

***MCC Connects:** In Bosnia & Herzegovina, 950,000 people have been displaced due to flooding – a number greater than the people displaced during the 1991-96 civil war. Currently MCC is working with partners to determine the response to urgent humanitarian needs (e.g. food, water, non-food items) and psychosocial support. MCC is urgently asking for relief and hygiene kits and blankets.

***RJC Year-End Musical, June 20 & 21, 7:30 pm.** RJC is pleased to present “**The Sound of Music**” as its June musical. Tickets are \$15 ea. Reserve tickets by calling the RJC Office at 306 232-4222.

***RJC Alumni Banquet, Saturday, June 21, 6:00 pm,** in the RJC dining hall. We are delighted to invite all alumni and friends of RJC to join us to fellowship together. Adults \$12.00, children 12 and under \$10.00. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) or RJC office (office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222) to register by June 16.

***RJC Graduation, June 22, 2014.** Everyone is invited. The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church and Graduation Exercises at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium.

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg
Scripture reader: Shelley Penner
This week’s Nursery Care: Charlie Clark
Next week’s Nursery Care: Sarah Guenther
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Russ Friesen

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
June 1, 2014

Ascension Sunday

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

One: At the presence of God, we rejoice:
All: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.
One: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:
All: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.
One: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:
All: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #285 “All hail the power of Jesus name”**
Green/SJ #13 “My soul is filled with joy”

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Edna Zacharias

Hymn: Purple/SS #116 “I saw a tree by the riverside”

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

Psalter Lesson – Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Lesson from Acts – Acts 1:6-14

Hymn: Blue/HWB #544 “When we walk with the Lord”

Sermon: “Isaac Newton” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***HWB: Blue/HWB #362 “Help us to help each other”**

*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.

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.

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, June 4, 7:30pm – Missions & Service Committee meeting**
- **Thursday, June 5, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**
- Next Sunday, June 8 is Pentecost Sunday.

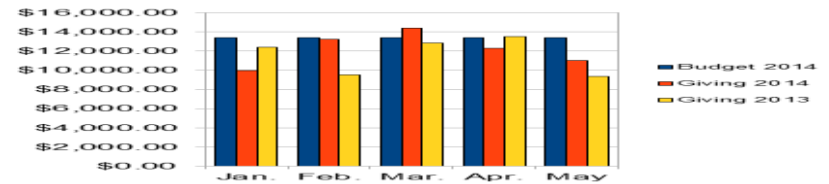
Remember in your Prayers

Abe Braun and Sarah Hiebert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We will be hosting a Chinese pastor and translator and they will be with us in the Osler area May 31-June 2 and June 7-9. The pastor’s name is You Qin and the interpreter is Sumei Fang.

*General fund receipts for the month of May were \$11,022.35 bringing our total for 2014 to \$60,882.84. This is 37.8% of our approved budget for the year after 41.4% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



*Harry and Eva Martens wish to invite everyone to their **50th Wedding Anniversary “Come & Go”** to be held in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, June 8 from 6:00 -9:00 pm. Program at 7:00pm. Gifts are gratefully declined.

***Next Sunday, June 8th will be a special children’s Sunday School** time of gathering and games, as that will be the last regular Sunday of children’s Sunday school till September. Don’t forget the church picnic the following Sunday, June 15th.

***Sunday, June 15, 10:00am – Church picnic at OMC** Everyone is asked to bring hot dogs to roast and buns, as well as finger food to share. The lunch committee will supply beverages, condiments and ice cream. (It will also be a “loose change” Sunday.)

***The MCC Relief Sale** in Saskatoon is quickly approaching--June 13 and 14!! Our church is once again volunteering at the **verenicke booth**, working the 1 to 3 shift on Saturday. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board; we are looking for about 14 people if possible. Our Youth will work the Pop & Ice Cream booth from 11:45 - 2:30.

***Fresh baked goods are needed for the MCC Sale** on June 13 and 14. All items for the Bake Table should be brought to the Sale before 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. To volunteer at the Bake Table please call Bev Janzen at 232-5619. Thank you.

***Volunteer Servers:** Bethany Manor is looking for volunteer servers to help serve meals. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Natasha Brandt at 306-380-7920.

***Donation Opportunity - Bethany Manor Housing Assistance Fund:** A generous donor will match, to a total of \$50,000, your donation to the Bethany Manor Housing Assistance Fund. The fund helps residents with limited income and assets to pay rent and other housing expenses. Contact Bethany Manor at (306)242-9019 and ask for Bonnie, or email bonnie@b55.ca



*We want to see you at Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014 so badly, that we're entering **every online, fully paid up registrant** into a draw for one of three prizes: Lunch with Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, in your town or city; a mini tablet pre-loaded with the top 10 downloadable resources from the Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre; Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry Study Kit (see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2333). Register at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014> and click on the ONLINE REGISTRATION link.

*Join with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians from across North America for Native Assembly July 28-31 (Wpg.). The theme is *Ears to Earth and Eyes to God*. For info and registration, visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014>. All are welcome to celebrate God's goodness across the nations.

***Bridal Tea at OMC:** Sunday, June 22, 3:00pm –Ladies, please bring one or **several pictures from your mother's wedding and/or your own** to Stephanie as soon as possible – or please email them to her. Steph needs those memorable photos to put together a slide show for our June 22nd Bridal Tea. We will need you to bring wedding dresses on the 22nd – your mother's dress and or your own. They will be displayed (and hopefully some of them modelled!) There will be a cake auction and more! Invite your mom, your sisters, your friends, to join the fun. If you have questions, please speak to Loretta, Christy, Leslie, Adeline, Deanna or Stephanie.

***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!

*The MCSask VBS Troupe will again be leading the program and activities at our VBS. **The Education Committee is looking for someone to be the on-site DVBS contact for the week of July 14 – 18.** Please speak to Shelley P. or any member of the Education Committee: Jake, John R., Kevin and Lacey.

*Some older books have been culled from the **library** and are in the spare Sunday School classroom. **Please help yourself.** Leftover books will be recycled.

***Sign Up Sheets** – There are still a number of weeks available to sign up to look after yard maintenance (mowing and trimming) and the flower beds and planted areas in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street. Thank you! - OMC Trustees.

*The blank, coloured paper 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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Need a change from work or school? **Outtatown** is an opportunity to travel to one of three international locations: Guatemala, South Africa and Burkina Faso, learn about God, and make lifelong friends. Space available for Sept 2014. Learn more and apply at Outtatown.com.

*It's not too late to apply to attend the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 16 – 20 & June 23– 27 at CMU**. Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners, and those new to peacebuilding. Participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 68

¹ Let God rise up, let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee before the Lord. ² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. ³ But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to God who rides upon the clouds - his name is the Lord—be exultant before God.

⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in God's holy habitation. ⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in; God leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah* ³³ O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, the Lord sends out God's voice, God's mighty voice. ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

³⁵ Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, the God of Israel; the Lord gives power and strength to God's people. Blessed be God!

Acts 1:6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that the Lord may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to God's eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To God be the power for ever and ever. Amen.