

**\*MCC Connects:** Opportunity for STUDENTS. Join young adults from across Canada and the U.S. at MCC's United Nations student seminar October 24-26 in New York City. This year's title is "U.N. Peacekeeping: Pacifist Endeavour or Step toward War?". Register by September 27 at [un.mcc.org](http://un.mcc.org) / Contact Myriam at [mullah@mccs.org](mailto:mullah@mccs.org) to inquire about a travel subsidy.

**\*RJC Opening Program** will be held on today at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium. Please join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

\*CMU invites you to **Fall Festival 2013**, happening **Friday, Sept. 27** and **Saturday, Sept. 28**. With something for everyone, fall Festival is a fun-filled weekend featuring opportunities to connect, learn, play, and celebrate with the CMU community. For details: [www.cmu.ca/fallfest](http://www.cmu.ca/fallfest) or call Joyce Friesen at 204-487-3300 ext. 604.

\*CMU invites high school students to hear **Shane Claiborne** at **Peace-It-Together (PIT) 2013, October 18-20**. Claiborne will speak on Pursue Peace, Seek Justice. Registration forms and info are available at [www.cmu.ca/pit](http://www.cmu.ca/pit)

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
This week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky  
Next week's Nursery Care: Leslie Allaby  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Sarah Hiebert

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
September 15, 2013

Prelude – “10,000 Reasons”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Our Story

Call to Worship: (I Timothy 1: 12-17)

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #70 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”  
“We Come to Worship Thee”**

Invocation

Psalms 14, Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Reflection I - Christy

**Hymn: Green/SJ #54 “Longing for Light”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

Children's Time and collection of loose change Jake Buhler

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #167 “For God so Loved Us”  
“As The Deer”**

Luke 15: 1-7

**Hymn: “10,000 Reasons”**

Reflection II – Naomi (Piano)

**Hymn:** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**Offertory –** “How Great is Your Love”  
Offertory Prayer

**Hymns:** “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”  
**Green/SJ #14** “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

Reflection III – Christy

**Hymn: Green/SJ #78** “We will walk with God”

Benediction

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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, September 19, 7:30pm** – Education Committee meeting
- **Friday-Sunday, September 20-22** – SMYO Jr Youth Retreat at Rosthern Youth Farm
- **Saturday, September 21, 6:00pm** – Senior Youth Weiner roast at Boldts

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Thank you! to everyone who cut grass, pulled weeds, etc. and kept the church yard and flower beds looking good this summer.

\*If you would like a copy of the recipes shared for goodies at the last week’s **Heart to Heart** women's group meeting, please talk to Adeline or email the church office.

## \*Sunday School Information

**1. Rotation Children’s Sunday School** will be studying the theme “*The Bible: Books of the Old Testament*” in the first rotation. The Gathering Time leader is Christy Martens-Funk. Today, Loretta Sawatzky is teaching the *Art* session and Shelley Penner the *Games* session. The Pre/K group teachers will be Naomi Schellenberg and Karl Martens and Michelle Mckinnell.

**2. Youth Classes** will be studying the topic, *God’s People: Gathered and Scattered*. The focus is on God’s people in the Old Testament from the exile to the return to Jerusalem. Jake Buhler and Kathryn Janzen will teach the Jr. Youth Class and Leslie Allaby will lead the Senior Youth in their lessons.

**3. Adult Sunday School.** There are two adult Sunday school classes which meet after the coffee time. There is the Mosaic class which is a sharing and discussion class. It meets in the nursery. The curriculum Bible study class meets in the room beside the youth ministry office.

\***Opportunities: 1.** Needed now: People to take a turn **preparing coffee, setting out snacks and cleaning up** in the **Gathering Place**. Please keep the after worship coffee time going and sign up today to take a turn! The bulletin board sign-up sheet is waiting for you.

**2. The Sign Up sheet for Snacks** was accidentally removed – it’s back! You, too, can sign up today to bring **snacks/goodies** for Sunday School and for the Gathering Place. Thank you.

\***Thank you for your generous gifts** to the ministries of our church. The summer giving has dropped off a little. We are currently about \$7500 behind our giving at this point last year. The situation is not critical, but we trust that we will collectively respond.

