\*MCC Connects: Give water for Christmas. Your gift of water offers a life-giving resource to families and communities. \$10 helps families have access to the water they need for drinking and growing food. Give at donate.mcccanada.ca or call 306.665.2555.

\*RJC Corporation AGM, Sat. Nov. 22, 2014, 5:00pm: RJC Annual General Meeting will be held in the RJC Chapel. All supporters of the school are encouraged to attend this meeting. Report booklets are now available in the fover.

\*RJC Annual Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet, November 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm. This year's event will be celebrating CBC's Top 40 Under 40 - 3 Alumni and Past Staff of RJC will share their story in a talk-show setting. Music for the evening will feature brother and sister duo Philip and Leah Klaassen. There will be a silent and live auction, and offering for RJC programming and the evening will culminate with an exciting announcement of RJC's 5-Year Development Plan. To reserve your complimentary tickets call 306.232.4222 or email office@ric.sk.ca by Nov. 14, so that we can prepare for the numbers expected.

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck

Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell

Accompanist: Melanie Boldt Scripture reader: Matt Braun

This week's Nursery care: Lucy Friesen Next week's Nursery Care: Jan Guenther

Dan Schellenberg, Liam Boldt Sound: Sarah Hiebert, Lloyd Sawatzky Ushers:

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Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service November 9, 2014

Peace Sunday

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

# **GATHERING**

Call to Worship Invocation

\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #37

"Praise to The Lord, the Almighty"

Green/SJ #68 "O hear, my people"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathryn Janzen

Hymn: Green/SJ #65

"Let justice flow like streams"

Offering and Offertory Music Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Joshua 1:1-7 and Amos 5:18-24

Hymn: Blue/HWB #142 "Brothers and sisters of mine"

"Resident Aliens" Patty Friesen Meditation:

#### RESPONDING

\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #322 "For we are strangers no more"

\*Benediction

\*Please rise.

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.

The blank, coloured papers 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.

# **TODAY**

- Beverages and snacks available after the worship service.
- Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15am.

#### THIS WEEK

- Wednesday, Nov 12, 7:00pm: Ladies "Heart to Heart"
- Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30pm: Deacons Meeting & Missions & Service Committee Meeting
- Saturday, Nov 15 YOUTH: bowling at Fairhaven Meet at church at 6:45pm.
- Next Sunday, Nov 16, Noon "Forever in Motion" presentation in our Heritage Room
- Next Sunday, Nov. 16 is a Loose Change Sunday, Slideshow/Sermon: Patty Friesen –Psalm 90 "You have been our Dwelling Place"

Next Sunday: Worship leader: Sarah Buhler

Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children's time: Edna Zacharias Sound: Dan Schellenberg/Liam Boldt

# **Remember in your Prayers**

# **Thanksgivings:**

-Congratulations to Chris Buhler and Kaytee Edwards on their engagement! The restorative justice work of Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and the Korea Peacebuilding Institute, Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute and Connexus Language Institute

#### **Intercessions:**

-Everyone with health issues, Peace in our world, San Ming Lee; a Conscientious Objector in Korea prison

#### **Announcements**

\*Patty's Week: Sun - Thurs. MB for Kirsten Hamm's wedding Thursday: Deacons meeting, Friday: 8:30-12:00 office, sermon. Please feel free to call Patty at home: (306) 955-2928

\*Men's Breakfast, Saturday, November 22, 8:30 am Osler Cafe. We will be looking at Under Construction chapter 2. Get your copy of the book from the church office for \$13.00.

\*Sunday, November 23: Memorial Sunday and Communion, followed by a "Welcome to Canada" potluck. Please plan to join this welcoming event for Sergeii and Rita Ovseychik and their daughters, Vanessa and Rosaliia, by bringing potluck dishes and sharing a noon meal on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, while they are not in need of household items, this is also an opportunity for us to "shower" them with a little kindness. Gift cards for Osler Store or Osler Restaurant or monetary gifts could also help them as they start a new life in Osler and Canada.



\*From Mennonite Church Canada November "PrayerNet": (now posted on the far bulletin board.)

