*MCC Connects – MCC Connects – Expand, Enrich, Embrace . . . Your Life, Our World! SALT - Serving and Learning Together is MCC's year-long cross-cultural service opportunity for Christian young adults ages 18-27. Visit salt.mcc.org. Apply now.

*Is Canadian Mennonite University the right place for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit our campus, February 1, 2013. Contact info@cmu.ca about travel assistance and accommodation.

*Festival of Choirs, February 3, 2:30 pm – CMU Men's Chorus, RJC Chorale and ManChoir, A Buncha Guys and Sonrisa Women's Chorus will present an epic concert at Third Avenue United Church. Together for the first time, these choirs will showcase the joy of singing that many have learned at RJC and CMU. Free admission. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds to CMU and RJC.

*Songfest 2013 will be held at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street in Saskatoon on March 8 & 9, sponsored by the Music Committee of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Registration forms and more information can be found on the bulletin board and is also available at http://www.mcsask.ca under the EVENTS page.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Song Leader: Kevin Boldt Accompanist: Melanie Boldt This Sunday Nursery care: Shelley Penner

Next Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther and Katherine Allaby

Sound: Chris Buhler

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Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian

Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service January 20, 2013

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship Invocation

*Hymns: Blue/HWB #648 "Morning has broken" "Oh, have you not heard" **Blue/HWB #606**

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

LISTENING

Children's Time and Collection of Loose Change

Hymn: Blue/HWB #521 "Come, thou fount"

Psalter lesson: Psalm 36:5-10 Gospel lesson: John 2:1-11

Offering and Offertory music Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #516 "Just as I am, without one plea"

"Getting the Picture" Gordon Allaby Sermon

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Green/SJ #54

"Longing for light"

*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
- Winter Study #2 in the sanctuary at 11:20am
- Pizza Lunch at noon
- Winter Study #3 (case study) following lunch
- **Floor hockey**: 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- Thursday, January 24, 7:30pm Education Committee meeting
- Saturday, January 26 Youth: 7:30pm Games Night at the church

Remember in Prayer

Steve Guenther as he recovers from heart surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our Annual General meeting will be Saturday, February 2 from 9:30am to noon. The Youth will provide a spaghetti lunch (by donation) at the church. This is a fundraiser for the upcoming Mennonite Church 2013 Youth Assembly in Winnipeg this summer.

*Our Winter Study is part of "Being a Faithful Church". Being a Faithful Church is the process we are in with MC Canada as we learn to process issues of contention. This study will explore how we use the Bible for inspiration and instructions. Study Session #1 last Sunday introduced the topic, but even if you missed it, please join in today in the sanctuary during the Sunday School time for Winter Study #2, which will be preparation for the case study. There will then be a Pizza lunch today at noon -- all are invited! Study Session Three will then follow the pizza lunch and Study#3 will be the case study on the justification for slavery and discussion. Please note: Adult Sunday School classes for today and next Sunday are invited to join the Winter Study.

*Blanket Making for MCC will take place at the church at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 22 and January 28 and 29. Everyone is welcome to come and help make blankets for people living in many parts of the world who live in refugee camps, orphanages and in locations experiencing disasters or conflict.

*Thank you for the meals that have already been prepared for the Gascho family. A sign up sheet for this continuing ministry is on the bulletin board and the deacons encourage everyone to help by preparing a meal for John and Rhonda Gascho and their son Jem. If you have any questions, speak to one of the deacons: Steve G., Kathy Braun, Kathryn J., Dave F. & Edna Z.

*OMC Book Club will be reading "The Book of Negroes" by Canadian author Lawrence Hill this month. If you'd like a book, please see Loretta. Discussion will be Monday, February 4.

*MCC Connects â **International Worship Festival** â MCCâs International Volunteer Exchange Program invites you to come experience an evening of song, dance, and worship from cultures representing over 25 nations! **Sunday February 10**th - **7:30pm** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church (610 Ave O North). Call Myriam at 665-2555 for more information.

*Upcoming OMC Youth Fundraisers! For Mennonite Church Canada's 2013 Youth Assembly, Camp Assiniboia, Winnipeg, MB July 29-Aug. 2, 2013. Osler Mennonite Church's Gr. 9-12 youth are very excited to be attending the upcoming Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly in Manitoba. For all of them, this will be their first experience attending a national youth assembly! The cost of the trip per youth will be \$390.00 for the weeklong assembly, plus \$200.00 for transportation and overnight accommodations. A bus has been reserved for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan participants. For a Total Cost of \$590.00. In order to make this trip affordable, our youth will be doing fundraisers this winter and spring. It would be great if we could raise the entire amount needed! More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead on fundraising activities. If you have questions, or want to make a contribution to the Assembly Fund, please let me know. For more information on the Assembly, go to www.fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca. Thanks. Leslie A.

*Urgent Middle East Crisis Appeal: Mennonite Central Committee is attempting to meet the needs of those affected by violence in Syria. People have fled to safer areas. "The most urgent concern is a physical concern," said Sarah Adams, MCC's representative for Syria and Lebanon. "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."

Cash gifts are needed most right now. Your dollars will enable MCC to respond rapidly and work together with its partners in the region to provide the comfort, hope and peace so desperately needed.

Gifts should be marked "Middle East Crisis". (See Claire Ewert Fisher's letter on the bulletin board for more.)

*Our popular Sunday morning **Gathering Time** needs another host(s). Hosting involves making coffee, preparing the room and cleanup. If you would like to help by being one of the hosts, then please contact Gordon or one of the deacons. The Gathering Time is sponsored by the deacons.

Note: There will be no floor hockey next Sunday, January 27th.

*Our annual **telephone directory** for members and adherents will be compiled in February. Please submit any address, phone number or email address changes to the church office by January 31. Information about address changes for students and others living away from Osler is appreciated.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 36:5-10 ⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

John 2:1-11 ¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first,

and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

I Corinthians 12: 1-11 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.