

***MCC Connects:** *Uprooted: finding roots in new places.*
Uprooted is a 3 week learning tour for young adults ages 18-25 looking for meaningful adventure. Travel as a team along the Northern & Southern borders of Mexico to learn about migration and peacebuilding. Application and deposit deadline March 14. Find more details at mccsk.ca/uprooted

***"A celebration of music"** - *Sonrisa Womens Choir* with guests *A Buncha Guys* - Sunday March 30, 2:30 pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets: adults \$10, students & seniors \$8, children free at the door or in advance through choir members.

***Saskatoon MEDA Supper Event:** Thursday April 10th at Bethany Manor, Reception at 6PM Supper 6:30. Marion Good from Waterloo is guest speaker.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert:** Sunday, April 6th at 7:00 at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
This week's Nursery Care: Diana Buhler
Next week's Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
Sound: Dan Schellenberg
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 9, 2014

*Lent One – Encountering God: What have we witnessed . . .
in temptations?*

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

ENCOUNTERING

Chiming to Worship and a silent reflection

Call to worship

One: Lord, we come before you veiled in weakness and frailty;

Many: grant us strength and instruct us in your ways.

One: Lord, we stumble into your presence;

Many: grant us refuge from the raging storms of life.

One: Lord, we want to witness your redeeming love and strength

All: Grant us pure hearts as we worship you now.

Invocation

***Hymn: Green/ SJ #100 “Here I am”**

Old Testament lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Confessing our sin

One: I am the parent going to bed hungry so that my child can eat;
the client at the food bank and not one of its volunteers; I
hold my plate in my hands at the refugee center, and fight in
front of the Red Cross truck that brings the grain and the rice.

Right: The serpent says, “Turn this stone into bread.”

Left: Think of all the people we could feed!

One: I am one of the underemployed, the unemployed, a worker denied a living wage, an immigrant denied status, a prisoner denied a fair trial.

Right: The serpent says, “Let me give you all the power of the kingdom”

Left: Think of all the injustices we could right!

One: I am one of those who have died too young, who died from violence in my street, in my city, in my school, in my marketplace, in my country, who died from fists and knives and guns and bombs and drones.

Right: The serpent says, “You have dominion over death.”

Left: Think of all the life we could protect!

One: We want to be wise, to have our eyes fully opened, to know all our secrets of the universe and of ourselves.

Right: The serpent says, “There is nothing that will be unknown to you.”

Left: Think of all the good we could do for the world!

All: We fail to see the dark shadow. We do not recognize that our desire for abundance, power and knowledge is a desire for ourselves, not for others. We are without understanding. Lord, hear our prayer. (silence)

Claiming our assurance:

One: The Lord is our hiding place; God preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

All: Steadfast love surrounds us; for we trust in the Lord. We are the blessed whose transgressions have been forgiven.

Hymn: Purple/SS # 80 “Jesus walked this lonesome valley”

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

WITNESSING

Gospel lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Drama and Children’s Time

Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #585 “In your sickness”

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #439 “I want Jesus to walk with me”

Sermon: “Temptation” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #567 “How firm a foundation”**

*Benediction: We have encountered God’s provision of strength in time of temptation. Let us go then as witnesses to God’s redeeming and steadfast love, on the lookout in the week ahead for how God is offering the blessing of grace to all people.

**Please rise*

Focus Statement: We encounter God in times of temptation. We acknowledge our frailty and the ways we have closed our eyes to God. We witness Jesus resisting temptation, and we open ourselves to God’s redemption and provision of strength.

We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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

- **Tuesday, March 11, 7:00pm – “Heart to Heart”**
- **Wednesday, March 12, 7:30pm – Worship Committee meeting**
- **Thursday, March 13, 7:30pm, Deacons meeting**

***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.

***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.

***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. Free admission - a collection will be taken in support of both RJC and CMU.

***MDS FAMILY PROJECT** – This summer there will be an opportunity for families with children to get involved with MDS in Alberta! We'll be building cabins at Camp Valaqua, and we're looking for 4 families each week from July 20 – Aug 16. Families will bring their own RV or tent, and MDS will provide meals, tools and leadership. For more information contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 1-866-261-1274 or epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.



Prayer Requests: Pray with and for the church:

*** Indian Residential School Survivors Honour Walk:** Four Winnipeggers are walking from Stoney Knoll, Sask. to Edmonton, Alta. March 7-26, arriving in time to attend the final Truth and Reconciliation event. Pray for energy, strength and opportunity as they walk to raise awareness for improved relations among host and settler people. More information at: <http://www.honourwalk.ca/>

- **Friday & Saturday – MC Sask Annual Delegate sessions in Regina**

Remember in your Prayers

Michelle McKinnell and Sarah Hiebert, recovering from surgery.
Edna and Art Zacharias – Edna's brother Bob Pauls passed away and his funeral will be here at OMC on Tuesday, March 11, 1:00pm. **Also, continue to pray for Abe Braun, Linda Doell, Haylee Wall.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Heart to Heart Women's group** will meet on Tuesday, **March 11, 7:00 pm.** Our study on the Sermon on the Mount will conclude with **sharing a meal (note the earlier time)** and continuing our discussion.

***March 14-15: MC Sask's 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions** are in Regina next weekend. The worship focus is Generosity of Spirit and Dori Zerbe Cornelson is our guest speaker. *Report books are available in the church office.*

Looking ahead:

***Next Sunday, March 16** is a Loose Change Sunday

***Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm** “Do Art” for Gr 4-9

***Friday, March 21, 7:30pm - Deacons Movie Night.** Popcorn, movie and great fun for everyone, including youth. We will be showing the movie: “Despicable Me 2”.

***Sunday, March 30, noon – Potluck lunch**

***Our Lenten 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).

***Lent Banner:** Our Junior Youth have prepared Lent worship banners that abstractly explore the spiritual power of the encounters being explored in worship. Please note the significance of the colors being used. **Yellow:** a primary color which represents God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. **Blue:** a primary color representing water, breath and wind. **Green:** the resulting encountered color from yellow and blue, it also represents new life, blessings and fertile land.

***If you have already handed in your completed Congregational survey, thank you!** All outstanding completed surveys should be placed in George Janzen's church mailbox as soon as possible.

*Rejoice! the **"Rejoice"** daily devotional guides have arrived! Copies are in the foyer and available to take home, along with copies of an **At-Home Lent resource** from Mennonite Church Canada.

****Ring in Spring with a Musical Thing": Saturday, March 29,** 7:30pm at OMC – a concert of stories and songs with Chelsea Cox, Andrew Hecker, Christine Hecker and Heather Macnab. Admission by donation with proceeds toward our piano repairs.

***Custodian** - The church needs a custodian from now until Sarah is able to return. 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 on a schedule. 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.

*Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan **Book Launch Today** – 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 2:15-17 ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded

the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Genesis 3:1-7 ³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4:1-11 ⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.