

**\*MCC Connects:** On March 8th a honour walk for residential school survivors begins at Stoney Knoll (near Laird) to Edmonton (TRC event March 27-30). Join us at Laird Lutheran Church at 10am -2pm, to learn about the Young Chippewyan genealogy project and enjoy a meal together as well as bless the walkers as they begin. RSVP by March 6 to Leonard Doell at 306.665.2555 or [leonarddoell@mccs.org](mailto:leonarddoell@mccs.org). Follow the walkers' journey at [honourwalk.ca](http://honourwalk.ca)

**\*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](http://www.prairiewindsretreat.com). Space is limited - register soon.

\*The March 2014 **PrayerNet** from Mennonite Church Canada is now posted on the far bulletin board. The current **MDS Update** is also posted with urgent needs and opportunities to volunteer.

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg  
Scripture reader: Steve Guenther  
This week's Nursery Care: MaryAnn Braun  
Next week's Nursery Care: Diana Buhler  
Sound: Chris Buhler  
Ushers: Dick Braun, Karl Martens-Funk

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 2, 2014

*Transfiguration Sunday*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to worship**

One: We gather as the faithful of God,  
we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

**All: God has invited us to this place;  
may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

One: We gather as the faithful of God,  
people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

**All: We boldly enter into the presence of God,  
hoping to be transformed into new people.**

One: We gather as the faithful of God,  
our fears melting away in the heart of God.

**All: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,  
we come to praise God's holy name.**

Invocation

#### **\*Hymns**

Sharing  
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Wilf Buhler

## Hymn

Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory Prayer

Old Testament lesson: Exodus 24:12-18  
Gospel lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

## Hymn

Sermon: "Public Secret" Gordon Allaby

### RESPONDING

## \*Hymn

\*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

- **Wednesday, March 5, 8:00pm – Youth Parents** planning meeting
- **Thursday, March 6, 7:30pm - Church Council** meeting
- **Saturday, March 8, Youth – 6:00pm- See announcement details:** skating and Osler Cafe

## Remember in your Prayers

**Stephanie Siemens, as she drives to eastern Canada this week. Michelle McKinnell, who will be having surgery on Tuesday. Also, continue to pray for Abe Braun, Linda Doell, Sarah Hiebert, our Youth and Leslie Allaby's father, Mike Myers. Haylee Wall's parents also thank everyone for their continued prayer support as Haylee undergoes more treatments.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Celebration of Life:** A service to celebrate the life of the late Harvey Friesen, brother of Deanna Reddekopp, will take place this coming Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Osler Mennonite Church beginning at 11 a.m.

**\*Youth: Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: Skating/sledding and Osler Restaurant.** Meet at Osler rink at **6 pm**. Bring skates, sleds and money, because after skating, we will walk to Osler Restaurant at 7:00pm. Parents: Pick up around 9 pm at Osler Restaurant.

**\*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.

**\*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.**

\*Copies of an **At-Home Lent resource** from Mennonite Church Canada are now available in the foyer to take home.

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

**\*\*"Rejoice" devotionals:** Menno Media is following up on shipping of our devotionals and we hope to receive word on them soon.

\***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.



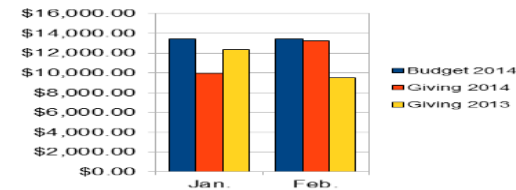
\* Pray for peaceful resolution of tensions in the Ukraine and safety for all, including Mennonite Church Canada partners: Zaporizhzhе Mennonite Church, Pastor Sergey and Lena Deynekin in Kherson, and Mary Raber, a partner through Mennonite Mission Network.

\*Registration is underway for Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season. It takes place July 3-6 in Winnipeg. Find more information and register at [home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014). All are welcome!

\*Call for Visual Artists: The Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery invites artists to submit artworks for consideration for a national exhibition to take place during the assembly. More info at: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2271](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2271). **Deadline is May 31.**

\***St. Thomas More College is holding a one-day conference March 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2014, 8:30am-5pm, titled *Respect, Reconciliation and Renewal: Exploring the Future of Indigenous / Christian Relations*. The conference will be held at the College on the University of Saskatchewan campus. See the bulletin board for more information or contact: Gertrude Rompré, Director of Mission and Ministry, St. Thomas More College 306-966-8929

\*General fund receipts for January and February were \$9,963.80 and \$13,219.04 respectively for a total of \$23,182.84 so far in 2014. This is 14.4% of our approved budget for the year after 16.2% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



\* **Custodian** - As Sarah 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. 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), who hope to hear from you soon.

\*Next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is the **first Sunday of Lent**.

\***Lent** is quickly approaching. **Our theme will be: “Encountering God: What have we witnessed?”** Is encountering something *we* do? Or is the word an adjective describing an attribute of *God*? This season invites us to reflect on encounters with the encountering God who changes lives. The second part of our theme, “What have we witnessed?” also has a double focus: both what we have *seen* (been witness of) and what we have *told* others about (witnessed to).

\***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.

**\*Tonight: RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction -** 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!

**\*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.

**\*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.

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

**\*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!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’ <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’