please check the bulletin board for details.

* **Campers**, have you registered for summer camp yet? On-line registration & on-paper registration are both ready to welcome you at Shekinah Remember, you get \$20 off your registration fee if you pay in full before May 1, 2013!

* The Board of Rosthern Junior College is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Epp to the position of **RJC principal**. Jim's commitment to RJC is long standing, having worked as a dean, teacher, and vice principal. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Richert as Development Officer. Dan is an alumnus of RJC and previously worked as a dean.

* **RJC Spring Concert - Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm** in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us for an evening of wonderful music. Season finale performances by Concert Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; a collection in support of RJC will be taken during the concert.

* If you would like to watch the CMU opera "Die Fledermaus", starring our own Anna Bigland-Pritchard, here's the link to the Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7MTb7J7908>

* Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada invite you to *grow our family this Easter season*. Each household will receive a post card from your wider church family inviting you to prayerfully consider your participation in extending the mission of the wider Church. Thank you!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 13:31-35 (Based on Common English Bible (CEB) translation)
31 When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in God's self and will glorify him immediately. 33 Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.' 34 "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. 35 This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Revelation 21:1-6 (Based on CEB translation)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. Yahweh will dwell with them, and they will be God's peoples. Yahweh will be with them as their God, 4 and will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring."