

***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.

*MCSask Ministries Commission invites you to join the **Touring Mission Fest 2013** on Saturday April 27, 2013. The Tour this year will take you to Wildwood in Saskatoon, North Star in Drake (with input from/about Bethany Mennonite in Watrous and Sharon Mennonite in Guernsey) and Nutana Park in Saskatoon. The cost will be \$50.00 per person and will include the Bus Fare as well as all full-course meals. Registration forms and further information will be posted on the bulletin board and is available online. www.mcsask.ca

*Consider taking *Train the Trainer: Working for Conflict Transformation* with Karen Ridd at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 24 – 28, 2013. See csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca for more information.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanists: Diana Buhler
This Sunday Nursery care: No supervision this Sunday
Next Sunday Nursery care: MaryAnn Braun
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
March 10, 2013

Lent Four *Ashamed No More – God will remove our Disgrace*

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Our Story

GATHERING

Chiming to Worship/Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

One: Lord, we come to offer up our praise.
All: You have wiped our slate clean.
One: We have come to express our joy and thanksgiving.
All: You have rolled away our disgrace.
One: We come to celebrate a God whose steadfast love surrounds us.
All: Sing together everyone, shout for joy!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB# 37 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**
Green/SJ #42 “Listen, God is calling”

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

LISTENING

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn: Blue/HWB #135 “God, whose purpose is to kindle”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 32

Gospel lesson - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 [Youth Video]

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #151 “Marvelous grace of our loving Lord”

Sermon “Be Reconciled to God” Erna Funk

COMMUNION

Confession:

Parenting God, we have wandered so far from your loving embrace. We have taken what you have given us - our lives, our world, our inheritance – and squandered it on selfish pursuits. We confess that consume extravagantly what is not ours to consume. We spend the moments of our lives as if they were ours to spend. We have sinned against heaven and before you. We yearn to return to the shelter of your presence.

Assurance:

Come, sit again at my table. I will restore you as my children once more.

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #143** “Amazing grace!”

*Benediction

***Please rise**

Becoming the answer to our prayers: Share God’s love extravagantly: throw a dinner party for people you do not know very well; talk to an elderly person about her or his best memories of being a parent; tell your own parents about something for which you are thankful.

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
- **Floor hockey** at 7:00pm

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:30pm – Do Art** for Grades 5 – 9 students
 - **Next Sunday, March 17 – Loose change Sunday**
 - **Next Sunday, March 17 - Choir practice** during Sunday School time
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Remember in Prayer

Linda Doell, who is having surgery on Wednesday, March 13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Easter Lilies:** again this year, the worship committee invites you to pre-order a lily for Easter. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. The lilies are \$15 each. We will use the lilies during the Easter worship service, and then it's yours to take home.

***DO ART:** The Education and the Mission & Service Committees are sponsoring "Do ART" for Osler community children in grades 5 - 9. The final “Do Art” evening is this coming Tuesday, March 12th: 7-8:30 pm with Clint Neufeld.

***Choir practice**, in preparation to sing a couple songs at the Good Friday service and two songs on Easter Sunday, will be during the Sunday School time on Sundays, March 17 and 24.

***Mennonite Church Canada offers many resources** for congregations to purchase or borrow. Below are some examples of the latest offerings in MCC's March Resource Update:

<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/ResourceView/43/15596>

Radical Christian Discipleship by John Howard Yoder, Herald Press, 2012. Here, finally, is a collection of John Howard Yoder's writings for the rest of us—practical, yet as provocative as ever. Immerse yourself in selected writings and addresses—mostly unpublished—of Anabaptism's most famous theologian, formatted and edited so new generations can grasp his radical challenge to the church. Downloadable Study Guide also available.

You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church ... And Rethinking Faith by David Kinnaman, Baker Publishing, 2011. The faith journeys of the next generation are a challenge to the established church, but they can also be a source of hope for the community of faith. Kinnaman offers ideas for pastors, youth leaders, parents, and educators to pass on a vibrant, lasting faith, and ideas for young adults to find themselves in wholehearted pursuit of Christ.

What You Get at Home by Dora Dueck, Turnstone Press, 2012. With the power of memory, the characters that inhabit the short stories in this volume find the strength to carry on when life is challenging.

***Idle No More:** We may know what the mainline press is saying, but what is the word from the church and from the indigenous communities themselves? Mennonite Church Canada has compiled an "alternative reading list" - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1958. This will also link you to Steve Heinrichs' "Top 12 TRC resources" and other choice materials about residential schools and Canada's relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

*Please note Michelle and Karl's **new email address:**
michellemckinnell@gmail.com

***Family Movie Night**, sponsored by the deacons, is Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. Bring your family and friends for popcorn. The movie is "Despicable Me", a fun movie for all ages with a good message.

***Meals:** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and the deacons invite everyone to participate by signing up and preparing one meal a week for John and Rhonda and Jem Gascho. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the deacons.

***RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 17, 7:00 pm at RJC. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music featuring A Buncha' Guys and the RJC Man Choir. Included in the evening will be a dessert auction, with funds going towards RJC program projects. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

*Please join the **Sonrisa Womens Choir** for "*An Evening of Music to Open your Heart to the Wonder of Spring*". Sonrisa's Spring Concert will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 7pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 Seniors/Students and children are free. Tickets are available through choir members, by phone at 239-2131 or by emailing sonrisachoir@hotmail.com.

*Mennonite Church Sask is now inviting applications for 2013 **Vacation Bible School Troupe Members and a Troupe Leader**. The job descriptions and application forms are now posted on the bulletin board.

*Mennonite Church Saskatchewan offers **Student Education Fund Scholarships of \$500** for students attending RJC, CMU, Columbia Bible College, Conrad Grebel College or AMBS. 2013 Application forms are posted on the bulletin board (and in the Youth room). Application forms for the **2013 Mennonite Trust Ltd. Scholarship** of \$250 are also on the bulletin board and in the Youth room. This scholarship is for students attending a post-secondary Mennonite school (CMU, CBC or Conrad Grebel) and is administered through the MC Sask office.

*Six of our **OMC youth** (and Leslie) are heading to Manitoba in July for the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly. They are very excited to be joining Mennonite youth from across the country to join in the "Fat Calf Festival" and need your help in order to pay for the trip. Our youth need to raise an additional **\$2000.00** in order to pay for the bus trip and Assembly fees. Please consider making a donation, enabling youth to grow in their faith and connection to the larger Mennonite church community. Designate your gift to the OMC Youth, Thanks!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 32 ¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful, offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷ You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. ¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 ¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³ So he told them this parable: ¹¹ Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So

he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;" ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."