

**\*MCC Connects** – As snow and temperatures fall in the Middle East and violence in Syria shows no signs of abating, MCC is intensifying its response to meet basic human needs. Sarah Adams, MCC's representative for Syria and Lebanon reminds us, "The most urgent concern is a physical concern. People left in the summer and they didn't bring winter clothes with them, so they have nothing. They don't have blankets. They don't have coats and they don't have winter shoes." Can you help? Contact MCC at 306-665-2555 or visit [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) to donate.

\*Please join the Sonrisa Womens Choir for "An Evening of Music to Open your Heart to the Wonder of Spring". Sonrisa's Spring Concert will be held on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 Seniors/Students and children are free. Tickets are available through choir members, by phone at 239-2131 or by emailing [sonrisa choir@hotmail.com](mailto:sonrisa choir@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

\*The Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan (MHSS) Update for February 20, 2013 is now posted on the bulletin board.

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Accompanists: Lynette Janzen  
Scripture readers: Mackenzie and Jared Rowan  
This Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler  
Next Sunday Nursery care: Leslie Allaby  
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 24, 2013

### *Lent Two*

***Ashamed No More – We will take Courage and Wait on the Lord***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Our Story – Reports from MC Sask Annual Assembly

### GATHERING

Chiming to Worship/Silent Reflection

### **Call to Worship**

One: We come to worship and wait.

**All: We wait for the Lord.**

One: We wait in silence. We wait in song. We wait in prayer.

**All: We listen, straining to hear God's voice in the darkness.**

One: God said, "Jesus is my Son, my Chosen."

**All: "Listen to him."**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #36 "God of our Strength"**

**Green/SJ #54 "Longing for Light"**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #487 “Teach Me, O Lord”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 27: 1-6, 14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35.

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #481 “O God, your constant care”**

Sermon “The Fox and the Hen” George Janzen

COMMUNION

**Confession:**

**Our fast-paced lives demand rapid response – We make deals when the price is right, fix problems quickly to avoid further damage. Figure things out. Bring closure. Evaluate. Many situations defy our quick fixes . . . and yet we try. We wonder: Why does it take so long, Lord? Lord, you have waited for us for generations. Help us to wait for you.**

Assurance:

I will give you patience; help you make space for my goodness to grow. I will give you shelter if you wait on me.

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #486 “God of our Life”**

\*Benediction

**\*Please rise**

*Becoming the answer to our prayers: Do something where the benefit will take years to show: Plant a tree. Sponsor the education of a child in need. Volunteer in an agency that deals with seemingly intractable social problems and learn from the people you serve without needing to pass judgment on the situation.*

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**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.

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**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 27, 7:00 pm** – Worship Committee Meeting
  - **Thursday, February 28, 7:30pm** – Church Council Meeting
  - **Friday, March 1, 7:00pm** – **Farewell for Gomez family** – Dessert Potluck
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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.

\*Roberto, Amalia, Loren and Robert Gomez will be moving to Alberta next weekend. The deacons invite you to bring a dessert to share and come to say **farewell at a Dessert Potluck** at the church on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Note: The new address for the Gomez will be posted on the bulletin board as well as in the upcoming 2013 Church Directory.

\*Please submit articles, humor, etc. for the OMC **March newsletter** to the church office by Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Luke 13:31-35** <sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ <sup>32</sup>He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”<sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

**Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1** <sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

\***Last Call for address, email and phone number changes** for the 2013 Church directory. Also, if you wish to have your cell number added to the directory, please let the church office know this week.

\*The new **pictorial church directories** are finally here! If you had your portrait taken, or submitted your photo and purchased a directory, your copy has been placed in your church mailbox. Some additional copies are available to purchase for those who did not have a photo taken. Please contact the church office if you would like to buy one. (Cost \$13.75/each)

\*Birth announcement: Fraternal twin boys, Peter Leroy Shantz and Jacob Andrew Shantz, were born to Elizabeth Buhler and Mike Shantz in Hamilton on February 12. All are doing well. Elizabeth is a sister to Sarah and a daughter to Louise and Jake Buhler.

\*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.

\*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 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 to donate to MCC at the Relief Sale in June!

\*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.

**\*Warman MCC Thrift Shop has two employment opportunities:**

1. A Half-time Operations Manager and 2. Full-time Receiving and Shipping Manager. See the posting on the bulletin board for details.

\*The annual meetings of the **Mennonite Historical Society** of Sask will take place March 1-2 at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon. On Friday night at 7:30 pm, the Plains Conservative Mennonite Church (also known as "White Caps") will tell us about their church traditions. Saturday morning at 9:30 am will be the Annual meeting - followed by Dr. Walter Klaassen's talk on an Anabaptist reformer, Pilgram Marpeck, who focused on the 4 Gospels. After lunch (only \$10), Esther Patkau will lead an In-service on how to write a biography and how to write a story about your church. There will also be a tour of the archives that are being renovated.

**\*Mennonite Church Canada requests prayers.**

**Please pray for and with the Church:**

\*As the Idle No More movement continues to spread, pray that we as people of faith across Mennonite Church Canada will learn more about the history of relationships with Canada's first peoples, and as a result take action to nurture better, more respectful relationships between our peoples.

\*For the youth, youth leaders and staff preparing to take part in the Fat Calf Festival (Youth Assembly 2013) which takes place at Camp Assinboia in Manitoba July 29-Aug 3, 2013. Pray that this event will be a time of spiritual growth and renewal. For more information, see <http://fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca/>

\*After several years of directing the Compassion children's ministry at Living Water Church in Borabu, Thailand, Trisadee Visethone is leaving the program and getting married. Pray for God's blessing upon Trisadee, who serves alongside Mennonite Church Canada worker Rad Houmphan, and for those who remain in the Compassion program. May a willing servant leader be found!

**\*Give the Gift of Healing!** Mennonite Church Canada worker Joji Pantoja has produced a series of meditative Healing Colouring Books for child and adult victims of trauma. Watch the video and bring on the healing:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1944](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1944)

\*Did you know that your donations to Mennonite Church Canada are helping to build church-supporting micro-businesses overseas? In 2012, Mennonite Church Canada helped to facilitate entrepreneurship seminars with the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso for Mennonite youth, womens' groups and others. These seminars equip participants with entrepreneurial skills that will create jobs with steady incomes, allowing them to assist their church financially. Some of the participants in the seminar have effectively started their own microenterprises. Thank you!

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Psalm 27** <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple. <sup>5</sup> For God will hide me in the Lord's shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of the Lord's tent; the Lord will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in the Lord's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!