

***MCC Connects** – Three years after a massive earthquake devastated Haiti, MCC continues to address long-term needs for housing. In Cabaret, MCC-supported construction of 100 homes (50 duplexes) allowing about 500 people currently living in tents to have permanent houses. Learn more at mcccanada.ca/haitiearthquake

*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. Also, visit media.cmu.ca for inspiring Alumni profile videos, exciting CMU news and upcoming events you want to be a part of.

*The MC Sask Personnel Committee conducted a search for a candidate for the Office and Financial Administrator position. A candidate was not found. We are grateful that Charlotte Bueckert has generously offered to continue to serve us until April, 2014.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanists: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Erasmus Madimbu
This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky
Next Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler
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 17, 2013

Lent One

Ashamed No More – God will show us Salvation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Chiming to Worship/Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

One: Lord, we come from our work, our homes and social networks.

All: We come to worship you.

One: We know you have worked powerfully among us.

All: Lord, we come in gratitude for your care.

One: We need your salvation anew.

All: Lord, lead us for these times. Create in us a new thing.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #37 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Green/SJ #19 “I will call upon the Lord”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

Hymn: Green/SJ #92

“Just as I am, without one plea”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Lesson from the Epistles: Romans 10:8b-13.

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

Hymn: Purple/SS #36 “Jesus, tempted in the desert”

Sermon “Snowbound” Gordon Allaby

COMMUNION

Confession:

Gracious God, we remember: how you cared for us when we were disgraced, rescued us when we were oppressed, and protected us when we were in danger. You showed us clearly you are the one to be trusted. And yet we focus on our own wealth, image, and power instead of your loving kindness.

Assurance:

I will open your eyes to see the salvation I am working among you.
Know that no one who believes in God will be put to shame.

The bread and the cup

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #576** “If you but trust in God”

*Benediction

***Please rise**

***Becoming the answer to our prayers:** Speak with someone beyond your inner circle of friends and family. Ask that person how the events of life have shaped his or her ultimate values. Honor that person in their humanity and their pilgrimage.*

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

- **Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 pm** - Missions and Service Committee Meeting
 - **Thursday, February 21, 7:30pm** – Education Committee Meeting
 - **Saturday, February 23, 7:30pm** – Youth – Games Night at church
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent theme: Ashamed No More: In our Western culture we are comfortable openly dealing with judgment and guilt, yet we rarely discuss the issues of shame and honour. The logical, mathematical side (judgment and guilt) addresses our cognitive concerns, but not our emotional, feeling domain. We need salvation from the disgrace we may suffer, and we need to have our sense of honour and respect restored, too. Our Lenten theme contends with the redemption from shame.

*Happy news! Fraternal twin boys, each just under 7 pounds, were born to Elizabeth Buhler and Mike Shantz in Hamilton on February 12. Their names are Peter Leroy Shantz and Jacob Andrew Shantz. All are doing well. Elizabeth is a sister to Sarah and a daughter to Louise and Jake Buhler. Congratulations to everyone! Elizabeth's email address is elizbuhler@hotmail.com

*Children’s Sunday School starts a new rotation today, with George and Lynette J. teaching the Good Samaritan story.

*Correction to an omission in the newsletter: John Gascho is also on the Missions and Service Committee.

this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

***Lenten Guided Prayer Experience** - This is a personal and small group study based on our theme for Lent, created by MC Canada. The study includes weekly material for home reflections (3-4 days each week) and a group meeting, once a week, to share personal insights and experiences.

If you are interested in committing to this Lenten prayer experience, then please meet with Gordon right after the worship service, this Sunday. We will do the study if at least 5 people agree to be a part of it. Suggested weekly meetings are: during the Sunday School time or Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. More details will be shared on Sunday.

***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, plus youth delegates may also be sent. Those interested in representing our church as a delegate, please contact Christy or the church office. **The delegates so far are Christy M-F., Craig F., Gordon A. and Jake B.** Registration forms are on the bulletin board and the Annual Report Booklets are available on line at www.mcsask.ca for reading and several hard copies are available in the church office.

*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.

*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.

*The Rejoice daily devotional guides from Menno Media for the next quarter (March-May) are now available to take home. Please help yourself to a copy – they are in the foyer.

***PENNY POWER:** Start gathering up pennies now and see how many you can save. You can then donate them to MCC at the Relief Sale in June!

*The MDS Update for February 14, 2013 is now posted on the bulletin board with many opportunities to contribute.

*The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having their annual **Vereniki and Sausage Supper** at the Rosthern Mennonite Church on Tuesday, March 5th. The supper will be from 5:00-7:00 pm with admission by donation.

*Mennonite Church Canada is seeking **Pray-ers**. Visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1943 to receive PrayerNet via email each month to inform your prayer life and to celebrate the praise items of your national church family.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 91 ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, ¹⁰ no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹ For the Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Romans 10:8b-13 ⁸'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ²When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us