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***Church Leaders Forum 2014** – Shifting Stats, Shaking the Church, with guest speakers Bruxy Cavey (Meetinghouse) and Dr. Don Moore (World Vision): Mennonite Church Canada has negotiated a discount rate of \$20/person for this event which begins on March 18 in Saskatoon and spans 10 cities across Canada, ending on May 8 in Victoria. Visit: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2269 to register for your preferred location.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Lynette Janzen
Scripture reader: Sarah Buhler
This week's Nursery Care: Leslie Allaby
Next week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 2, 2014

Stewardship Sunday

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

One: Structures of budgets, Cycles of bills,
Seasons of spending, Fascinate and frighten us

All: How can we sing God's song in this land?

One: Climates of Wealth, Chasms of Poverty,
Committees of reckoning, Concern and confront us.

All: How can we sing God's song in this land?

One: Recessions and reductions, Banking and balancing,
Credits and calculations, Subjugate and startle us.

All: How can we sing God's song in this land?

One: Divide and conquer our fear, Multiply our wisdom,
Subtract our apprehension, Add justice and compassion:

All: So that we can sing God's song in this land.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #68 "O come, loud anthems let us sing"**
Blue/HWB #55 "Let's sing unto the Lord"

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Jake Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #387 "Lord, thou dost love"

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

One: God of all hope:

All: Hear our prayer.

One: When money becomes a prison:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: Where wealth turns into addiction:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: When income determines worth:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: Where poverty equals invisibility:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: When economies deepen injustice:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: Where greed invents new oppressions:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: When finance rules every decision:

All: Free us to choose life.

One: Where consumption replaces compassion:

All: Free us to choose life. Amen.

Psalter lesson: Psalm 95:1-7

Gospel lesson: Matthew 6:19-21, 24

Hymn: Blue/HWB # 383 "God, whose giving"

Sermon:

"Safe Deposit"

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Green/SJ #49 "Rain down"**

*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.

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.
- **Open gym** tonight at 7:00pm – Basketball or hockey

THIS WEEK

- **Friday, Feb. 7, 7:30pm – Congregational Discussion**
- **Friday, Feb. 7, 7-9pm – Youth** with "RJC taking over the Youth Group"
- **Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30am - noon – Annual Business Meeting**

Remember in your Prayers

Sarah Hiebert

Abe Braun

The family of George Giesbrecht, who died on January 28.

The family of Harry Giesbrecht, who died on January 27.

Haylee Wall, a 13 year old with cancer.

Also, please continue to pray diligently for our Youth Ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mission & Service would like to thank everyone who came out to help make blankets for MCC. 124 blankets were completed and delivered to MCC.

Friday, Feb. 7th, 7:30pm: Congregational discussion – everyone is urged to attend this important time of discussion.

***March 7-9 “Why do God’s people...?”** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Pray, Sing, Read Scripture and Worship together at a Prairie Winds Worship Retreat. See the bulletin board for poster and registration forms or for more information, call MC Sask at 306-249-4844 or www.prairiewindsretreat.com. Space is limited - register soon.



*Pray for the Holy Spirit’s leading in more than 100 Mennonite Church Canada congregations who are discerning scripture in community by studying the Being a Faithful Church (BFC) 5 documents.

*Mark your calendars for the Mennonite Church Canada’s 2014 Annual Delegate Assembly in Winnipeg! Registration for Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season opens Feb. 1, 2014. Get more information and register (starting February 1) at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014> . All are welcome!

***Mennonite Church Canada** has many resources available on its website and the monthly **Resource Update** tells about books and DVD’s available to borrow. It includes also includes links to articles available by download. Here is the link to the current February 2014 Resource update: <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/Browse/2108>

One example of an article available is the following:
“*God, Am I Good Enough?: The Borscht and Buns Community Fundraiser*” by [Bruce Wiebe](#). A story sermon on grace and humility that begins: ““God, am I good enough?””

Here is the link:

http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/18580/God__am_I_good_enough.pdf

***Friday, February 7 from 7 – 9 pm: RJC is Taking Over the Youth Group!** Come for an evening of worship, group games/activities, devotional time and delicious refreshments and goodies from RJC’s kitchen. Don’t forget to bring your friends.

Saturday, Feb 8th: Annual Business Meeting, 9:30 am to noon

***Tuesday, Feb. 11 – “Do Art”** for Gr. 5-9 students.

***Nominating Committee update:** It's not too late! We are still looking for volunteers for Worship committee, Education committee and the Lunch committee. Are you inspired or energized by the work of these committees? If so, please speak with Loretta Sawatzky, Steve Guenther or Christy Martens-Funk. We would appreciate hearing from you soon.

*The **Heart to Heart Women's group** will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:30 pm. We will be studying the "Sermon on the Mount" Part 1. We will continue in March with Part 2. Please join us as we study and fellowship together!

*The **youth movie night** is now Friday, February 14 – Youth to meet at the church at 7pm and then returning to church at 10pm. We **need one or two volunteer drivers** to escort the youth back and forth from the church. Please contact Kevin or Melanie for more details.

***Criminal Record Checks:** As part of our Safe Church Policy, all those who supervise the nursery, and work with youth and children in the church are asked to have a criminal record check done. Just take your identification to the Warman RCMP detachment and ask them to complete the check, and then bring the completed form to Gordon. There is no cost when such checks are done for volunteers.

*The **2014 church directory** will be compiled after the AGM. If you have any **address changes, or phone number and email changes**, please let the church office know.

***Children's Sunday School** is currently studying "The joy of being found"

***The MDS Update** for January 30, 2014 is now posted on the far bulletin board. Many opportunities for service are listed.

***March 14-15: MCSask's 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions** are in Regina this year. One delegate per 25 congregational members plus a Youth delegate are invited. Worship focus is *Generosity of Spirit* and Dori Zerbe Cornelsen will be the guest speaker. Registration forms are now on the bulletin board.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ² Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise! ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are the Lord's also. ⁵ The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! ⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. O that today you would listen to the Lord's voice!

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
²⁴ 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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*Saturday, **Feb. 8** at 10:00AM - The **Youth Farm Bible Camp** will be serving fresh Cinnamon Buns and Coffee at the camp, followed by a presentation from camp staff. Donations will be accepted.

***Saskatoon Chamber Singers "Elixir" concert on February 9** at 2pm and 7:30pm at Knox United Church. Tickets are \$20 advance and \$25 at the door and \$5 for students. Michelle McKinnell has tickets to sell so email, call or come talk to her. It's going to be great!

***Shekinah Retreat Centre "Winter Fun Day" Feb. 17, 10am-6pm:** Skating, broomball, curling, snow sculpting/painting, tubing, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, hiking, skiing. New this year: Meet and adventure with the "Shekinah Snow Dummy" and live entertainment in the timberlodge! Shekinah has hotdogs, dessert and hot chocolate. See the bulletin board poster to see what you can bring or check out www.shekniahretreatcentre.org or FB.

***Shekinah Retreat Center** is currently inviting applications for a **Food Service Assistant**. See the poster on the far bulletin board with more details of this part-time position and how to apply.