

\* **MCC Connects** – Time to dust off the sneakers! The MCC Relief Sale and Auction - **Menno Mile** is June 15! Walkers, joggers, racers, friends, neighbours, and pets are all welcome! Registrations available at [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) Drop off or mail completed forms at: MCC Centre – 600 – 45<sup>th</sup> St W Saskatoon SK S7L 5W9. All proceeds support Relief Sale fundraising efforts.

\* **Today: 3-5pm**, MC Sask invites everyone to a service of celebration and communion for Breath of Life Mennonite Church, 731 Avenue J South in Saskatoon.

\* MC Sask Continuing Education presents a week long education event about learning skills for **conflict resolution** with Matthew Hartman, May 21-24 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Registration deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>. See the bulletin board for more details.

\***MCSask** is continuing its search for a half-time **Financial and Office Administrator**. See the bulletin board for details.

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Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Accompanists: Diana Buhler  
Scripture Reader: Edna Zacharias  
This Sunday Nursery care: Leslie Allaby  
Next Sunday Nursery care: Diana Buhler  
Sound: Abe Braun  
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 5, 2013

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 67)**

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God's face shine upon us!

**Many: Let all the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you!**

One: The earth has yielded its increase. God, our God has blessed us.

**Many: Let all the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you!**

One: May God continue to bless us. Let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord!

**Many: Let all the people praise you O God. Let all the people praise you!**

Invocation

\***Hymns: Blue/HWB #64 “Asithi: Amen (Sing Amen)”**  
**Blue/HWB #226 “You are salt for the earth”**

Sharing of joys and concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

## LISTENING

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

**Hymn: Green/SJ #42** "Listen, God is calling"

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

Lesson from the Acts: Acts 16:9-15.

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory prayer

**Hymn: Green/SJ #54** "Longing for light"

Sermon

"An Open Door"

Gordon Allaby

## RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Green/SJ #67** "Let there be light, Lord God"

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise*

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**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.

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## **TODAY**

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am

## **THIS WEEK**

- **Thursday, May 9, 7:30pm** Church Council Meeting
  - **Next Sunday, May 12** – Mother's Day and Youth Sunday
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## **Remember in Prayer**

Paul Enns and family, following the passing of **Elfrieda Enns** on May 1, 2013. The funeral will be on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 11am at Nutana Park Mennonite Church.

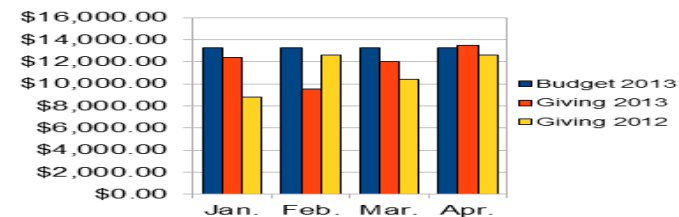
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Shekinah chalet is flooded!!** Mennonite Disaster Service is on site to clean up and rebuild and needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed, beginning immediately so the camp can be ready for summer programming. Call Peter Schroeder at 306-227-2273 or Ed Buhler at 306-220-4543 to volunteer.

**\*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. Mark your calendars - hope to see you there!

\*General fund receipts for the month of April were \$13,507.54 bringing the total for 2013 to \$47,482.03. This is 29.8% of our 2013 budget after 32.9% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



\* Those who have ears, let them hear! We need **volunteers to run the sound panel** during Sunday morning worship services ---a most vital ministry in our congregation! Training will be provided and a flexible schedule will allow you to do this job easily and well! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melanie Boldt, Kathryn Janzen, Lynette Janzen or Michelle McKinnell.

gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

**Revelation 21:10, Revelation 21:22-22:5** <sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

\* **Just 6 weeks to the MCC Relief Sale – still time to bring your pennies** and add them to the jar in the foyer for the *Penny Power Water Project*. And remember the matching 4 to 1 donation will help those coins grow!

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

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

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

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

\* Can you take a turn and help with set up and clean up for the after worship **Gathering coffee time?** Please speak to Joanne for details and to volunteer.

\*The Trustees are again looking for several **volunteers** to look after the planted areas in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street.

\*Warman Community Band is holding their Spring concert on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at the Warman Gospel church. Admission is by donation.

\*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](http://www.mcsask.ca)

\***Youth:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25th for a Progressive Supper event.

\* **Warman Thrift Shop Update:** Recently new employees at the Warman Thrift store began their duties. The busy spring cleaning 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.

\*The Mennonite Heritage Museum Annual Meeting will take place at the Seniors' Centre in Rosthern on Friday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

\***RJC Open Campus Day, May 11** - Everyone is invited to come and celebrate spring with RJC students and staff. Families and individuals are welcome to attend any or all activities scheduled, including: Peace & Justice Kids' Carnival, Gen-Next choir workshop, school and dorm tours, youth activities, community evening meal, and the Spring Choir Concert at 7:00 pm. For more information or specific event times, check the poster on the bulletin board or the RJC website ([www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca)).

\* **RJC Spring Concert - Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm** in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us for an evening of wonderful music. Season finale performances by Concert Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; a collection in support of RJC will be taken during the concert.

\* **RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 25** - Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Tournament. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes on-course contests and challenges, a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. Registration forms and info at [www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca) or contact [rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca](mailto: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.

\***MEDA Supper Event** at Bethany Manor. **Business Solutions to Poverty: Lasting Impact.** May 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smcsi@sasktel.net)

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**John 14:23-29** <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from God who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to God, because God is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**Acts 16:9-15** <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the