

* **MCC Connects** – Thank you for your generous response at the MCC Relief Sale and Auction on June 14 and 15. Your donations, purchases and volunteer work raised just over \$100,000 for disaster relief, sustainable community development, and justice and peace building worldwide. The highlighted auction item of a 1967 VW sold for \$9100. Many will experience hope because of your generosity. Thank you!

***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).

***Shekinah: Thanks to the MDS folks in Saskatchewan** who responded quickly to MC Saskatchewan’s Camp Shekinah when they were flooded. Volunteers worked together with camp staff to clean out, gut, and rebuild the facility to allow summer camp to begin on schedule.

Worship Leader: Wilf Buhler
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 7, 2013

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #648 “Morning has broken”**
Blue/HWB #20 “Come and see”

Sharing time
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #224 “The kingdom of God”

New Testament Lessons: 2 Kings 5:1-14, Galatians 6:1-26
Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory prayer

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #304 “There are many gifts”**

Sermon Wyndham Thiessen

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Blue/HWB #434 “Thuma Mina”

*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.

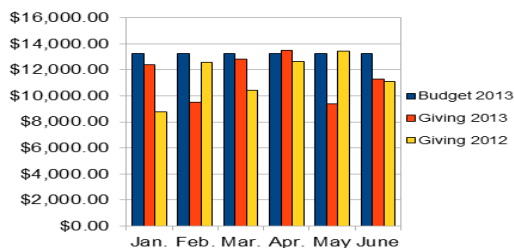
Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon will be away from June 29 to July 14. The deacons are available for pastoral care.

*Adeline will be in the church office on Friday mornings for July and August. Loretta will be in the church office this coming Friday.

*General fund receipts for the five Sundays in June were \$11,302.65 bringing the total for 2013 to \$68,937.28. This is 43.3% of our 2013 budget after 49.6% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



***Thank you** to everyone who donated ball equipment for the Willow Cree Healing Lodge. Everything is much appreciated!

*Everyone is invited to join **Cornie and Sarah Guenthers 50th wedding anniversary** celebration on July 14 with a ‘come and go’ Tea at 2:30- 5:00 PM, here in Osler Mennonite Church multipurpose room. Congratulations, Cornie and Sarah!

***Can you help? VBS is now only 2 weeks away – Monday to Friday, July 22- 26 – 9:00am-11:30am** for children ages 4 to those going into grade 6. This year’s theme: *“Breathe it in – God gives Life”*. Kids, bring your friends! While the MCSask VBS Troupe prepare and lead all the activities, **we need to provide 3-4 helpers** daily to assist them, plus **someone to be in charge of snack time**. We also need volunteers to provide snacks and lunches for the troupe members. There are 3 **Sign up Sheets on the bulletin board** (one for helpers, one for kids’ snacks and one for troupe lunches). We also need about 15-20 aluminum pie plates.

Make this a rewarding week for the kids and for you! *Please speak to Shelley or Adeline for more information.* This year’s VBS troupe members are: Aaron Bueckert, Laura Buhler & Kathleen Regierwill.

*The summer **Church Yard Maintenance Schedules** are posted on the bulletin board. Carl Martens-Funk is signed up for the coming week (ending Sunday, July 14th) for mowing grass, and Jennifer and Mackenzie Rowan for the church center flower beds. Thank you!

***Norman Chura** arrived in Osler from Bolivia in August, 2012 as part of the **MCC International Visitor Exchange Program**. He has been working at Floating Gardens. While he has been in Canada he has taken advantage of the opportunity to improve his English and has taken ESL classes in Warman on a weekly basis. In order for this to happen, a number of individuals from the church have provided Norman with rides to Warman two times a week. Mission & Service Committee would like to thank the individuals who provided rides for Norman. Norman has now left Osler and will be returning to Bolivia to continue with his studies in engineering. It has been a pleasure for us to get to know Norman and we wish him all the best.

***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.

***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.

***Service Opportunity Fall 2013 -The Mennonite Voluntary Service** unit in Edmonton has a service opening **with L'Arche**. L'Arche ensures the physical, emotional, spiritual, vocational, recreational, health and safety needs of the members with disabilities while maximizing their choices and participation in the decisions affecting their lives. You would be working with a team to facilitate programs and activities for the developmentally disabled. If you have a heart for working with people with disabilities, this is a tremendous opportunity to live in community and serve others. For more information, contact Holyrood Mennonite's MVS Committee at scott.key@kingsu.ca

***ALBERTA FLOODS: MDS** is active in Southern Alberta helping to muck out flooded homes. We have teams in Medicine Hat, High River, and some in Calgary. Day by day more home owners have been allowed to go home, and they are now facing the destruction and loss head on. Volunteers are much needed immediately. Limited RV parking and some accommodation may be available for volunteers. Call the Alberta Volunteer Coordinator to volunteer at 587-216-6169 or the Winnipeg office at 866-261-1274. Donations can be sent to the Winnipeg office 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6



*The **Mennonite Church Canada PrayerNet** is now printed and posted on the bulletin board. Prayer requests include those affected by flooding in Alberta and many others.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure

the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean?”’¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Galatians 6:1-26

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour’s work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” ¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ ¹⁸He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’