

**\*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, 306.665.2555 ext. 237 or [kayteeedwards@mccs.org](mailto:kayteeedwards@mccs.org)

**\*RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, September 15th 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: Jim Dyck  
 Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
 Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
 Scripture reader: Glen Grismer  
 This week's Nursery Care: Lucy Friesen  
 Next week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler and Delaney Sawatzky  
 Sound: Doug McKinnell  
 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 8, 2013

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Our Story

John Reddekopp

## GATHERING

Call to Worship  
 Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #46 "I sing the mighty power of God"**  
**Green/SJ #27 "God of the Bible"**

Sharing  
 Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

## LISTENING

Children's Time Edna Zacharias

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #535 "Who now would follow Christ"**

Old Testament lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11  
 Gospel lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Offering and Offertory music  
 Offertory prayer

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #504 "Have thine own way"**

Sermon "Observe" Gordon Allaby

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## RESPONDING

\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #119 “Praise God from whom”

\*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.
- **Welcome Back Barbeque** at noon.

## **THIS WEEK**

- **Tuesday, September 10, 7:30pm “Heart to Heart”** gathering for all ladies of all ages
  - **Thursday, September 12, 7:30pm** – Deacons meeting
  - **Friday, September 13 – Deadline** for registration for SMYO Jr Youth Retreat
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## **Remember in Prayer**

**The family of Tina Kruger** – A graveside service for Tina was held at Osler Cemetery this week, with a Memorial Service that followed at Bethany Manor.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is Loose Change Sunday.

## **\*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. Loretta Sawatzky will teach 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.

**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.

\*Today 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.

\***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.

\*The summer **Church Yard Maintenance** Schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Joe Guenther is signed up for the coming week (ending Sunday, Sept. 15th) for mowing the church. Thank you!

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

\***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).



#### Prayer Requests from Mennonite Church Canada:

**Please pray for and with the church:** The June 20 flooding of Calgary and surrounding towns are well known, but the disaster also left the entire community of SikSika First Nations without running water and destroyed 200 houses, forcing an average of three families to cram into each remaining home. Pray for residents of Siksika and other communities devastated by flooding.

**Ministry Notes:** Your donation dollars helped Mennonite Church Canada provide placement for short term workers at Bethlehem Bible College this fall. Thank you for paving the way for Jeanette Hoepfner and Kara and Jerry Buhler to engage in ministry that will bring meaningful moments of learning and cross-cultural sharing.

\*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: In order for our Youth to be able to attend this wonderful event, an Adult Sponsor is needed to go with them.** *If you are able to go, please contact Leslie or Gordon.*

\***Today: MHSS Book Launch/Signing:** “By Whatever Name” by Elizabeth Reimer Bartel 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](mailto:micahcoordinator@gmail.com). The Micah Mission is now situated at 226 Avenue V South.

**\*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, who is working hard to put her life together after several very difficult years. We want to help 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.

\*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.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Jeremiah 18:1-11** <sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?' says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Luke 14:25-33** <sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.