

* **MCC Connects** – Community Engagement: Kids Club has expanded to include a Youth Club for youth ages 10-15. We are looking for individuals/groups to provide healthy snacks one Wednesday a month for the youth. Approximately 40 youth attend each week. Please contact Kaytee Edwards at MCCS for more information, 306-665-255 ext. 237 or kayteeedwards@mccs.org

*It's not too late to apply to attend the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 17 – 21 and June 24 – 28**. Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – and participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

*The June/July/August **Rejoice Devotionals** are available in the foyer. Please help yourself.

Worship Leader: Liam Boldt
Song Leader and accompanists: Youth and Worship Committee
This Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler
Next Sunday Nursery care: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Steve Rowan, Susan Braun

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 12, 2013

Ascension Sunday

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #116 “Crown him with many crowns”**
Blue/HWB #117 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Lesson from the Acts: Acts 1:1-11

Hymn: Purple/SS #49 “I will come to you in the silence”

Lesson from Revelation: Revelation 22: 12-21

Readers' Theatre 1

Hymn: Green/SJ #18 “Over my head”

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church Gordon Allaby

Readers' Theatre 2

Offering

Offertory music: SS #19 “Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child”

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #372 “O healing river”**
Blue/HWB #553 “I am weak and I need thy strength”

Readers’ Theatre 3

Hymn: Blue/HWB #427 “You shall go out with joy”

*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

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, May 14, 7:30pm** – Ladies “Heart to Heart”
 - **Thursday, May 16, 7:30pm** - Deacons Meeting
 - **Thursday, May 16, 7:30pm** - Education Committee Meeting
 - **Next Sunday, May 19** – Pentecost
 - **Next Sunday, May 19** –Loose Change Sunday
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Remember in Prayer

*Paul Enns and family, following the passing of **Elfrieda Enns** on May 1, 2013.

*Pray for Art and Edna as they work with MDS on Long Island helping rebuild after the super storm Sandy. They will be there until the end of June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Ladies - exciting news:** A new women's group is starting up called "Heart to Heart"! We will meet one evening a month starting Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. It will be a time of learning, sharing, prayer and fellowship. Everyone welcome!

***Next Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost Sunday.** Look for ways that the Holy Spirit has worked in your life this week and what you have been able to do this week, by God's grace, and consider sharing those experiences on Sunday.

***’Do Art’ drawings** are now available in the foyer, for those artists who would like to pick theirs up and take them home.

*Today and next Sunday, OMC children’s Sunday School will study Noah’s story and God’s covenant with God’s people.

***Camperships** are still available. Please check the bulletin board for details.

*The April Mennonite Women Canada *Connections* newsletter is posted on the bulletin board. See Page 2 of the newsletter for a report on **Stephanie Siemens: “Following God to Bolivia”**.

*The Trustees are again looking for several volunteers to look after **the flower beds and planted areas** in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street. There is now a weekly sign-up sheet on the bulletin board – please sign up to take a turn or two to help keep our church yard weed-free and lovely.

*Saturday, May 25th – **Youth Progressive Supper**

*Today: Sunday, May 12, 2pm - **Warman Community Band** is holding their Spring concert at the Warman Gospel church. Admission is by donation.

everyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

***Shekinah is rebuilding after flooding!** A big thanks to 55 Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers who were at Shekinah to clean up. The clean-up is done and MDS now needs help with rebuilding so the camp will be ready for summer programming. You are invited...to come and help us rebuild at Shekinah Retreat Centre! We are in need of volunteers to fix up shanties, put in insulation, put up drywall, haul materials etc. We are starting in on the **rebuilding** starting May 9th, continuing all next week (**May 13-17**)...and then again, probably the weeks following. Can you help? Do you know someone who can help? Can you spread the word? Please call the Shekinah office (306.945.4929) if you are able to give of your time in this way.... we need to know if you are coming so we can organize the work site (and the food). Thank you...so much.

***Warman Thrift Shop Update:** Recently new employees at the Warman Thrift store began their duties. The busy spring cleaning and garage sale season is here! Volunteers are needed to process donations and work in the retail area. Donations of good used furniture are also needed. Groups (Sunday School classes, Youth groups, etc.) are welcome to come and participate in service projects at the shop. Please contact Carla Dyck at 933-3293 to make arrangements. MCC thanks you for your participation. Donation of your time and energy are a gift to the poor and needy.

*MC Sask Continuing Education presents a week long education event for everyone (not just pastors) about learning skills for **conflict resolution** May 21-24 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. See the bulletin board for details. Registration deadline is May 15th.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 25** - Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Tourney.. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. Registration forms and information at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Registration deadline is May 13. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, please contact RJC.

***Warman Thrift Shop Annual Meeting** will be held at the Thrift store on May 28th at 7:00 pm.

***MEDA Supper Event** at Bethany Manor. **Business Solutions to Poverty: Lasting Impact.** May 28th Reception at 5:30pm, Supper at 6:00 pm. Guest speaker: Katie Turner, MEDA Agricultural Project Manager, will share insight on current agricultural projects in Zambia, Nicaragua and Peru that link clients with innovative financial services and new technologies in agriculture. RSVP attendance to Bethany Manor by May 23 (\$20/person), 306-242-9019 or email smcsi@sasktel.net

*The MC Sask **VBS Troupe** is still looking for a Leader for this summer's season. If you are interested or know of someone we could encourage, please contact the MC Sask office. Application forms are found on the MC Sask website at www.mcsask.ca

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*The **MDS Update** for May 9th is now on the bulletin board, with lots of opportunities for service.

***News from Mennonite Church Canada:**

Black Creek United Mennonite Church of BC has requested reinstatement with MC Canada. In an email to Willard Metzger, Executive Director, Pastor Gordon Carter wrote: "We appreciate the work Mennonite Church Canada has done on our behalf and want to return to full membership so that we may do our part in supporting the national church body." Thank God for a nation-wide church family.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over the period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift God promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit"

They gathered around him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates that God has set by God's own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After he had said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Revelation 22: 12-21

'Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.'

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they will have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let