

***MCC Connects:** MCCS supports Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) throughout the province. These groups accompany individuals who have served a prison sentence for a sexual offence as they re-enter society. If you would like to know more about these programs or feel led to volunteer, contact Heather Peters, MCCS Restorative Justice co-ordinator at 306.665.2555.

***Sat, August 24: The Fourth Annual Spruce River Folk Festival,** located at the Spruce River Farm, 20km North of PA on HWY 2. This year's folk fest will feature live music from Ryan & Sandra, O'Kraut, Karen Blackwell Jones, Constant Reminder, Jake Felix, & the Saskatunes. There will also be a Round Dance, Fish Fry, Storytelling of Landless Bands and a silent auction. Gates open at 11am, Storytelling at 11:30, Music at 1. \$10/person, \$20/family. Sponsored by MCC Sask and Grace Mennonite Church, PA. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction or learn more, contact Ryan @ 306 764-4342 or Leonard @ 306 665-2555.

***RJC** is accepting student registrations for the 2013-14 school year. Applications can be downloaded from the website (www.rjc.sk.ca) or call the office for a complete package (306 232-4222). Contact Valerie White in Admissions if you know of students or families that might be interested in RJC. Contact her as well for more information and to arrange a tour of the school (val@rjc.sk.ca).

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
 Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
 Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
 Sound: Chris Buhler
 Ushers: Dick Braun, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 July 28, 2013

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship
 Invocation

***Hymns HWB/Blue #11 "Sweet hour of prayer"**
SJ/Green #50 "Keep me safe, O God"

Sharing
 Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time Lacey Braun

Hymn SJ/Green #53 "O God in heaven"

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Offering and Offertory music
 Offertory prayer

Hymn SS/Purple #82 "How long, O Lord"

Sermon Gordon Allaby
 "Again, again and again"

RESPONDING

*Hymn HWB/Blue #346 “Dona nobis pacem”

*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.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Potluck lunch** at noon, followed by a concert in the sanctuary with Anna Bigland-Pritchard
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***VBS 2013 ended Friday**, with a smaller group of children than past years, but with as much enthusiasm, inspiration and joy as ever.

Thanks to VBS troupe members: Aaron Bueckert, Kathleen Regier and Laura Buhler. We were blessed to have a HUGE group of Youth helpers: Katherine, Kat, Emma, Emily, Jasmine, Adam, Liam, Deanna and Lockesha who were a great help. Also, thanks go out to the many, many helpers, snack and lunch servers and providers, all who made this week happen! Thank you, Shelley, Adeline, John, Jake, Sarah, Erica, Christy, George, Lacey, Lucy, Linda, Louise, Michelle, Susan, Melanie, MaryAnn, Harry & Eva and Garry and Jean. Whew! Wow! You are awesome!

*Early this morning, Leslie and 6 of our **Youth** left for “The Fat Calf Festival” Youth Assembly 2013 at Camp Assiniboia in Manitoba. Keep them in your prayers as they participate in this exciting week.

*The summer **Church Yard Maintenance** Schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Ben Buhler is signed up for the coming week (ending Sunday, Aug. 4th) for mowing the church yard. Thank you!

***New Contact information for Christy and Carl Martens-Funk:**
Box 195, Hague, SK, S0K 1X0 Phone 306-225-2200
The family now lives on the farm about 5 1/2 miles west of Hague.

***MC Sask Scholarships** - every year MC Sask hands out two scholarships to involved, active Mennonite youth entering their first year of post-secondary education at Canadian Mennonite University, Columbia Bible College, Conrad Grebel College, or Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, as well as students attending Rosthern Junior College. The details of the specific scholarships can be found on the MC Sask and SMYO websites, as well as the SMYO Facebook page. **Please note that the deadline is July 31, 2013**, so if you are interested or know someone who would qualify, hurry and get your application today!

***Nursery supervision** is taking a break for the summer. If you would like to be added to the schedule and help with the nursery this fall, please contact the church office. Typically, a volunteer will supervise in the nursery once or twice in a 4 month period.

*Theatre of the Beat presents: ***This Prison (Or: He Came Through the Floor)*** Friday, August 2, 2013 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church at 7:30pm. An eccentric prisoner is surprised when a man digs up through the floor of his cell. This Prison is a thought provoking comedy that explores fundamentalism and our reluctance to step outside our own comfort zones.

*An Invitation: A course on the meaning and purpose of life is offered to interested people, especially young adults, at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0M3. The course consists of fourteen weekly consecutive sessions which will be held on Sunday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The course begins September 1, 2013. It is free, but registration is required by August 15. The course answers questions people may have about Christ, the Christian faith and the Church. To register: Email to: fmc789@sasktel.net or call: First Mennonite Church at 306-244-6772

*A new MDS Update with urgent needs, current needs and an employment opportunity is now posted on the bulletin board. (Update of July 25, 2013)



Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:
Please pray for and with the church. “The Fat Calf Festival” – Youth Assembly 2013 – takes place at Camp Assiniboia in Manitoba, July 29-August 3. Pray that this will be a rich time of spiritual growth for MC Canada youth and youth leaders.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, ‘How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.’

²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ ²⁶And the Lord said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.’ ²⁷Abraham answered, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ ²⁹Again he spoke to him, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ ³⁰Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I

speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ ³¹He said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ ³²Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

Luke 11:1-13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ ²He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

⁵ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” ⁷And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’