

**\*MCC Connects:** 50 years of Faith in Action at MCCS. On Aug 17, 1:30pm at Spruce River Farm (20km north of PA, HWY 2) MCCS Aboriginal Neighbours program will celebrate 50 years of working with Aboriginal people. You are invited to be part of this special occasion that will include storytelling and good food.

**\*Tim & the Glory Boys** is an upbeat, bluegrass worship band that Kirsten saw while attending YC in Edmonton, AB. After hearing they were doing a Western Canada tour and didn't have a location in the Saskatoon area yet, it didn't take long before she had them booked and had found a co-sponsor to help cover the costs of the event. This is going a great evening, they call it a 'worship hoedown', and if you are a fan of banjos, a wearer of plaid, grow a beard, or just enjoy quality music and worship, you are going to love these guys! **The November 8<sup>th</sup> concert at the Legends Center in Warman is free, but tickets MUST BE RESERVED at [www.gracesask.com/concert](http://www.gracesask.com/concert) and we would recommend reserving them soon, as almost half of the available 400 are gone already!** More information is available on the SMYO website and Facebook page, feel free to contact Kirsten at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or (306) 249- 4844 ext. 2, if you have any questions.

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Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Sound: Chris Buhler  
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 27, 2014

*The Early Church, Our Church – a seven week worship series*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship**

One: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary;  
Come all who yearn for forgiveness.

**Many: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,  
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

One: Drink deeply of these living waters.

**All: *Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.***

Invocation

#### **\*Hymns**

#### **Prayer of Confession: Blue/HWB #691**

Words of Assurance:

Be assured, children of God! God does forgive our sins that we may be empowered to overcome temptation and enabled to love one another as Jesus first loved us.

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

## LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

### Hymn

Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory Prayer

New Testament lessons: Acts 11:19-30; Galatians 2:11-14

### Hymn

Sermon

Jake Buhler

## RESPONDING

### \*Hymn

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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*Focus Statement: Diversity in the church is a great joy when people contribute their various gifts to the body. It is an even greater joy when that body reaches out to others in generosity. We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.*

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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.

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**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.

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### THIS WEEK

- Youth "Summer Tuesday", July 29: 7:30-9:30pm

## Remember in your Prayers

Abe Braun

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### Announcements

\*Only 3 days til **Midsummer Music comes to OMC!** Please come and bring all your family and friends! **Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.** - Keith Boldt (Tenor), his wife, Merel Kriegsmann (Soprano) and accompanist, Sandra Horst, will 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 our church. Everyone is Welcome!

\*Congratulations to Theresa Loewen on the recent birth of a son, Morrison Bird. **The Deacons invite members of the congregation to help Theresa and her 4 sons by bringing meals** – either frozen or ready to eat. Please see the bulletin board for Theresa's phone number and address and it is recommended you call ahead. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

\***Church yard maintenance:** Thank you Margaret, Jake and Diana for cleaning up flower beds recently. And thanks to Bruce and Garry for looking after the church yard this week and next.

\***Youth: Summer Tuesdays continue till August 19, 7:30-9:30 pm.** All youth are invited to weekly informal gathering time at the church on Tuesday evenings this summer. Bring your friends, drop in, hang out, play basketball, ping-pong or come for a chat over a cup of tea.

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\*All the news about Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014 (Wild Hope) including daily Assembled News, recorded live stream video, photo galleries, keynote speakers' material, and more!  
<http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014>.

**\*Applications for students** wanting to go to a Post Secondary Mennonite School (CMU, CBC or Conrad Grebel) should have their applications for this Mennonite Trust Scholarship for \$250 in to Kirsten Hamm **by July 31st!** Also the Mennonite Church Sask scholarships of \$500 for students going to RJC, CMU, CBC, AMBS and Conrad Grebel also need to have those applications in to Kirsten by July 31st. Application forms are on the bulletin board.

**\*Mennonite Disaster Service is responding to flooding.**

MDS thanks all the volunteers who helped clean and gut homes from July 14-19 in Gainsborough, KS. MDS is in discussion with Moosomin and Yorkton authorities about the possibility of responding beginning this coming week. If you are able to volunteer for a day or more please register with the MDS Office at 866-261-1274 so we can get volunteers in as quickly as possible. Overnight housing will be available. Thank you for ongoing support.

**\*Prayer request for the people of Gaza and Israel:** In the wake of the terrible violence unfolding in Gaza and in Israel, we, as a historic Peace Church deeply lament the military action which has devastated so many lives. We lament that organized violence has again caused such destruction and death in this contested region. As of July 22 reports indicate that around 600 Palestinians and around 27 Israeli soldiers have already been killed in this war. UNRAWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, reports that over 118,000 people have been displaced and are seeking refuge. *Please continue to pray for an immediate end to the conflict in Gaza and the military aggression from both sides. Pray for the many people of Gaza and Israel whose lives have been devastated by military action. Pray for leaders of Israel, Palestine, and also our Canadian leaders, that they would seek diplomatic solutions that could lead to a lasting peace and reconciliation without the domination of one side over the other.*

**\*Planning for the SMYO trek to the Mennonite World Conference 2015 Assembly** has begun! An information evening is being planning for Friday, September 19 (right before the Jr. High Retreat). More information will be available soon, but please plan to attend the meeting if you are interested in coming or sending your youth.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**Acts 11:19-30**

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews.<sup>20</sup> But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.<sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.<sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;<sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,<sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.  
27 At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.<sup>28</sup> One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.<sup>29</sup> The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;<sup>30</sup> this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

**Galatians 2:11-14**

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned;<sup>12</sup> for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction.<sup>13</sup> And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.<sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'