

***MCC Connects:** Come celebrate community at the MCC Relief Sale & Auction on June 13-14! Join volunteers and supporters at Prairieland Park at **9:30am on the 14th to celebrate 50 years of MCC in Saskatchewan!** Visit mccsk.ca/reliefsale.

***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.

***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. Also, the most recent **MDS Update** is also posted with LOTS of opportunities to serve!

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg
This week's Nursery Care: Diana Buhler
Next week's Nursery Care: Sarah Buhler
Sound: Dick Braun
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 25, 2014

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Voices 1: We are witnesses and storytellers;

We are part of the unfolding tale of faith.

**Voices 2: Precious words and sacred memories
are carried by every one of us.**

**Voices 1: If we “go and tell what we have seen and heard”
Each one of us can recite a chapter, a verse, a
paragraph.**

**Voices 2: When we risk spinning these yarns,
When we listen and speak,
When we carefully gather these fragments up...**

All voices: We discover that there is good news all over again.

Invocation

O God, we invoke you to come into our midst here at Osler Mennonite Church to help us search for the known but sometimes the unknown god. May we strip away the memorized words we sometimes speak and replace them with fresh, new, and meaningful sentences about you. May those words be as new to us today as they were for the Greeks more than twenty centuries ago. Come, Lord Jesus, show us the unknown god so that this god can become our God. Amen.

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #81** “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”
Blue/HWB # 55 “Let’s sing unto the Lord”

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: Green/SJ # 46 “O breathe on me, O breath of God”

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

New Testament lesson: Acts 17:22-31
Old Testament lesson: Psalm 66:8-20

Hymn: Blue/HWB #514 “Lord, I am fondly, earnestly”

Sermon: “To an unknown god” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***HWB: Blue/HWB #538** “Lead me, Lord”

*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

- **Friday, May 30: Youth get-together** - Meet at the church at 7:00pm for rides to Boldts’ farm. Returning at 10:00pm.

Remember in your Prayers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Newsletter submissions** are welcome and any for the June newsletter need to be in to the church office by Wed. May 28, 9am.

***Friday, May 30, 7pm-10pm : OMC Youth Event**

OMC Youth (Jr. and Sr.) are having an evening to celebrate James and Kathryn's upcoming wedding. Invite your friends for an awesome evening of food and games out at the Boldt residence! Meet at the church at 7pm for rides.

***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.

***Bridal Tea at OMC!** Sunday, June 22, 3:00pm –Ladies, please find your mother's wedding dress and/or your own wedding dress and plan to bring them to a Heart to Heart Bridal Tea at OMC! In addition to displaying (and modelling?!) bridal dresses at the tea, we will feature a slide show of wedding pictures as well. So, please **bring one or several photos of your wedding, and your parents’ wedding** to Stephanie or email them as soon as possible, to give her some time to prepare the slide show presentation. Thanks!

*There are only two more Sundays available to **sign up** on the bulletin board, please - to **bring Snack** and set up/clean up the **Gathering Time**, and then there will be a break until September.

*The **Annual meeting for the Warman MCC Thrift Shop** will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 7:00pm at the Thrift Store. All are welcome.

*MCCS Thrift Shops invite you to join us at the **Thrift Shop Fashion Show and Dessert Night** on Thursday, May 29, 7:30 pm at Forest Grove Community Church... an evening of fashion, desserts and silent auction in support of the building project at the Lanigan Thrift Shop. For more info or to purchase tickets (\$15/ea: advance purchase only) - call the MCCS office: 306-665-2555.

***Have you ever wanted to spend time at Shekinah with campers?** Camp relies heavily on people who give their time to feed us...both physically and spiritually... We still need a cook for 1 week (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! 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!

***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.

***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.

***Today: Warman Diamond Jazz band** is holding a Coffee House today at 2:30 pm at the Brian King Center with special guest, Maurice Druion. Donations will be accepted at the door.

*We will be hosting a Chinese pastor and translator, and they will be with us in the Osler area during the following days: May 31-June 2 and June 7-9. **Providing a lunch or supper for them** is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Christian situation in China and for the pastor to learn about us. Please let Gordon know if you'd like to host a meal or help show them around.

*The annual **church picnic** will be held on the church yard on Sunday, June 15th, 10am. After that Sunday, the children's Sunday School will take a break till September. Children's Sunday school is now on the final 3 week rotation of the Sunday School year and are learning: "**What is Faith?**"

*The MCSask **VBS Troupe** will again be leading the program and activities at our VBS, but they need someone from our church as a contact person; to gather supplies, organize snacks and volunteers at the church. **Can you help?** Please speak to Shelley P. or any member of the Education Committee: Jake, John R., Kevin.

*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.

***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.



*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.

***From Mennonite Church Canada:** Praise God for dedicated workers! Today, Macau Mennonite Church celebrates the 18 years of service George and Tobia Vieth have provided in and around Macau. Willard Metzger, Executive Director, and Gordon Janzen, Asia Ministry Director, are attending as part of a larger Asia trip.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 17:22-31 ²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, God who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor the Lord made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they

would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for God and find God—though indeed the Lord is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In God we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are God's offspring." ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because the Lord has fixed a day on which God will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalms 66:8-20 ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, ⁹who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹²you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. ¹³I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows, ¹⁴those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah* ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me. ¹⁷I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; God has given heed to the words of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God, because the Lord has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.

***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