

**\*MCC Connects:** Student Seminar Feb. 13-15, 2014  
**"Inconvenient" relationships? Indigenous rights, reconciliation, advocacy.** Join college/university students from across the country in Ottawa. You will take in sessions on indigenous rights, tour parliament, attend question period, and hear from many MCC partners and Members of Parliament. For more information, visit [mccottawa.ca/studentseminar](http://mccottawa.ca/studentseminar) . Contact Myriam Ullah at [mullah@mccs.org](mailto:mullah@mccs.org) to inquire about travel subsidies.

**\*RJC Winter Theatre** - Friday & Saturday, January 17 & 18, 7:30 pm in the Pit Theatre. The Theatre Arts Class will present four short plays and a Musical Theatre excerpt from “Matilda - The Musical.” This is the final project for the class, and looks to be a very entertaining evening. Tickets are \$10. Call or email RJC (306 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)) to reserve your tickets.

**\*RJC Spend-A-Day, Jan. 17 &18, 2014.** Come spend a day at RJC to learn more about the school by attending several classes, enjoy great food and stay overnight in the dorms. Interested students in grades 8-11 may contact Valerie White for more information. (306 232-4222 or [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)) All student guests will attend the Winter Theatre performance Friday evening free of charge. Spend-A-Day will conclude with a Saturday brunch for attendees and their families. Please register by January 10, 2014.

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
 Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
 Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
 This week’s Nursery Care: Shelley Penner  
 Next week’s Nursery Care: Sarah Guenther  
 Sound: Abe Braun  
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, Lloyd Sawatzky

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# OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 January 12, 2014

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Sharing Our Story Stephanie Siemens

## GATHERING

**Call to Worship Blue/HWB #683 (in unison)**  
 Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #410 “Lord of Light”**  
**Green/SJ #54 “Longing for Light”**

Sharing  
 Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

## LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

**Hymn: Green/SJ #66 “If the war goes on”**

Offering and Offertory music  
**Offertory Prayer: Green/SJ #147**

Gospel lesson: Luke 14: 12-24

**Hymn: Green/SJ #69 “When the poor ones”**

Sermon: “Radical Hospitality” Dale Schiele

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## RESPONDING

\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #409 “What does the Lord Require”

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

### THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:00-8:30pm** “Do Art” for Grades 5 to 9 students
- **Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30pm** – **Worship Committee** meeting and **Education Committee** meeting
- **Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:00pm** – **Winter Study**; Prayer Week begins – Study Guide available

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**Mark your calendars:**

**Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm** – **Congregational discussion**

**Saturday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: Annual Business Meeting**, 9:30 am to noon

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### **Remember in Prayer**

**Sarah Hiebert, now at home, after starting medical treatments.**

**Please pray diligently for our Youth Ministry. Pray that we will see and grasp God’s leading and pray for all the Youth affected by this ministry.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***Tuesday, Jan. 14: 7:00- 8:30pm:** The Education and Missions & Service Committees invite Grades 5 – 9 students to come and bring a friend to “**Do Art!**”

\***Winter Study – Week of Prayer January 18-25**

\* Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 pm

\* Sunday, January 19 during worship service at 10:00 am. **The January 19<sup>th</sup> service will also include Communion.**

\* Monday-Saturday, Jan. 20-25 at 8:00 pm

\***Blanket Making for MCC** will take place at the church on January 20, 21 and January 27 & 28.

\*Ladies: a brand new year of **Heart to Heart** meetings is starting off on **Tuesday, January 21st**. We will be making blankets; so whether you are an experienced blanket maker or a rookie, come out and join the fun in support of this MCC project! We will start at 7:00 pm and will also have the opportunity to attend the Prayer Week prayer service at 8:00.

\***Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>:** **There will be a potluck lunch** after the worship service. Immediately following the potluck, there will be a **Bridal Shower for Chelsea Cox**; sponsored by the deacons.

\***Jan. 31 – Feb. 2: SMYO Sr. High Retreat** – If you are in grades 9- 12, and have questions about Life, Death, and Life after Death, then this year’s **Zombie Apocalypse** retreat is for you! *at Shekinah Retreat Centre, with Garth & Claire Ewert Fisher.* It will be a great weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning. Registration forms, and details are at [www.smyo.ca](http://www.smyo.ca), and be sure to check out the SMYO Facebook page for details about the *photo contest*. Deadline is **January 24**. You can also contact Kirsten Hamm directly at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or 306-249-4844.

## **Mennonite Church Canada Ministry Notes for Sunday, January**

**12th:** (ministry notes let you know what your financial support means to many people in Canada and around the world):

Your generosity to Mennonite Church Canada is helping young Mennonite churches in the Global South build capacity for their living and ministry needs through aquaponics operations and other entrepreneurial enterprises. Thank you for helping provide training that builds environmentally sound and economically sustainable futures.

