

***MCC Connects:** The fourth annual Spruce River Folk Fest is taking place August 24, 2013 at Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Hwy 2). Gate opens @ 11am. This cultural event is planned to create awareness of landless bands within Saskatchewan. Proceeds go to the Stoney Knoll (Young Chippewayan) Band genealogical project. In addition to musical performances, there will be a round dance, fish fry, story-telling of landless bands and a silent auction. See poster for details or visit mccsk.ca.

***RJC Registration Day, Monday, September 2, 2013:**

Applications are still being accepted for the 2013-2014 school year at Rosthern Junior College! Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or val@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information and to arrange a tour. **Registration Day** is Monday, September 2, 10:00 am - 12 noon for day students, and 1:00-5:00 pm for out-of-town students who are moving into the dorms. Classes begin Tuesday, September 3.

***An Invitation:** A course on the meaning and purpose of life is offered at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. The free course consists of 14 weekly consecutive sessions which will be held on Sunday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, beginning Sept. 1. Registration is required by Aug. 15. The course answers questions people may have about Christ, the Christian faith and the Church. To register: Email: fmc789@sasktel.net or call: First Mennonite Church 306-244-6772

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 11, 2013

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship: Blue/HWB #670
Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #9 “Come, now is the time to worship”**
Blue/HWB #120 “Holy, holy holy!”

Sharing
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Sarah Buhler

Hymns: “Jesus Loves Me”
Green/SJ #45 “In the morning when I rise”

Old Testament lesson: Nehemiah 8:4-9
New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymns: Blue/HWB #372 “O healing river”
Blue/HWB #580 “My life flows on”

Sermon "Never-ending Conversations" John H. Neufeld

RESPONDING

*Hymn: "Leaning on the everlasting arms"

*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.

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

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, August 12, 7:30pm** – "Heart to Heart" planning meeting
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Remember in Prayer

Linda Doell, who will be having surgery on Thursday, August 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon will be away on vacation leave next week (Aug 11-17), returning August 18th. Contact Deacons for pastoral care in his absence. Gordon will also be away Aug. 19 & 20 at a MC Sask PLC Retreat, preparing for Jerry Buhler's Sabbatical.

*Dick and Kathy Braun will be in visiting with Stephanie Siemens during their trip to Bolivia. Anyone wishing to send a note or a small package to her is asked to have it to Kathy by August 18th.

*If you have **any photos** of OMC serving ice cream or hot chocolate to the community, please contact Gordon or the church office.

***Heart to Heart** Women's group is having a planning meeting on Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm at the church to plan the fall get-togethers. If you have any ideas for up-coming meetings, please join us or talk to Christy, Deanna, Leslie, Adeline or Loretta.

*The summer **Church Yard Maintenance** Schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Ben Buhler is signed up for the coming week (ending Sunday, Aug. 18th) for mowing the church yard and Diane McKinnell for maintaining the front flower beds. Thank you!

***An email note from Stephanie Siemens** in Bolivia:

Hello Gordon and hello to my dear OMC family, Thanks for the note! As always I'm thankful for your checking in through emails and cards, and for having a church family that keeps me in thought and prayer. I miss you all dearly. I miss seeing everyone and receiving weekly words of encouragement. I miss sitting close to the front and hearing the harmonies of the hymns. I miss the funny comments from the kids and the energy of the youth. But I am making good connections here, and more and more I'm enjoying my time.

I hope that this note finds you all in good health, physically, mentally but most of all spiritually. I pray that God continues to bless you all just as he has blessed me through you. Take care!

Love, Steph

*Thursday, August 22: **Worship Committee** meeting, 7:30pm and **Education Committee** meeting, 7:30pm

*The new **Rejoice Devotionals** are in the foyer, available for the taking - no charge. The daily devotional readings start August 26th and run through November 24th. The Education Committee provides this resource. Consider making a donation to help defray their cost, if you this is something you use and appreciate.

*A New **sign-up sheet** is on the bulletin board for the **Gathering Place**. Please sign up to take a turn preparing coffee, setting out goodies and cleaning up, starting Sept. 8th Thank-you!

***MC Sask Day in the Park: Sunday, August 18, 3-9pm** at Scott Park/Mount Royal Mennonite Church (29th St. & Ave. 0). Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic dinner, kites, snacks, lawn games and come to enjoy a variety of musical acts. *Two from OMC will be performing at 5:30pm.* Coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Donations welcome.

***A new MDS Update** for August 8, 2013 is now posted on the bulletin board, with many opportunities for service and help.

*Everyone is invited to a **Shekinah Come and Go Celebration and Appreciation Event!** (See the bulletin board poster for more details)
Place: Shekinah Chalet Date: **Friday, August 23rd, 2013**
Time: 3pm – 8pm From 3pm-5pm: Activities including chalet tours, flying fox, climbing wall, etc.
5:30-6:30pm: Wiener Roast, veggies and watermelon with cake cutting to follow. 7pm: Singing around the campfire

*Bethany Manor and Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home are co-hosting the annual sessions of **Canadian Mennonite Health Assembly.** CMHA provides opportunity for Mennonite organizations to meet for inspiration and information sharing. The conference will take place at Bethany Manor on Sept 12-14. See the bulletin board for details, including registration forms.

*Mennonite Church Sask is pleased to welcome Marianne Siemens to the position of Office and Financial Administrator. Marianne lives in Warman with her husband Gord, and attends the Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 4 – 6, 2013. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, a calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline: September 15, 2013. See the poster and brochure on the bulletin board for details and registration forms.



Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

Please pray for and with the church: Please invite God's continued blessing upon the camping ministries and programs of MC Canada churches as volunteer's energy and enthusiasm can flag at this point in the summer. Thousands of children, young people and adult will attend these camps. Pray too, that campers will experience invigorating spiritual growth.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Nehemiah 8:4-9

"The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; ... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ...(Ezra and the Levites) helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.