

***MCC Connects:** Due to depleted warehouse inventory, MCCS is urgently asking for Relief kits and Hygiene kits. These kits are necessary to help improve vulnerable situations for people in disaster zones, including the prevention of disease. Donations can be dropped off at MCCS, 600 - 45th St. W. If you have any questions please call Del at 306.665.2555.



*On Feb. 27, Kara and Jerry Buhler (Mount Royal MC Sask.) conclude their term of service at Bethlehem Bible College (Palestine). Thank God for their service and pray for opportunities to reflect on their experience and share what they have learned.

***Employment opportunities at Shekinah Retreat Centre.** You could come join our team! See the bulletin board postings for: 1. Food Services Assistant and 2. Maintenance/Assistant School Group Programmer/Kitchen Coordinator.

***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 poster & registration forms or for more information, call MC Sask at 306-249-4844 or www.prairiewindsretreat.com. Space is limited - register soon.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick
This week’s Nursery Care: Adeline Cox
Next week’s Nursery Care: MaryAnn Braun
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 23, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Sharing Our Story

Michelle McKinnell

GATHERING

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5: 38-48

Call to worship – “10,000 Reasons”

Invocation

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #338 “I know not why God’s wondrous”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 119: 33-40

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

Offering and Offertory music: “Above All”
Offertory Prayer

LISTENING

Children’s Time (based on Matthew 10: 29-31)
Song: “God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall”

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19: 9-18
Lesson from the Epistles: I Corinthians 3: 10-23 (excerpts)

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Hymn: Green/SJ #94 “Blest are they”

Sermon: “Tower of Pisa” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Green/SJ #45** “In the morning, when I rise”

***Benediction:** Go now into the world, inspired by the extravagant love of God. Live generously, with open hands, loving one another as if your lives depended on it. Be good stewards of the gifts you have received, so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do. And may the abundant love of God surround you, may the extravagant grace of Jesus Christ sustain you, and may the constant presence of the Holy Spirit inspire and encourage you in every good deed and word. Amen.

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

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:30pm – Heart to Heart**
 - **Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:30pm – Missions & Service Committee meeting**
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Remember in your Prayers

Leslie Allaby’s father, Mike Myers, in hospital.
Linda Doell, recovering from surgery. *She loved the potato head!*
Sarah Hiebert, who will have surgery on March 6th.
Abe Braun, receiving medical treatments.
Haylee Wall, whose family requests prayer for this teenager who is receiving treatment for cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregational surveys** were placed in each church mailbox. Please give these your attention as soon as possible. Completed surveys should be placed in George Janzen’s church mailbox.

*Congratulations to Jenny and Brian Madsen on the birth of a daughter Edith Ellen on January 31st. Congratulations as well to happy grandparents Robin Neudorf and Garry Boldt and Great-grandma Kathy Boldt.

* **Custodian** - As Sarah is now fully involved with treatments for her illness, including upcoming surgery; she will be away at least until June and maybe longer. The church needs a custodian from now until Sarah is able to return. Please consider taking on this work for the church. The current monthly remuneration and list of duties is available at the office for those interested in applying for the position. We are also open to a group of people doing the work, but in that case, they must insure that all they have a schedule so we know who is doing the work at any time. Thanks for taking the time to consider this. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact one of the Trustee committee members (Dick, Glen, Lyle, Bill, or Doug). We hope to hear from you soon.
Trustee Committee

***All women** are invited to come for *Cheesecake and Sermon on the Mount study* - this Tuesday, February 25th at 7:30pm. Please join “**Heart to Heart**”, as we worship, study and fellowship together.

***The Micah Mission** is in need of people who are willing to give an hour or two a week to help support people in prison or recently released from prison. There is a growing need for Circles of Support and Accountability in Saskatoon. Please contact Dave Feick at The Micah Mission for more information and to volunteer.

*Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan **Book Launch March 9, 2014** – 2:30pm at Bethany Manor. Martin Klaassen will be speaking on “History of the Defenceless Anabaptist Churches from the Times of the Apostles to the Present.” Translated from the German to English by Walter Klaassen. This is a 140 year old book.

***Friday, March 14, 4:30-7:30pm: CFGB Annual Perogy & Sausage Supper** at the Brian King Centre in Warman. This is a fundraiser for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. By donation.

***Festival of Choirs, March 16, 2:30 pm** - RJC Chorale, Canadian Mennonite University Singers and The Station Singers of Rosthern are excited to be part of the Festival of Choirs event at Third Avenue United Church on Sunday, March 16. This annual event with CMU is growing each year, and enjoyed a huge audience last year with the move to Third Avenue. Admission is free; a collection will be taken in support of both RJC and CMU. Don't miss this event!

***Tuesday, March 18** - 5:00-7:00 - Youth Farm Bible Camp's annual Vereniki and Sausage Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by Donation.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 2, 7:00 pm at RJC. An evening of great music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (an all-male choir from Saskatoon directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir directed by Richard Janzen. Included in the evening will be a **dessert auction**. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

*Please have all submissions for the **March newsletter** in to the church office by Wednesday, February 26th.

*The Deacons would like to update the **church Prayer Chain**. Please sign up on the bulletin board to be part of the 2014 chain.

***The “Rejoice” devotionals** have not yet arrived. Menno Media is following up with the printers. We hope to receive them soon.

***March 14-15: MC Sask’s 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions** are in Regina this year. One delegate per 25 members plus a Youth delegate are invited. **Registration forms are on the bulletin board and report books are now in the church office**. Please speak to Christy if you are able to serve as a delegate.

***MHSS Annual Meeting:** at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon : **Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 pm** and March 1, beginning at 9:30 am. Hear the Holdeman Mennonite Church choir, and speaker Bob Goodnough, who will tell their story Friday night. **Saturday, 9:30am is the business meeting**. Hear Richard Thiessen from Columbia Bible College in B.C. at 11:00 am and again at 1:30 pm. He will talk about archives and the importance of collecting stories and putting them on line. Lunch served. Free admission.

*Don't miss it! **Feast-and-Share Gathering, Tuesday, March 4**, at **Mennonite Central Committee**, 600 45th St. W at Ave. C
6 p.m. – Share a Potluck Supper (bring a dish if you wish)
7 p.m. – Presentation by Darlene Okemaysim-Sicotte and/or Myrna LaPlante, co-chairwomen of **Women Walking Together**, raising awareness of and working to prevent violence against Aboriginal women. Come, hear and support the efforts of these women!

***Choir Concert, March 6, 7:30 pm - RJC Chorale** will be guest performers at a concert at Rosthern Mennonite Church, along with Pembina Trails Voices from Winnipeg. Tickets at the door: \$5. See the bulletin board poster for more details.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Psalms 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Matthew 10:29-31

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:10-23 (selected)

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each one take care how they build upon it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that which is laid; which is Jesus Christ.... Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ...God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Let no one deceive themselves. If anyone among you think that they are wise in this age, let them become a fool that they may become wise....Let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.