"Canada has now become part of the overall story when the word "war" appears in the headlines. Our country is engaged in lethal violence through bombing campaigns in Iraq and Syria. It's disheartening – especially since 2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup>anniversary of the beginning of World War I. How appropriate that our Peace Sunday resources, prepared by MCC for Sunday, Nov. 9, focus on the "light of the prophet Isaiah's vision of God's dream for a world where swords become ploughshares—a world without war." (Isaiah 2:4) www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2400.

We long for a world infused with the lasting, all-encompassing peace of Christ. In the midst of that longing, it's easy — and fitting — to be outraged by events of terror and aggression unfolding close to home and in the world beyond. But let's not let our anger turn to hatred. Instead, pray that governments and others in positions of power will make decisions that bring peace and wellbeing to those they serve. Pray that God will comfort and heal those who suffer at the hands of violence, but also for those who impose it, for violence is born of violence. Its history is deep and complex. May we find ways to express God's love when we feel least able to do so."

\*Mennonite Church Canada presents the inaugural issue of *Anabaptist Witness* (formerly *Mission Focus*) This first issue explores Anabaptist and Mennonite identities – how they have evolved and how they might help us live into our communities and the work God calls us to. The publication can be found at: <a href="http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/19941/AnabaptistWitness1.1.pdf">http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/19941/AnabaptistWitness1.1.pdf</a>

\*The November 6 **MDS Update** is now posted on the bulletin board with many opportunities to help through Mennonite Disaster Service.

\*The **Youth are pre-selling Menno inspired shirts** to raise money to help those interested in attending the Mennonite World Conference. A poster with the different style of shirts available is on the bulletin board. To place an order, please talk to Melanie, Jan or Shelley. **Order deadline is November 9th**. The shirts will be delivered in lots of time for Christmas.

\*Forever in Motion Senior Fitness Presentation, Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:00 p.m. Heritage Room. For seniors, potential leaders and anyone else interested in soup, bread and a stretch. Sponsored by OMC Missions & Service Committee.

\*Church Christmas Banquet, Saturday, November 29th....Save the Date! The Congregation is asked to sign up to bring food items; the signup sheet has been posted. If you are coming, please sign up on the attendance sheet so we how many people will be attending. Don't forget about the Silent Auction....what cool item will you contribute?! Money raised at this event will help our Youth attend the World Conference in July 2015. If you have any questions please talk to Shelley Penner.

\*Mission and Service Committee has become aware of the need and interest of individuals from the church and community who would benefit from transportation to Saskatoon for appointments and other reasons. If you are interested in having such transportation service or know of individuals who would be, please contact John Gascho at 306-230-4084. If you are willing to provide transportation, please phone John as well. Thank you.

\*The **Mennonite World Conference** is being held in Harrisburg, PA in July 2015. We, **Osler Mennonite Church** are sending several youth plus a sponsor or two. The cost is \$1000 per person, each youth is asked to contribute \$500 of their own money and so we would like to raise the remainder of that amount, as well as cover the whole cost of the sponsors(s) to go. We also need your prayers, this is a huge undertaking and a huge trip for our youth!

\*URGENT Mennonite Church Canada Leadership Assembly Request - Wildwood Mennonite Church needs your assistance in providing billeting and transportation for the Assembly being held from Monday Nov. 10 to Saturday Nov. 15. If you are able to help out in any way during this week please contact the Hosting Committee - wildwoodhosting@gmail.com or contact Linda Martens (306-384-4786) or Phyllis Penner (306-955-1009).

\*MEDA Supper event at Bethany Manor. Join us on November 12<sup>th</sup> to hear Helen Loftin, VP for Women's Economic Opportunity. Reception at 6:00 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$22. Please RSVP by calling 306-242-9019 by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Next Friday, November 14 at Wildwood Mennonite Church, The General Board of MC Canada will be discussing the **resolution on** climate change responses which Mark BiglandPritchard presented at Assembly. In preparation, there will be an opportunity to pray for them, and for the earth. If you can attend, Wildwood will set aside a **prayer room**, and invite anyone that wants to come pray while the various meetings are happening. The prayer room will be open Wed, Nov. from 1-9pm, Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-9pm, and Sat 8am-9pm, with an invitation to pray for MC Canada's leadership, and also inviting those who are interested in the Creation Care Resolution in particular to come and pray on Friday afternoon. In addition to the prayer room, Wildwood Mennonite Church are also setting up a "wall of prayers" in the main area of the building, inviting pray-ers to post/write their prayers and encouragements for MC Canada's leaders. Hopefully these will be read by leadership as they come and go around their meetings. And also hopefully there will be lots of Creator/Creation-directed prayers/messages posted.

