

***MCC Connects** – Join us for “**Survival of the Weakest: Amidst the Powers**” as we discuss and examine God’s mission to renew all things - **April 13, 2013 at Lakeview Church, Saskatoon**, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Check out theweakest.ca for details. Come for a variety of speakers and workshops, including Will Willimon, Levi the Poet, Eugene Cho, Eileen Klassen Hamm and Willard Metzger . Tickets are \$65 before April 11, \$75 at the door.

***The 2013 MCC Relief Sale and Auction is June 14 & 15** at the Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. (Not June 13 & 14 as previously announced) Visit mccsk.ca for additional 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!

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanists: Melanie Boldt
This Sunday Nursery care: MaryAnn Braun
Next Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther & Katherine Allaby
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Sarah Hiebert

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 7, 2013

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the Lord in God’s sanctuary; praise the Lord in God’s mighty firmament!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Praise the Lord for God’s mighty deeds; praise the Lord according to God’s surpassing greatness!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Praise the Lord with trumpet sound; praise the Lord with lute and harp!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance; praise the Lord with strings and pipe!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Praise the Lord with clanging cymbals; praise the Lord with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #37 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Blue/HWB #301 “Joys are flowing like a river”**

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

LISTENING

Children's Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: Purple/SS #45 "Calm me, Lord"

Gospel lesson - John 20:19-31
Lesson from the Acts - Acts 5:27-32

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Purple/HWB SS#124 "My soul cries out"

Sermon "Trying Times" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #575 "Precious Lord, take my hand"**

***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 worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am
- **Floor hockey** at 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, April 8 - 7:00pm** – OMC Book Club meets
- **Tuesday, April 9 - 7:30pm** – Missions and Service Committee meeting
- **Wednesday, April 10, 7:00pm** – Worship Committee meeting
- **Thursday, April 11, 7:30pm** – Deacons meeting
- **Saturday, April 13, 5:30pm** – Seniors Banquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Monday, April 8, 7:00pm** – OMC Book Club meets to discuss "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

*Saturday, April 13, 5:30pm – Deacon sponsored **Seniors Banquet** for 70 and older and spouse or guest. Please let the church office know if you will be attending.

***Start saving those Pennies!** Children of Osler Mennonite Church we are being asked by MCC to gather pennies and other coins to donate to the Relief Sale in June through Penny Power Water Project. This money will be used for its relief worldwide. **A jar will be placed in the foyer to collect your coins for MCC, with 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!

*Six of our **OMC youth** (and Leslie) are heading to Manitoba in July for the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly. They are very excited to be joining Mennonite youth from across the country to join in the "Fat Calf Festival" and need your help in order to pay for the trip. Our youth need to raise an additional **\$2000.00** in order to pay for the bus trip and Assembly fees. Please consider making a donation, enabling youth to grow in their faith and connection to the larger Mennonite church community. Designate your gift to the OMC Youth, Thanks!

Acts 5:27-32

³²When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

*Mennonite Church Canada Prayer Requests:

Please pray for and with the church:

Pray that Sunny Lee will recover completely from surgery for a brain aneurysm. So far there appears to be no long term damage. Sunny, a Mennonite Church Canada Associate in Seoul, South Korea with her husband Hun Lee is in Canada for Peace and Conflict studies at Conrad Grebel University College. Hun has now joined Sunny in Canada and will remain with her until she is well enough to go home. (*Witness Worker Update*, pg. 5)

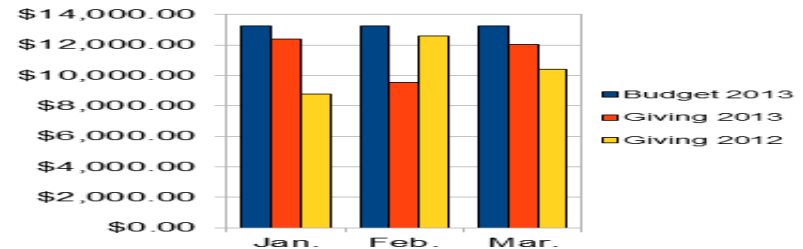
*Mennonite Church Canada has created a **Future Directions Task Force** to discern how the national and area churches can be sustainable into the future, and what kinds of changes may be required to best serve the church moving forward. To learn more about the Task Force, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2003

***Help is needed** to clean up after the gathering time. To volunteer your help, please contact Joanne.

***Meals:** Thank you from the Deacons to everyone who brought meals to John, Rhonda and Jem Gascho this winter. They ask that the weekly meals be suspended after this week.

“A very warm thank-you to everyone for all the wonderful meals provided for us over the winter. It is more than food - we feel your care for us. Rhonda is feeling a little better these days and is happy to be able to do a little more in and out of the kitchen. Thank you. Rhonda, John & Jem”

*General Fund receipts for the five Sundays of March were \$12,057.05 bringing our total for 2013 to \$33,974.49. This is 21.4% of our 2013 budget after 24.7% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***Sunday, April 21 is Creation Care Sunday** and the Youth invite everyone to a **Fundraiser Soup and Pie lunch** at noon. Funds are being raised to send our Youth to the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly in Manitoba in July.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. An offering will be taken to support MCC's work in Syria. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC Office - 600-45th ST W, Russ Regier (249-3650) any of the guys or at the door.

***Sunday, April 14** - Songs for the Sale, 7 pm, at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, Sk. Come enjoy an evening of songs and celebration and support the MCC Relief Sale Committee. The offering will be designated for expenses for the sale in June!

***Spend-A-Day at RJC**, April 19-20, 2013: All students, grades 8-10, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus and get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student there. After registration you will be invited to sit in some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. On Saturday your family is invited for brunch and an informal information session in the dining hall. Any student that would like to attend this event needs to **register by April 8th**, as space is limited. **Admission is free!** Registration forms are available at www.rjc.sk.ca or by email from val@rjc.sk.ca

***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.

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

*Summer IS coming! So, as you start planning ahead....have you considered coming to **volunteer for a week at Shekinah?** We're looking for cooks/kitchen help and Bible leaders....and we'd love to hear from you (and have you here with us)!

***Summer Ecumenical Institute:** *"Reconciling Churches/ Reconciling Peoples"* June 10 - 13, 2013 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. Speaker: Bishop Mark MacDonald, Canada's first Indigenous Bishop. Worship Leader & Chaplain: Paul Sartison, Evangelical Lutheran pastor, and campus chaplain at the U of S. Registration is \$225 (after May 15: \$250.) Detailed brochure with registration form at www.pcecumenism.ca Sponsored by Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. Inquiries: info@pcecumenism.ca

***Children's Sunday School** will be studying the Upside Down King (Luke 19: 28-40) for the next two weeks, with Lacey leading drama this week and Shelley doing Art with the children next Sunday.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.