

***MCC Connects:** MCC is requesting donations to support the people of South Sudan who are suffering trauma and extreme hunger as they flee an armed conflict in their new nation. MCC encourages prayer for the people of South Sudan. Financial donations, blankets and relief and hygiene kits are greatly appreciated. Contact 306.665.2555 or visit mccsk.ca to donate.

MCC Connects: Time to dust off the sneakers! The MCC Relief Sale and Auction - **Menno Mile** is June 14! Walkers, joggers, racers, friends, neighbours, and pets are all welcome! Registrations available at mccsk.ca Drop off or mail completed forms at: MCC Centre – 600 – 45th St W Saskatoon SK S7L 5W9. All proceeds support Relief Sale fundraising efforts

*The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is holding a **May Day Tea and Cake Walk on Thursday, May 8** from 2-4pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation. Proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing a new wall unit for the Nursing Home Auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanists: Mark BiglandPritchard
Scripture reader: Rachel Buhler
This week's Nursery Care: Jan Guenther
Next week's Nursery Care: Adeline Cox
Sound: Doug McKinnell
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 4, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship
Invocation: Blue/HWB #677 (unison)

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #25 “Jesus stand among us”
Blue/HWB #278 “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!”**

Sharing
Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children's Time
Children's song: "On the Emmaus Road" Kathryn Janzen

**“On the Emmaus Road” Chorus:
We're walking, walking, walking, walking on the Emmaus road.
We're talking, talking, talking, talking, sharing each other's
loads.**

**Someone came and walked with us, now who do you suppose
is walking, talking, walking with us on the Emmaus road?**

Hymn: Green/SJ #106 “Just a closer walk with thee”

Offering and Offertory music
Offertory Prayer

Gospel lesson: Luke 24:13-35
Lesson from Acts: Acts 2:36-38

Hymn: Blue/HWB #5 “There is a place of quiet rest”

Sermon: “Talisman, Icons and The Burning” Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Green/SJ #73** “The Lord lift you up”

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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

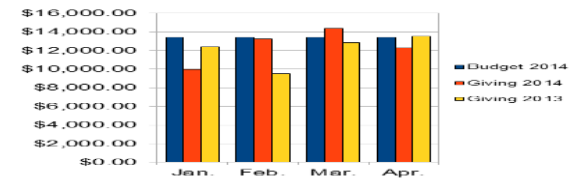
- **Thursday, May 8, 7:30pm – Deacons meeting**
- **Friday, May 9, 7:00pm – Youth –Bigger & Better**

Remember in your Prayers

Please remember the family of the late Haylee Wall, and those with health concerns, including Abe Braun and Sarah Hiebert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*General fund receipts for April were \$12,283.35 for a total of \$49,860.49 so far in 2014. This is 31.0% of our approved budget for the year after 32.9% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



***Friday, May 9 - Youth Group Event - Bigger & Better Night!**

Meet at the church at 7 p.m. for a town-wide activity followed by snacks and worship time at church. The Youth have been asked to help with the May 11th worship service so we'll prepare together for that, too. Hope to see you there!

***Next Sunday**, Craig Neufeld of Rosthern is preaching and will be sharing details, during the Sunday School time, about the Chinese pastors' visit to our area in June.

***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.

***Steve Heinrichs, director of Indigenous Relations for Mennonite Church Canada**, will be at **Nutana Park Church**, facilitating discussion about paths for peacemaking with the host peoples around us. Everyone is welcome to an intra-Mennonite event, facilitated by Steve on **Saturday, May 10, 7:00pm**. Adrian Jacobs, a pastor and Keeper of the Circle will join in as a conversation partner, sharing his experience of building bridges/relationships. Adrian is Cayuga, Six Nations...a very good man with a tender heart and lots of good stuff to share... We will provide dessert and put the coffee on.

***Saturday, May 10 - Touring Missionfest** is fast approaching. Tour Shekinah Retreat Center, Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, the Menno Home in Waldheim and Zoar Mennonite Church in Langham. The cost is \$50 and includes transportation, lunch and supper. Registration forms are on the bulletin board or at mcsask.ca.

***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.

***Saturday, May 10, 1:00pm** at RJC: RJC presents an afternoon of fun for Senior High School students, Grades 9-12: “**The Amazing Race – RJC Edition**.” For more information or to register, go to www.rjc.sk.ca or email val@rjc.sk.ca

*Mennonite Church Eastern Canada presents “**Theatre of the Beat**” at Mount Royal Mennonite Church on Friday, May 16, 7:30pm. “A Bicycle Built for Two”; a *playful* reflection on marriage. By donation.

*View **CMU’s 2014 Graduation highlights** via media.cmu.ca or “like” us on Facebook to view great event photos: facebook.com/CMUwinnipeg.

***Camperships** are available for youth and children to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. If you know of children from our congregation or community who are interested in going to camp, please review the Guidelines and submit an application. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Mission & Service Committee (Mark, John G, Jan, Wilf, Margaret D).

*The Trustees are looking for people to take turns **mowing the church yard** and cemetery again this summer, as well as volunteers to **weed and water the plant beds** by the church building and church sign. For your choice of weeks, sign up now – The Sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board.

***Today:** As the 50th anniversary celebrations for MCCS continues our congregation is invited to the next event in May. On **May 4, 3-6pm** at **Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert**, CCS will be celebrating the **restorative justice program** by honouring the work that has happened in *Person to Person (P2P)* and *Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)*. Come for faspas and stories. The program will include stories from Orville Andres, the first coordinator of P2P, and several participants who have been involved throughout the province. Three local Sask.organiizations which have taken on this work as their own will be highlighted: CoSA South Saskatchewan, The Micah Mission, and Parkland Restorative Justice.

***Tuesday, May 6, 2014 - 7:00 pm** at RJC - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will be hosting the **Recycled Orchestra** (from Paraguay) – See the bulletin board poster for details.

***RJC Spring Concert - Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm** at RJC - Season finale performances by Concert Choir, the Man Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; Offering received.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 24.** Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament. 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. Information and registration forms are available on the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rijcgolf@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.



***Young adults** – a special invitation for you to Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season (July 3-6, Wpg.). There will be an evening event just for you on Friday. Throughout the weekend you can enjoy seminars on movies, social media and how the Christian peace stance can “disturb Empire and delight Creation.” Special rates for students and young adults, subsidies for under-resourced participants. Register online at: home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014

***On this Many Peoples’ Sunday**, thank God for each opportunity we have to grow more like the ideal body of Christ by embracing the diversity of nations, languages, colours, and cultural expressions that comprise Mennonite Church Canada.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Luke 24:13-35 ¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ ¹⁹ He asked them,

‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ ²⁵ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Acts 2:36-38 ³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.