

***MCC Connects** – Refugees from Syria find refuge in Jordan and watch television footage of fighting in their homeland. MCC partner organizations offer training in income generation and help develop strategies to address conflict, tension and violence. Please help MCC meet our commitments to support refugees. Your financial support is urgently needed. Contact MCC at 665-2555 or go online to mccsk.ca and make a donation.

***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.

Today's worship service is lead by the Worship Committee
This Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther and Katherine Allaby
Next Sunday Nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
January 27, 2013

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

“Come, let us all unite to sing” (Blue/HWB #12)

Psalm 19:1,14

All: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims God’s handiwork... Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”

“Holy, holy, holy!” (Blue/HWB #120)

Invocation – Melanie Boldt

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-10

“My soul is filled with joy” (Green/SJ #13)

Sharing & Prayer of the Church

Children’s Time: Liam and Adam Boldt

New Testament Lesson from Luke 4:14-21

Offering: “How High and How Wide”

Offertory Prayer: Psalm 139:17,18

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Fearfully Wondrously Gloriously Lovingly By Glenn Kaiser

I was there when you turned your face to the wall

I was there when you felt you were ten feet tall

I was there when nobody knew your name

I'll be there and I'll tell you again and again

Chorus:

You are fearfully, wondrously, gloriously, loving made

You are loved, you are wanted, desired,

I'll tell you again and again

You are fearfully, wondrously, gloriously, lovingly made

There were times when you wondered if I was around

There were times when you stumbled and fell to the ground

There were times when you tried to avoid every test

But everything works for your good, when you love, when you trust you find rest

“Beyond a Dying Sun” (Blue/HWB #323)

Sermon “One Story” Gordon Allaby

“I am weak and I need thy strength” (Blue/HWB #553)

*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.

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
- **No Floor hockey today.**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28 & 29, 9am:** Blanket making at the church. Everyone welcome.
- **Saturday, February 2, 9:30am - noon:** Annual General Meeting
- **Saturday, February 2, noon:** Fundraiser Spaghetti lunch served by the Youth, following AGM.

Remember in Prayer

Steve Guenther as he recovers from heart surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***Blanket Making** for MCC will continue this week at the church: 9:00 a.m. on January 28 and 29. Over 30 blankets were completed last week. 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.

***Submissions for the February newsletter** are welcome! Please have any announcements, humor or articles in to the church office by Wednesday, January 30th.

***Sunday, February 10, noon - Pot Luck and Discussion**

*Thank you for the meals that have already been prepared for the Gascho family. Sign up today to participate by preparing a meal for John and Rhonda Gascho and Jem. Questions? Please speak to one of the deacons.

*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 10th - 7:30pm** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church (610 Ave O North). Call Myriam at 665-2555 for more information.

***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.

* **Please submit any address, phone number or email address changes** to the church office by January 31 in order that those corrections may be included in our 2013 **telephone directory** for members and adherents. Information about address changes for students and others living away from Osler is appreciated. The new directory will be completed and distributed in February.

***February 22 & 23, 2013: Annual delegate sessions** for MC Sask Annual Assembly to be held at Rosthern Junior College Campus. The registration forms are now on the bulletin board. The Annual Report Booklets are available on line at www.mcsask.ca for reading and hard copies will arrive prior to the annual delegate sessions. 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.

*Monday, February 11, 7:00pm: There will be a public meeting at OMC to discuss the evaluation of **MCC Warman Thrift Store**, which was completed in Nov. 2012.

***Worship + Imagination Symposium** at CMU still accepting part and full time registrations for the symposium being held Feb 7 - 9 at CMU. This program will equip, inspire and encourage persons involved in worship planning, worship leading, pastors, musicians and other church leaders. Check out www.cmu.ca/wi for details.

*Sonrisa Young Women's Chorus invites people to our **Spring concert** at Knox United Church on Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.

***Idle No More Day of Action, Jan. 28** – MC Sask Ministries and MCCS Aboriginal Neighbors request your prayers and encourage your participation as Aboriginal brothers and sisters and their friends gather to encourage meaningful change. For information about event times and locations, call Leonard Doell 665-2555 or Eric Olfert 229-3637. Currently a Regina event has been scheduled for 6:00 pm at the Conexus Arts Centre, and we will try to remain informed as other events clarify.

*MCSask invites you to consider taking a course at the Academy of Discipleship www.academyofdiscipleship.org taught by Cindy and Josh Wallace. It begins on Monday, February 4 and runs for 8 weeks. The course will explore the way reading scripture and literary texts shapes faith. See the bulletin board for more details.

***Mennonite Volunteer Service Adventure** invites people 18 years of age and older, who are interested in Canadian service experiences of one, two, or more years to check out www.mvsa.net or contact Scott key at scott.key@kingsu.ca for more information.

*Is **Canadian Mennonite University** the right place for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit our campus, **February 21, 2013**. Contact info@cmu.ca for travel assistance and overnight accommodation info.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Nehemiah 8:1-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And 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. ⁶Then 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. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pellaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while

the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Luke 4:14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'