

***MCC Connects** – Love fashion? Or fixing up furniture? Consider volunteering at an MCC Thrift Shop in your community and put your skills and talents to work! MCC Thrift Shops raise funds to support MCC's work around the world. Contact Erica Baerwald at 665-2555 for more information about getting involved.

***Tonight!** MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program is hosting a conference in Saskatoon in February 2013. Participants from all over the world will gather for a week of training and fellowship. Join them in an International Worship service and experience an evening of song, dance, and worship from cultures representing over 25 nations at **7:30pm on Sunday, February 10th at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon** (610 Ave O North). Call Myriam at 665-2555 for more information.

*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

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanists: Diana Buhler
This Sunday Nursery care: Adeline Cox
Next Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 10, 2013

Stewardship Sunday

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

One: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever!

All: **Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty!**

Left: **For all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours.**

Right: **Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.**

One: Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all.

All: **We give thanks to you and praise your glorious name!**

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #50 “Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”
Blue/HWB #76 “Praise, I will praise you, Lord”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Adeline Cox

Hymn: Green/SJ#29

“You are all we have”

Old Testament lesson: Deuteronomy 8:11-20
Gospel lesson: Matthew 6:1-4
Lesson from the Epistles: I Timothy 6:17-19

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Green/SJ #60 "Lord of all good"

Sermon "Holding On" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #393** "A charge to keep I have"

*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
- **Potluck lunch** at noon, followed by discussion time
- **Floor hockey** at 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, February 11, 7:00pm** Warman MCC Thrift Store meeting in multi-purpose room
- **Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 – 8:30m pm** "Do Art" for Grade 5- 9 students
- **Friday, February 15, 7:30pm - Deacons Game Night for adults**

- **Next Sunday, February 17 - First Sunday of Lent and Communion**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A new sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and the deacons invite everyone to participate by signing up and preparing one meal a week for John and Rhonda and Jem Gascho. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the deacons.

*The Education and the Mission and Service Committee are sponsoring "**Do ART**" for the Osler community children in grades 5 -9. Do ART will happen once a month from January through March. The next 'Do Art' evening is Tuesday, February 12th from 7 to 8:30 pm, with instructor Cheryl Haas.

*Friday, February 15: A **Game Night** for adults at the church, sponsored by the deacons, starting at 7:30pm. Please bring snacks and board games, crokinole boards. Beverages will be provided.

***February 22 & 23, 2013: Annual delegate sessions** for MC Sask Annual Assembly to be held at Rosthern Junior College Campus. Our congregation may send 1 delegate for every 25 members, or portion thereof. (In addition youth delegates may also be sent. Refer to page 3 of the report booklet for more detail on youth delegates.) **Anyone interested in representing our church as a delegate, please contact Christy or the church office.** The registration forms are on the bulletin board. The Annual Report Booklets are available on line at www.mcsask.ca for reading and hard copies are now available in the church office. *Early Registration for the ADS continues until February 14th. After the 14th higher registration fees will apply.*

*OMC Deacons **prayer chain** is now being updated. If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

*John Neufeld will be presenting 5 sessions at Bethany Manor this week, starting at 2:30pm today. The topic is “Revisiting Revelation – A Discovery Tour”. See the bulletin board for details.

***Monday, February 11, 7:00pm:** There will be a public meeting in the multi-purpose room of our church to discuss the evaluation of **MCC Warman Thrift Store**, which was completed in Nov. 2012.

*Rosthern Junior College is seeking a half-time Development Officer. See the bulletin board for more information.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 8:11-20 ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep God’s commandments, God’s ordinances, and God’s statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. The LORD made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ ¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is the Lord who gives you power to get wealth, so that the Lord may confirm God’s covenant that the Lord swore to your ancestors, as the Lord is doing today. ¹⁹If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰Like the nations that the Lord is destroying

before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Matthew 6:1-4 ¹Concerning Almsgiving, your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

I Timothy 6:17-19 ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 6:34-36 ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for the Lord is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.