\*Bethany Manor Craft Sale, Sat., November 15 – 10am to 4pm.

\*We invite you to join us for a **Classical Music Concert** on November 16 at 2:30 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church; there will be a time of fellowship following the concert. An offering will be taken for Rosthern Junior College.

\*The following message is specifically for men. The Walking With Our Sisters initiative is currently running at Wanuskewin - an "exhibit" of moccasin tops as a way of remembering missing and murdered indigenous women. They want fire keepers, in 3-hour shifts, and in Cree culture this is a male task. The schedule is available at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i ae-4OokMysJpjvOIQ0Q-SH96qay5L3KVpZ0pXLb4/edit?pli=1#gid=1447977349 - but it is read-only. To book a slot, contact Melody Wood: melodywood75@gmail.com



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\*Interested in Creation Care? Register for a FREE online course on Environmental Education and Faith, offered Nov 3 – Dec 3, through Cornell University, recommended by Mennonite Creation Care Network. Register at http://tinyurl.com/ee-and-faith

\*The World Council of Churches invites you to Fast for the Climate an interfaith initiative bringing people of different faiths together in an ancient spiritual exercise to show solidarity with victims of climate change. People are invited to fast on the 1st of each month. http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/fast-for-the-climate

\*Mennonite World Conference needs you! Volunteers are needed before, during and after the gathering to assist from near and far. Volunteers during assembly receive a discounted registration rate. More information can be found at http://www.mwccmm.org/article/volunteer-application.

\*Featured prayer request from the wider church: Please pray for the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso, its leader, Siaka Traoré, and Mennonite Church Canada ministry workers and their families here—Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder, and Lillian and Norm Nicolson. Demonstrations, some violent, have been taking place in opposition of president Blaise Compaoré's desire to extend his 27 year reign of power. Pray for a peaceful transition to military leadership, honest elections upcoming, and the safety of our Mennonite brothers, sisters, and North American workers.

\* SMYO TREK to MWC 2015 Assembly – Application forms are now being accepted for the SMYO trip to the MWC Assembly in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Forms and travel details can be found online at <a href="www.smyo.ca/mwc2015">www.smyo.ca/mwc2015</a>, and should also be available in your church office. Forms are due December 15, 2014, along with a \$500 deposit. Applicants must be in their grade 8 year or older, contact the MC Sask office for more details, 306-249-4844.

\*Restorative Justice Week takes place November 16-23, 2014. To celebrate Restorative Justice programming in Prince Albert and area, join us on Friday, Nov 21 at Calvary United Church (114 25St East, PA) for a Soup and Pie Fundraiser Supper. Enjoy homemade soup; bread and pie, listen to live music and hear stories about the impact restorative ministries like CoSA, P2P, Supporting Friends and chaplaincy have in our communities. Starts at 6pm. Dinner by donation. Donations over \$15 will receive a tax-receipt. For more information contact Ryan Siemens at 306.763.6224 or persontoperson.prj@sasktel.net. All proceeds will go to the work of Parkland Restorative Justice.

\*November 28 & 29: *Truth . . . and Reconciliation – What's next?* The Ministries Commission of MC Saskatchewan is planning a Friday evening, Saturday event at the Youth Farm Bible Camp that will tackle the question of Mennonite Churches' response to the recent Truth and Reconciliation process. How do the Gospel and the witness of residential school survivors inspire us to be instruments of reconciliation? More info is coming, but mark your calendars!

\*Canadian Mennonite University <u>cmu.ca</u>

CMU Campus Visit Day November 21, 2014 | 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM Explore undergraduate University education with a difference! Come to campus on Friday, November 21 to learn about Outtattown and our Arts, Science, Business and Music undergraduate programs, offered within a dynamic, faith-filled community. Interact with faculty and present students and tour our campus. Students and parents welcome! As an added bonus, there is no application fee if you apply to CMU for next fall before November 30! Sign up for a campus visit day now at cmu.ca/campusvisit.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

#### **Joshua 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.

# Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.