

***MCC Connects:** Celebrate community at the MCC Relief Sale & Auction on June 13-14! Join the volunteers and supporters at Prairieland Park to enjoy the ‘fun’ in fundraising for the international work of MCC. Visit mccsk.ca/reliefsale or call the Coordinators Armin and Edith Krahn at 306-384-1206 for ways that you can help.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 24** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes on-course contests and challenges, and a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. See www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, please contact Dan Richert at dan@rjc.sk.ca.

***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.

*The **Rejoice** Devotionals for June-August are now in the foyer and available to take home for your personal Bible study and meditation.

Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanists: Diana Buhler
Scripture Reader: Jake Buhler
This week’s Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
Next week’s Nursery Care: Diana Buhler
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Russ Friesen, Cornie Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 18, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship

One: Here we are Lord, your church, uncertain, on an ever changing journey.

Many: Show us your path.

One: Here we are, desiring to know your way.

Many: Guide us to follow you.

One: Here we are, desiring only your comfort.

Many: Help us to hear your voice.

All: Here we are, God; lead us according to your will.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #46 “I sing the mighty power of God”**
Purple/SS #57 “Go, my friends, in grace”

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time

Hymn: Green/SJ #23 “Slowly turning, ever turning”

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer:

All that we are and all that we have, are gifts from you, most generous Spirit. Unclench our hands from grasping, free our hearts from the need of having, and channel our work into sharing your generosity among all your children. Amen.

Old Testament lesson: Hosea 1:2-6; 11:1-9; and 14:1-2, 4-5

Hymn: Purple/SS #52 “Whatsoever you do”

Sermon: “One Surprise after Another” John H. Neufeld

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #336 “When peace like a river”**

*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

- **Saturday, May 24, 9:00am – Noon: Church Work Day**
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Remember in your Prayers

Please continue to remember those with health concerns, including Abe Braun and Sarah Hiebert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.

*Gordon will be off next Tuesday.

***Church Cleanup** - The annual **OMC work 'morning'** is next Saturday, May 24th, 9 am - 12 noon. We will try and accomplish outside work on the yard and plant beds - as well as many inside tasks including windows (in and outside) and general cleaning - so all are welcome!! Thanks in advance. The Trustees

***Save the Date!** Sunday, June 22, 3:00pm –Ladies, mark your calendars and then pull your mother's wedding dress or your own wedding dress out of the mothballs and plan to bring them to a **Bridal Tea at OMC!** In addition to displaying (and modelling) bridal dresses at the tea, a slide show of wedding pictures will be featured. *Don't miss this fun afternoon, brought to you by “Heart to Heart”*. In the meantime, all OMC women are asked to bring one or several **photos** of your wedding and/or your parents’ wedding to Stephanie Siemens or email them to her so she can put the slide show presentation together for June 22.

***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.

*The Education Committee is looking for a **co-ordinator for VBS** this summer. The MCSask VBS Troupe will again be leading the program and activities at OMC vacation bible school, but they need someone from our church as a contact person, to gather supplies, organize snacks and volunteers at the church. If you can help, please speak to Shelley Penner or any member of the Education Committee: Jake, John R., Kevin.

***VBS 2014** – MC Sask is once again putting together a Vacation Bible School troupe to provide churches with the opportunity to host this program in their communities. We are looking for 1 Troupe Leader, 3-4 Troupe Members, and 5-8 host congregations to help make this program happen. Check out the SMYO website (www.smyo.ca/vbs) for more information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office. Application forms for Troupe leader or Troupe member are now on the bulletin board.

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp is looking for volunteers** to help with a variety of responsibilities this summer. During the camp season we need helpers in the kitchen for meal preparation, as well as, others to wash dishes and tend to daily cleaning tasks. There are also some finishing jobs left on the church building and landscaping we hope to finish before or during the camping season. These are great opportunities to join in the daily happenings at the camp by meeting some practical needs while connecting with the encouraging ministry of the Youth Farm. If you are interested in helping we would love to have you! Please contact us at holly@yfbc.ca or by calling 1-855-855-9322. We do have overnight accommodation available.

***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 begin at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium. Gather with us to celebrate this important time in the lives of our students, our school and our churches.

***A group of Chinese pastors** are coming to visit our area, and we would like to be a sponsoring church. Two things are required to make this happen:

1. We need to raise \$400 to help cover the local expenses for translators and activities. Please consider donating to this so that we can help sponsor their visit.
2. We need someone to host (provide lodging and food) for four nights and three days. (from May 30, when they arrive, to June 3, when they go to Shekinah). This would be for one pastor, and likely for the translator, too. Someone has already offered to host them when they return here the following weekend.

As a sponsoring church: they will attend our worship services (2); we can learn about them and their situation; we will show them our area and situation, and they will learn about us. Please contact Gordon for more information or if you wish to be a host.

***Sign Up Sheets** - Trustees are again looking for volunteers 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. Last year the response to the Sign Up sheets was awesome. Nearly all weeks were covered and the yard always looked good. Please consider signing up again for whichever week(s) will suit you. Thank you in advance. - OMC Trustees.

***Have you ever wanted to spend time at Shekinah with campers?**

At camp, we rely heavily on those people who give of their time to feed us...both physically and spiritually... We still have 1 week to cook in the kitchen (Jr. Teen's 2: August 3 – 8)! If you'd like to come for a week in the kitchen, but this week doesn't work for you, we can probably make another week work for you! Please call Katie in the office (306-945-4929) for more details! Also: There is still room in both children's camps, and if you're hoping to come to Jr. Teen's camp, there is still lots of room August 3-8! But July 13-18 is filling up quick... Register soon!

*We want to see you at Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014 (Winnipeg, July 3 – 6) 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* and all are welcome to celebrate God's goodness across the nations. Visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014> for info and registration.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hosea 1:2-6

²When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' ⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.'

Hosea 11:1-9

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I^{*} called them, the more they went from me;^{*} they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my^{*} arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.^{*} I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.^{*} ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.^{*}

Hosea 14:1-2

¹Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. ²Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to the Lord, 'Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips.'

Hosea 14:4-5

⁴I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. ⁵I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon.