

* **MCC Connects** – Come take part in the annual CFGB Sale at the Walter Wiebe farm one mile west of highway 11 between Osler & Hague June 29, 2013. All proceeds to Canadian Foodgrains Bank – MCC’s account. For more information, contact Dave Meier at d.emeier@sasktel.net , 306.863.2727 or 306.921.6313 (cell).

***MCC Connects** - *Stepping into Restorative Justice* is a summer program designed to help you explore prison ministry. This ecumenical experience will include 3 worship-filled morning workshops (July 6, 27th, & Aug 24) and 4 opportunities to participate in programs within the correctional institutions (dates are flexible). Come for a fresh perspective on justice and meet some incredible people. Cost - \$60. Contact Heather Peters at MCC Saskatchewan for more details.

*On July 12, 2013 from 12:30pm-1:30pm (Manitoba time)
Mennonite Church Canada will hold its Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be held via web conference. For more details and for all those interested in participating, go to www.mennonitechurch.ca and follow the links.

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Scripture Reader: Amy Loewen
This Sunday Nursery care: Shelley Penner
Next Sunday Nursery care: Sarah Guenther and Kat Allaby
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
June 23, 2013

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship (Psalm 43)

One: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!

All: For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”**
Green/SJ #19 “I will call upon the Lord”

Sharing time
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Sarah/Charlie

Hymn: Green/SJ #100 "Here I am"

Old Testament Lesson: I Kings 19:1-5a

Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #558** "When the storms of life are raging"

Sermon: "Against the Current" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #567** "How firm a foundation"

*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

- **Semi Annual meeting** in the sanctuary immediately following this morning's worship service.
- **No Sunday School classes today, as the summer break has begun.** Sunday School classes will resume on September 8th.

THIS WEEK

- **Saturday, June 29 – Food Grains Bank Auction Sale** at Walter Wiebe Farm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon will be working Monday and off on Friday this week. Also, Gordon will be away from June 29 to July 14. The deacons are available for pastoral care.

*Adeline will be working in the church office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week and is away on Friday. **Please have all announcements and input for the church bulletin** for next Sunday **to the church office by Thursday morning (June 27th).**

*The **Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sale** is happening on **Saturday, June 29th** at the Walter Wiebe farm one mile west of Highway 11 between Osler and Hague. The Auction Sale begins at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to work at the Hamburger Booth from 9:30-12:30 and 12:00-3:00 with 6 people working each shift. If you are willing to help please sign up on the bulletin board. For more information contact Wilf or Margaret.

***Dick and Tena Friesen** invite everyone to join them in their 'come and go' **60th Wedding Anniversary next Saturday, June 29th**, 2:00-5:00pm here in the Osler Mennonite Church auditorium.

*As we did last year, we will be offering **free ice cream** after the parade on **Canada Day** until 12:30pm. This is sponsored by the church council.

*If you would be willing to volunteer your time to **teach the Pre K-Kindergarten Sunday School class** next year, either fulltime, or in a shared capacity, please contact John Reddekopp. Also, there will be opportunities to teach one or more Sunday School rotations with the Grade 1 to 5 students next year, starting in September. Please add your name to the Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help.

***Sask Women in Mission** is looking for someone interested in joining their program committee for a two year term. SWM is open to all women in Mennonite Churches in Saskatchewan. Contact one of the nominating committee: Denise Epp, Rosthern (306) 232-4801 l.d.epp@sasktel.net or Glenis Koop, Saskatoon (306) 665-8011 or Kathy Friesen, Regina (306) 949-4655

***Spots available for MDS Family Project at Camp Evergreen, Alberta.** The MDS Family Project for families with children of all ages still has openings for the weeks of July 21-26 and August 11-16. Assist Camp Evergreen to build new cabins. Contact MDS at 1-866-261-1274 or epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net for more information and to register.



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for and with the Church:

Pray for leaders of MC Canada and MC USA as they gather in Harrisonburg Va. On June 26 for Joint Executive Committee meetings. May the Lord bless their time together with prophetic vision and understanding.

MC Canada News:

New youth study: Claiming Faith is a new curriculum to help youth and anyone understand more about Mennonite faith from Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. Includes video clips, leader and participant guides. Available in June. (www.mennonitechurch.caa/tiny/2071)

***RJC Graduation, today:** Everyone is welcome to the 2013 Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 23. The Baccalaureate Service begins at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church, with Graduation Exercises at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium.

***VBS is a month away** and OMC will be inviting all local children from age 4 to those going into Grade 6, to come to our church the week of July 22- 26. (9-11:30am, Mon to Fri) This year's theme: *"Breathe it In: God gives Life"*. While the MCSask VBS Troupe will prepare and lead all the activities, we need to provide the troupe **with 3-4 helpers** daily, plus 1 **Snack person. Can you help?**

Snacks will also be needed for the kids and daily **lunches** for the VBS troupe members. You will find 3 **Sign-up sheets now on the bulletin board** – please sign up to help where you can, to make this a rewarding week for the kids and for you! (We also need Ice Cream Pail lids and aluminum baking/pie plates.) *Please speak to Shelley or Adeline for more information.*

*The summer **Church Yard Maintenance Schedules** are posted on the bulletin board. Glen Grismer is signed up for the coming week (ending Sunday, June 30) for mowing grass. Thank you!

***The MDS Update for June 20th** is now posted on the bulletin board.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for volunteers** for the Summer Camp Program. If you can volunteer as a cook or a Bible leader, we would love to have you! Please let Shekinah know by calling the office or emailing. We are looking for volunteers (both bible leaders and cooks) for specifically the weeks of July 14-19, August 4-9 (Jr. Teen's camps), and August 19-22 (Family camp). If those weeks don't work for you, and you would still like to help, call the office and we can make things work! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Katie in the Office (306-954-4929 or office@shekinahretreatcentre.org).

***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).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

I Kings 19:1-15a ¹⁹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

Luke 8:26-39 ²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.