\***OMC Book Club:** The book we are reading this month is “Sarah’s Key” by Tatiana de Rosnay. Please see Jan Guenther for a book. The discussion will happen on Oct. 7th at 7:00 pm.

## **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights\* in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— <sup>12</sup>a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

<sup>22</sup> ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’ <sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

<sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup> I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup> I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

<sup>27</sup> For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

## **Luke 15:1-7**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

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

\*The **discipleship group** is for those who seek to enhance their understanding and commitment to being a follower of Christ. All are welcome to be a part of this group. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm.

\***Missions and Service Committee** is launching an initiative in the church to assist Theresa Loewen, single mother of 3 and a resident of Osler for the past several years. We are helping Theresa in a number of ways:

- We are looking for volunteers to provide transportation for Theresa’s son Oren so that he can attend preschool in Warman on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. To join the rota, please contact John Gascho (306 230 4084) - this will continue until Theresa has a functioning vehicle of her own or Oren has a place at the Osler preschool.
  - Theresa has some household needs but it is important we focus our generosity towards things that will really be helpful to her. Please check with Margaret Dyck (306 239 2205) to confirm if items are appropriate and needed.
  - Theresa's income is minimal until child support kicks in in a couple of months time. We therefore wish, as a church, to raise up to \$500 for her for each of the next 3 months. To contribute, please give to the church, marking your donation as "Community Aid Fund".
  - Theresa would welcome some normal social contact (e.g. meals, coffee, getting kids together to play, etc) - but if you want to reach out in this way please talk first with Melanie Boldt about appropriate times etc.
- To discuss any of the above or get more information please contact Margaret Dyck or another member of the Missions and Service committee.

\*The **Junior High Retreat** is next weekend at the **Youth Farm Bible Camp** in Rosthern (September 20-22<sup>nd</sup>). Four of OMC Youth will be attending and Leslie will be the adult accompanying the group. Please remember them in your prayers.

\*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.

\*Calling all quilters, scrapbookers, knitters, calligraphers, painters or any others with a pastime;) You are invited to share in a **weekend retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre...October 4-6, 2013.**

Brochures are available through your church office, or on [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org). Registration deadline has been EXTENDED to September 20, 2013. If you are sending your application in the mail yet this week, please call the office so we know to expect it. (306-945-4929) Come and retreat and create!

\*October 4th & 5th - **RJC Alumni Weekend!** Come join in the fun as a participant or a spectator! Volleyball and Soccer (Saturday only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt). A delicious lunch sponsored by Alumni will be served between 11:00 and 1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. Email Denelda at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) to register for volleyball by September 30th or for information. Alumni and Friends Welcome!

\***2013 Global Leadership Summit:** a simulcast conference will be presented by the Willowcreek Canada Leadership Centre on Oct. 24-25, with a few more spots available. the Oct. 24-25 dates. Pastors, lay leaders, educators and any interested individuals are encouraged to consider attending this event with its roster of invigorating speakers. Mennonite Church Canada, with the help of MAX Canada Insurance and Willowcreek, has again negotiated a special registration rate. Normally, this is a (up to) \$199 dollar cost. Mennonite Church Canada has negotiated a **\$99 registration fee** to attend at over 20 locations across Canada. You can learn more about this leadership event and register for the discounted fee here: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2076](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2076).

\*I Heard Her Voice: Courageous Women of the Bible: Saskatchewan Women in Mission presents the **Annual Fall Women's Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre** Oct 18 & 19, 2013: Friday 5:00pm – Sat. 4:00pm. Poster with details and registration forms are now on the bulletin board. **Registration Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>.** *Come to meet Christ our Lord, come to be spiritually refreshed and challenged, and come to fellowship with friends, old and new.*



## Mennonite Church Canada

### Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

**Please pray for and with the church:** For healthy participation and rich engagement from Mennonite Church Canada folks in the Vancouver TRC event, Sept. 18-21. May the stories, experiences and encounters shared, spark openness, honesty, repentance and forgiveness that will fortify present and future relationships between all people.

**News/Announcements:** Mennonite Church Canada is helping young entrepreneurs develop small scale agricultural business in Congo. Entrepreneurs will gain income generating skills to make families and their church self sustaining. To learn more, visit: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1907](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1907).

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

#### Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup>They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD? <sup>5</sup>There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.<sup>7</sup>O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.