

***MCC Connects:** MCCS is organising a Learning Tour to Mexico February 28 - March 14, 2014. Tour stops include Mexico City and Chiapas. Learn about conservation agriculture and social justice with Indigenous Mexicans. Registration deadline is October 31, 2013. For more information contact Sue Schellenberg at 306.665.2555. Space is limited so call now to reserve your seat!!

***Today -Sunday, September 29, 2:30 pm** - The Rosthern Junior College Choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra will present a Fall Concert at RJC. The concert will reflect the work done by both groups during their weekend workshop on campus. Hear each group perform their own pieces, and combine for a couple of songs together. RJC and the SYO have cooperated for their fall workshop for over 18 years! Admission is by donation.

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick
 Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
 Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
 This week's Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
 Next week's Nursery Care: Adeline Cox
 Sound: Dan Schellenberg
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, Sarah Hiebert



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 September 29, 2013

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

One: God has been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were raised up, before the universe was even formed, God has been there for us.

All: *So let us live in God, rooted and established in the faith of Christ, and abounding in thanksgiving.*

One: Love God, love your neighbour. All the laws of Moses, and all the teaching of the prophets, hang on these two commandments.

All: *May the love of God be upon us, establishing whatever is loving in the work of our hands. Yes, let God establish all that is loving in the work of our hands.*

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #26 “Holy Spirit, come with power”**
Green/SJ #5 “Come and be light for our eyes”

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Patty Friesen and Lois Siemens

Hymn: Blue/HWB #615 “Shall we gather at the river”

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New Testament lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 3:1-5

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Green/SJ #95 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Sermon: "Reading Paul: Letters from a Foreign Land" Patty Friesen

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #398** "I Love to Tell the Story"

*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

- **Thursday, October 3, 7:30pm** – Church Council meeting
 - **Next Sunday, October 6th** – Communion Sunday
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Remember in Prayer

Marge Braun, who fell and dislocated her shoulder and is now recovering at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congratulations!** to Erica and Robin Doucette (and grandparents Russ and Lucy Friesen) on the birth of Novinya Marie, born Sept. 20th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. Everyone is doing well.

***Communion** will be next Sunday, October 6th. Deacons are reminded to be at church at 9:15am for preparation.

*Joanne Feick has prepared an instruction sheet for volunteers who are taking turns preparing coffee, setting out snacks and cleaning up in the **Gathering Place**. Please sign up today on the bulletin board sign-up sheet, to take a turn as a gathering time volunteer.

***The Community Aid Fund** is for those in emergency and desperate situations, and this fund is not part of our regular budget. Thank-you for donating to this fund.

*A new Senior Youth Sunday School class is now meeting upstairs, and happily now have a mini-fridge. The following items would be welcome for their gathering place: **a small sofa, multiple bean bag chairs, and some big throw pillows for the floor**. See Leslie A.

***The Worship Committee is planning a Yearend Celebration** and Worship Service to be held December 29th. If you have pictures of 2013 church activities, please share by sending to the church office.

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***The MDS Update** for September 26, 2013 is now posted on the far bulletin board with lots of opportunities to volunteer.

***RJC Kielke & Sausage Supper Fundraiser-Monday, Oct. 21st** at **Bethany Manor**. There will be two seatings for supper - the first seating at 4:30pm for Bethany residents and family/guests, and the second seating at 6:00pm for everyone! Admission by donation, and the RJC Chorale will be performing. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to val@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222. *If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Valerie White or the RJC Office (val@rjc.sk.ca or office@rjc.sk.ca).*

*Mark your calendars: **MCCS Encounter and AGM** will be at Massey Place Community Church, Saskatoon – Sat. Nov. 2nd.

***Warman MCC Thrift Store: Volunteers** needed for one day a week or more, or even a few hours. Any amount of help is appreciated – the store needs sorters, hangers, pricers, cleaners, and cashiers.

*Weekend retreat for all quilters, scrapbookers, knitters, calligraphers, painters or any others with a pastime;) at **Shekinah Retreat Centre...October 4-6**, See the bulletin board or www.shekinahretreatcentre.org.

*October 4th & 5th - **RJC Alumni Weekend!** Alumni and friends, come join in the fun as a participant or a spectator! Volleyball and Soccer (Sat. only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt). Lunch sponsored by Alumni to be served between 11:00 & 1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. For information or to register (by Sept. 30) email Denelda at: deneldafast@hotmail.com.

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: Friday 5:00pm – Sat. 4:00pm. Poster with details and registration forms are now on the bulletin board. **Registration Deadline: October 1st**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 3:1-5

2You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed;⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

3Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens;² and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith,³ so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for.⁴ In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know.⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labour had been in vain.



Mennonite Church Canada

Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

Please pray for and with the church: Thank God for the hands and feet of our church extension as expressed through Mennonite Disaster Service and the good work they are managing to help address the aftermath of flooding in Alberta last June. Your donation of dollars and volunteer time are priceless. Thank you.