

***MCC Connects:** 50 Years of Faith in Action. Which ethnic groups are represented in your family? How many of your family came as refugees to Canada? Come help us celebrate refugees and those who hosted these newcomers in Saskatchewan. You are invited to **Grace Mennonite Church, 2935 Pasqua Street, Regina, TODAY at 2:30 p.m.**

*Pray for the planners of Native Assembly as they spend July preparing to receive guests from across Mennonite Church Canada and USA from July 28 – 31 in Wpg. Ask God for traveling mercies and for healing of the nations as native and non-native persons meet together under the theme of “Ears to Earth, and Eyes to God.”

*Mennonite World Conference is preparing to gather in 2015, and you can help! Pray for planners and participants, that they will feel the Spirit’s movement as they come together and share during this time. You can also support the assembly fund individually or as a congregation so that people from all over the world will be able to attend (mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Dan Schellenberg/Liam Boldt
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 13, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Our story: From delegates at MC Canada Assembly

GATHERING

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB # 51 “Let the whole creation cry”
Blue/HWB # 96 “We plow the fields and scatter”**

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: Green/SJ #27 “God of the Bible”

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymn: Blue/HWB # 226 “You are salt for the earth”

Sermon "Listening to the Sower" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

*Hymn: Purpe/SS # 72 "We are often tossed and driv'n"

*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.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

The blank, coloured papers in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

THIS WEEK

- **Monday to Friday, July 14-18, 9:00 –11:30am - VBS**
 - **Tues, July 15: 7:30-9:30pm - Youth: "Summer Tuesdays"**
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Remember in your Prayers

Abe Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***It's VBS Week! Monday – Friday, July 14-18, 9-11:30am** – All children from age 4 to those going into Grade 6, are invited to OMC Vacation Bible School this week.

Kids: come for stories, drama, music, games, snacks and have lots of fun while we "*Give and Receive God's Great Love!*" Bring a friend! Parents: Any questions? Please speak to Shelley Penner.

*Wilf Buhler, Ben Buhler, Art Zacharias, and Gordon Martens are leading worship services at the Youth Farm Nursing Home and at the Home for the Aged in Rosthern this morning.

***Gordon will be on vacation** from July 14 to July 27. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care.

***Summer Tuesdays for Youth: (July 8 – Aug 19, 7:30-9:30 pm)** All youth are invited to weekly informal gathering time at the church on Tuesday evenings this summer. Drop in, hang out, play basketball, ping-pong or come for a chat over a cup of tea.

***Church yard maintenance:** Thank you Lloyd, for looking after the church yard this week. Doug is scheduled for grass-cutting the week ending July 20th. There are still opportunities available to sign up and take a turn maintaining the yard and the flower beds.

*The family of **Tina Dyck** would like to invite you to an **80th Birthday Celebration** for Tina on Saturday July 19th at The Barn Playhouse. There will be a program at 4:00 pm and Supper at 5:00 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Colleen at 306-239-4600 or email: barn239@aol.com by Monday July 14, 2014.

***Midsummer Music is coming to OMC!** Plan to be here **Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.** as Keith Boldt (Tenor), his wife, Merel Kriegsmann (Soprano) and accompanist, Sandra Horst, bring us an evening of music and song. Coming home from Leipzig, Germany and Toronto for a family visit, they will be sharing their gifts with us and raising money for the Osler Mennonite Church general fund. Admission by donation. Invite everyone you know!

*Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca : **Middle East Study Tour April 29 - May 18 2015** A CMU study tour to Israel deliberately focuses on the Holy Land both as the ancient land of the Bible, but also as a land of contemporary conflict. Visit cmu.ca/met2015 for details.

* Congratulations to Teresa Loewen on the birth of a boy, Morrison Valour Bird, 6 lb. 1 oz., born Sunday, July 6th.

*MDS Update: Mennonite Disaster Service is responding to flooding. MDS thanks all the volunteers who have helped clean and gut homes in the Gainsborough, SK area. The work there is nearly complete. MDS is in close contact with Emergency Measures Operations and is assessing where and how to best help in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Given the nature of the flooding, the needs arise quickly. If you are able to volunteer in the coming 2 weeks, please call the MDS Office at 866-261-1274 to receive the latest information. Thank you for ongoing volunteer, financial and prayer support.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 The Parable of the Sower

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

The Parable of the Sower Explained ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'