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

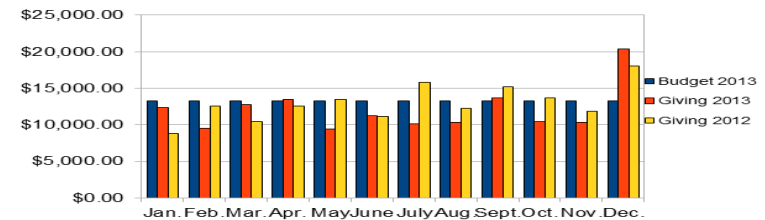
#### **Luke 14: 12-24**

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

15 One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup>At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." <sup>19</sup>Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." <sup>20</sup>Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." <sup>21</sup>So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." <sup>22</sup>And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." <sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."'

\***Catechism class** for senior youth will start Sunday, February 9. Gordon will be teaching this class, and interested adults are welcome to join.

\***General fund receipts for December** were \$20,408.72 bringing the total for 2013 to \$144,485.51. This is less than what we budgeted at 90.8% of our 2013 budget but it did allow us to meet all expenses with a small carry-over. Details will be shown in your annual report book. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



\***The Student Bursary fund** was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who will be attending one of our church schools. A once in a lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student will be made available for as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify the applicant or its parents must be members of Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. If you feel you qualify this year, please fill out the application form available from the office.

\*The **2014 church directory** will be compiled soon. If you have any **address changes, or phone number and email changes**, please let the church office know. It would be appreciated if updates or corrections for students and other members and adherents who live "away" could also be provided to the church office.

\***MDS: Our response in High River is up and running!** We're looking for volunteers to serve for a week or more between Jan 20 and Feb 15. We are also in need of a few more crew leaders, who would be willing to serve for a few weeks at a time throughout this winter and spring. Call 1-866-261-1274 for more information.

\*Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>, Mark Bigland-Pritchard and Jan Bigland-Pritchard will be presenting a **6 week Academy of Discipleship course on Christian responses to the climate crisis**. The course will look at the science, the policy and biblical material on the impending crisis, on care for creation, repentance, hope and more. See the Course Programme on the bulletin board. To register by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, email [janbp.ststepens@sasktel.net](mailto:janbp.ststepens@sasktel.net) or phone: 306-374-4066

\***Bethany Manor** is seeking a full-time Housing Coordinator. See the bulletin board for details. Deadline for applications: Jan. 24/14

\***God has blessed the ministry of MCC for over 94 years**. In Saskatchewan we are celebrating **50 years** of faith in action. Join us in thanksgiving by submitting your personal or family's MCC story. These stories should be no longer than 1000 words and will be posted online at <http://mhss.sk.ca/MCCsk/> & stored in a binder at the MCCS office. Please send your submissions to [leonarddoell@mccs.org](mailto:leonarddoell@mccs.org).

\***Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Summer Youth Program**. MDS has an exciting one week service opportunity for youth this summer. MDS provides meaningful disaster repair work, an opportunity to learn the effects of disasters on those who are survivors, accommodations and meals. Youth have the opportunity to serve by repairing houses so the owners can move back home, learn about a new place, learn new skills, make new friends, and spend time with other youth in their church. This year we have opportunities in 3 different locations: High River AB, Midwest USA, or New York City. Please see the attachment for find further information about these opportunities as well as a registration form. Please note that registration forms are due by February 7, 2014.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

\***CMU Employment Opportunities: Director of Development / Outtown Site Leaders** View full job descriptions at [cmu.ca/employment.html](http://cmu.ca/employment.html) and direct inquiries to the Director of Human Resources at [drobson@cmu.ca](mailto:drobson@cmu.ca) or 204-487-3300.

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\***Campus Visit Day / January 31 / 8:45 - 3:00 PM / 500 Shaftesbury Blvd** Investigating universities? Attend CMU Campus Visit Day **January 31**. CMU has small classes and a welcoming, dynamic community. The day will focus on School of Music and Business and include scheduled, organized activities. **Travel assistance is available**. For more details visit [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca) or email [info@cmu.ca](mailto:info@cmu.ca) to register.

\***RSB International Study Tour: Europe / April 27 - May 11, 2014** Join the CMU Redekop School of Business for an exciting 2-week study tour looking at business, politics and culture in Europe. Visit [cmu.ca/business.php?s=studytour](http://cmu.ca/business.php?s=studytour) for more details.

\***Consider Canadian School of Peacebuilding / June 16 – 27, 2014** Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – and participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca)



**Mennonite Church Canada**

**Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for Palmer Becker (Waterloo North Mennonite Church) as he teaches at Bethlehem Bible College in Palestine on a Mennonite Church Canada assignment from January through March.
- Dan Nighswander and Yvonne Snider Nighswander (Jubilee MC, Wpg.) are beginning a two month assignment teaching and assisting the library at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India. Pray for wisdom and energy for this short term posting.
- Pray for the Future Directions Task Force as it meets in Ontario next week to continue the work of discerning God's leading for the church in the coming years.