

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Green/SJ #73

“The Lord lift you up “

*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.

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

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, September 5, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting
- **Saturday, September 7, 7:00 pm** – Youth Game Night at the church

NEXT WEEK

- **Sunday, September 8, 11:15am** – **Sunday School** begins again for all ages
- **Sunday, September 8, 12 Noon** – Deacon- sponsored “Welcome Back” Barbeque (see Announcements for details)

Remember in Prayer

The family of Tina Kruger - Tina died at St. Pauls Hospital this past Thursday night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon’s day off this week will be Thursday, September 5th.

***Sunday School for all ages begins again** next Sunday, September 8th, 11:15am. Everyone is invited! Registration for Children’s Sunday School classes will be at 11:15am in the multi-purpose room.

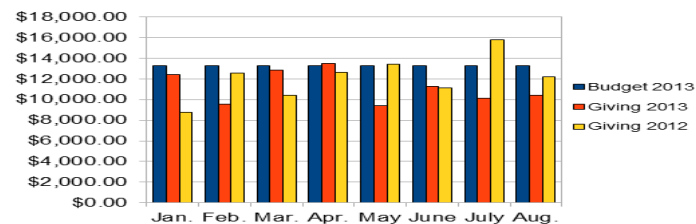
*As summer holidays come to an end and Sunday School returns, the deacons invite everyone to a ‘**Welcome Back’ Barbeque at noon, next Sunday, September 8th** after the Sunday School hour. Burgers, sausage, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please come and bring a salad or dessert to share. Also, bring a lawn chair –hopefully the weather permits eating outside!

*Starting next week we will again be gathering in the **Gathering Place** for coffee after Sunday morning worship. In order to enjoy this fellowship time, **helpers are needed** to take a turn preparing coffee, setting out goodies and cleaning up. Also, **snacks/goodies** will be needed for Sunday School and for the Gathering Place. **Please volunteer by signing up on one of the bulletin board sign-up sheets** for the Gathering Place or for Snacks. Thank-you!

*The **Heart to Heart** women's group will meet on **Tuesday, September 10th**, at 7:30 pm. We are asking each woman to bring 20 bite-sized pieces of your favourite dessert or coffee-time snack to share, along with one copy of the recipe. We will do a recipe swap and we will make a copy of your recipe for each person.

*A Meditative Family Devotional Guide on the 23rd Psalm “**The Good Shepherd**” is available in the foyer. Additional copies can be obtained from the church office if needed.

*General fund receipts for August were \$10,394.00 bringing the total for 2013 to \$89,475.43. This is 56.2% of our 2013 budget after 66.6% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’
¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’



News/Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church

Mennonite Church Canada has established a **new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteChurchCanada>**. It's a great place to get breaking news about your national church's activity in the world!

*A new Senior Youth Sunday School class is starting up this Fall, and the following items are needed as we create a space upstairs: **a small sofa, multiple bean bag chairs, and a mini-fridge**. If you have any of these items and would like to part with them, the youth would be happy to put them to good use! Also, feel free to pop in upstairs after worship service this Fall, say hi to the senior youth and see the room as it is being transformed! Leslie A.

***Warman MCC Thrift Store** is in urgent need of volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Carla at 306-933-3293.

*The **Junior High Retreat** will again take place at the **Youth Farm Bible Camp** in Rosthern on **September 20-22, 2013**. The theme is *The Greatest: the Life of a True Superhero* with Joe Heikman, pastor at Wildwood Mennonite Church, as the resource person.

There will be lots of singing, recreation (wall climbing/ropes course), learning, service and fellowship. On Saturday evening there will be opportunity to go through the corn maze. **The cost for the weekend is \$25.00 and registration is due by September 13th**. Please see Leslie A. for more information and to register.
Note: An Adult Sponsor is needed to attend the Retreat with the Youth. If you are able to go, please contact Leslie.

***Saturday, Sept 7 - 12:00pm-8:00pm - A Fall Festival** held at the Youth Farm Bible Camp. The event starts with a BBQ lunch at noon. There will be a show n' shine car show, petting zoo, corn maze, and a kids carnival including several giant inflatable toys, a barrel train ride, climbing wall and sumo suits! Live Music will be playing for most of the day, with traditional Mennonite and Brazilian food available for supper, as well as BBQ favourites and pulled pork.

***MHSS Book Launch/Signing:** "By Whatever Name" by Elizabeth Reimer Bartel on Sept. 8 at 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall at Bethany Manor. See the Bulletin board for poster.

*Bethany Manor and Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home are co-hosting the annual sessions of **Canadian Mennonite Health Assembly**. The conference will take place at Bethany Manor on Sept 12-14. See Bulletin board details, including registration forms.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 4 – 6, 2013. Registration deadline: September 15, 2013. See the poster and brochure on the bulletin board for details and registration forms.

*Are you looking for a rewarding and restorative experience this year? Why not call the **Micah Mission and volunteer to visit someone in prison or support a released offender**. Get to know someone new and make a difference in that life as well as your own! Call [306 653-3099](tel:3066533099) or email micahcoordinator@gmail.com. The Micah Mission is now situated at 226 Avenue V South.



Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

Please pray for and with the church: Praise God for the arrival of James Robert Suderman, born to Mennonite Church Canada workers Andrew and Karen Suderman in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, on July 3, 2013. "Samantha is doing a wonderful job of being a big sister, showering James with hugs and kisses," according to the happy parents.

Autumn brings renewed opportunities for faith discovery and nurture through renewed Christian faith formation in Mennonite Church Canada congregations and the educational ministry of Mennonite church schools. Thank you for the many ways that you dedicate your gifts to faith building – from financial resources to volunteer time.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

4 Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' ⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence