

**\*MCC Connects:** The MCC **Relief Sale and Auction** has been an annual event in Saskatchewan since 1970. Over \$3,000,000 has been raised for MCC work around the world. Mark your calendars for **June 12 & 13, 2015** to join in this year's fun, food and fellowship!

**\*Tonight: RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - 7:00 pm at RJC.** Come for an evening of Coffee and Pie and superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha and the RJC Man Choir directed by Richard Janzen. Included in the evening will be a **dessert auction** with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Everyone is welcome!

**\*Sask. Women in Mission Enrichment Day: Saturday, April 25,** 10:00am – 4pm at Waldheim Zoar Mennonite Church. Patty will be speaking on the theme: **Voices of Change: Navigating Life's Transitions.** Bring a sack lunch, Faspas & beverages provided.

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Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk  
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Scripture reader: Stephanie Siemens  
This week's Nursery care: Adeline Cox  
Next Week's Nursery care: Jennifer Rowan  
Sound: Chris Buhler  
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Karl Martens

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 22, 2015

### *Lent Five – Healing Nations*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Sharing – Annual Delegate Sessions

#### GATHERING

Choir: “Bright Morning Stars”

#### **Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 50)**

**All: God is indeed in our world.**

Leader: from dawn to dusk, from twilight hours to the first light on eastern horizon,

**All: God is near us and around us.**

Leader: God speaks to our world

**All: God calls to those who are faithful**

Leader: God comforts them and challenges them

**All: God secures them and sends them forth. God is at work in our world!**

Invocation

#### **\*Hymns**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer of the church: Blue/HWB #722**

#### LISTENING

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

## Hymn

Offering and Offertory Music  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Mark 12: 28-34, Mark 6: 7-13

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill” (chorus)**

Sermon: “Great Command – Healing Nations” Thokozani Gina

### RESPONDING

Choir: “Bright Morning Stars”

## \*Hymn

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us. **A special welcome to MCC’s IVEP Co-ordinator, Kaytee Edwards and IVEPers: Thokozani Gina, Kaikeo Choumlamouny and Sandra Hildebrand.**

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.

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**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

- **Thursday, March 26, 7:30pm – Missions & Service Committee Meeting**
- **Sat. March 28, 8:30am – Men’s Breakfast**
- **Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm – Youth**
- **Next Sunday, March 29, 9:00am – Easter choir practice**

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### **Next Sunday: Palm Sunday and Anointing Service**

Mark 11: 1-11 & 14: 3-9 Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's time: Jake Buhler

Sound: Dick Braun

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### **Remember in Prayer**

**Joys:** Fellowship and fun at OMC, the work of MCC

**Concerns:** Those with health concerns

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### **Announcements**

**\*Patty's Week:** Today: Watrous. Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: office 8:30-12:30. Thursday: Mission 7:30. Friday: office 8:30, Noon Bethany Pizza lunch. Feel free to call **Patty at home: 306-955-2928.**

\*I want to say a **HUGE thank you** to all who came out last Monday. I truly felt loved and affirmed by the stories we shared and the level of support I experienced from you. Kaytee Edwards

**\*“Thank you for your prayers and support”** from Sarah Hiebert. Sarah has just had her 2<sup>nd</sup> (of 4) chemo treatment and reports she is doing quite well.

**\*Saturday, March 28, 8:30am** – Men’s breakfast at Osler Restaurant, and continuing book study. All are welcome.

**\*Youth: Saturday, March 28, 7:30pm,** Guys Night/Girls Night

**\*Canadian Mennonite University [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)**

Check out Youth Voices and Peace Activism with Richard McCutcheon and Brigette DePape at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 15-19, 2015. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).



**\*Mennonite World Conference is coming to North America!**

MWC Assembly will be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. It takes a (global) village to serve a gathering of up to 10,000 people, so volunteers are needed—find out more and register as a volunteer at [mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).

**Guys & PIES**

Dessert Auction Fundraiser for RJC  
Entertainment by "A Buncha Guys" & RJC ManChoir  
**Sunday, March 22, 2015, 7:00 pm**

**RJC**  
Rosthern Junior College  
Rooted in Faith Growing the Future

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**\*Sunday, March 29, 9:00am: Choir practice for Easter.** Please bring instruments/guitars, if you play.

**\*Upcoming services in Lent:**

March 29: Patty Friesen: Palm Sunday and Anointing Service  
April 2: Maundy Thursday Potluck supper & Service, 7:00 p.m.  
April 3: Good Friday Service of Darkness, 7:00 p.m.  
April 5 – Patty Friesen: “Healer of our every ill” Easter Sunday with Brunch and an Easter Egg Hunt after worship.

Please

bring bells to the Easter service.

**\*Wednesday, April 8, 7:30pm – A Ukrainian evening** with Lucy Enkova and Florence Driedger on their work in Zaporozhe, Ukraine. Everyone is invited.

**\*John Bueckert's 100th Birthday Party Faspa** will be held **Sunday, April 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** OMC Fellowship Hall. Please sign the large Birthday card for John on the Lent table in the foyer. We will honour all our seniors at this event. Any seniors needing a ride to the Faspa Party, please contact the church office in advance or speak to one of the deacons: Dave, Loretta, Louise, Cornie or Adeline. Everyone is invited to bring veggie or fruit plates to share.

**\*On Tuesday, April 28th the CMU Chamber Choir** will be singing at OMC. We will be hosting the choir which includes billeting 19 women, 2 staff and the bus driver. If you are willing to host, please contact Margaret Dyck at 239-2205. We will be serving the choir supper at 5:30pm, and anyone wishing to bring their own supper and join the choir is welcome to do so.

**\*Council will be forming an intergenerational Youth Task Force** to flesh out ideas from our visioning process. Please talk to George, Shelley or Patty.

**\*April 8&9 – Youth: Honouring the Earth Event** – more details coming soon on this province wide event!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### Mark 12: 28-34

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;" <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" <sup>31</sup>The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; <sup>33</sup>and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### Mark 6: 7-13

<sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**\*Spring Fling!** A Warman Community Band Concert featuring guest performer Kevin Junk and guest conductor Wayne J. Toews.  
March 29th @ 2:30pm @ The Church on Central, Warman SK  
(formerly Warman Gospel Church)

\***March Council minutes** are posted on the bulletin board, and will continue to be posted following meetings.



\***Featured prayer request from the wider church** Tom and Christine Poovong provide pastoral leadership to a new Menonite church in Khon Kaen, northeast Thailand. On March 1 they opened a nursery for children 3 months to 3 years old. Pray that this business venture will be a good reflection of Christ in the community, and become strong enough to sustain the ministry of the church. To support their ministry visit:

<https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/Poovong>

\***Save the Dates: April 10 -12** – "The Church in China: Its..." George and Tobia Veith, Witness workers in China for 2 decades, will be at **Rosthern Menonite Church** to share stories, pictures, and their personal experiences of God at work in this dynamic and changing country. For details, see <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/calendar/2015-04>.

\***Menonite Church Canada Urgent Prayer Request:** Please pray for Shim Beack who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Shim Beack and her husband, Joon Park, members of Emmanuel Menonite Church (Abbotsford, BC), had been planning to serve in a long term assignment in China with Menonite Church Canada Witness. With their gifts in business, theological study, and church music, they have been warmly welcomed to this assignment by Chinese church partners. A routine medical exam during a stop-over in their home country of South Korea revealed Shim's cancer diagnosis. The couple has returned to Abbotsford for further medical follow up. Pray that Shim will receive the immediate medical treatment that she needs, and that God's healing hand will restore her to full health. Pray for wisdom for Joon and Shim as they make decisions about future implications, including the potential assignment with MC Canada Witness in China.