

***MCC Connects:** MCC invites anyone who is interested in learning more about the current refugee situation and refugee sponsorship to an information evening at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon. Please join us on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:30pm.

***Today: RJC Opening Program** at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre presents a **“(Not just a) Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat”** on September 25-27. Whether you are a quilter, scrapbooker, knitter, calligrapher, painter – whatever your favourite pastime – Come! Registration Deadline: September 5th. Brochures on the bulletin board or at: www.shekinahretreatcentre.org

***October 16-17 Friday, 5:30pm- Saturday 4pm. Sask Women In Mission annual retreat at Shekinah.** “Igniting Our Creativity: Looking Back, Moving Forward.” Mel Harms, Pauline Steinmann & Sharon Schultz will lead us. ALL women invited. See the bulletin board poster for more details and registration forms.

Worship Leader: Christy MartensFunk
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Karl Martens
Nursery Supervision: Jan Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 13, 2015

Prelude and slideshow
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship (based on Psalm 145):

- One:** We exalt you, our God; we will praise your name forever and ever.
- Many:** We will tell of the power of your awesome works, and we will proclaim your great deeds.
- One:** We celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- Many:** You are faithful to all your promises and loving towards all you have made.
- One:** You are near to all who call on you. You are just in all your ways.
- All:** Let every creature praise your holy name forever and ever.
Amen

Invocation

***Songs:** ““They Will Know We Are Christians”
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Sharing & Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children's time - A focus on VBS with Christy
Song – “Our God is an Awesome God”

Offering
Offertory prayer

Scripture Lesson: Acts 18:22-28

Hymn: Blue/HWB #545 "Be Thou My Vision"

Reflections on Summer camp

Song: "Let Us Sing Together"

Reflections on Mennonite World Conference

***Song: "Jacob's Ladder"**

***Sending**

Go, walking forward this day, open to receiving and giving the love of God, the peace of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in the ministry of reconciliation to which God has called you.

Slideshow

**Please rise.*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Beverages available after the worship service**
- **Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15am**
- **Noon Picnic: "Fantastic Fall Fiesta II" outside, weather permitting.** (In the gym, if it rains.)

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, September 14, 7:30pm – Congregational Meeting**
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***Next Sunday: "Sparky and the Plugs" Music Sunday**

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Singing and children's time: Sparky and the Plugs

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Karl Martens

Nursery Supervision: Diana Buhler

Remember in Prayer

Joys – VBS, Summer Camp and Mennonite World Conference

Concerns - patience and safety during harvest, OMC elders waiting long term care.

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Monday p.m.: Congregational meeting. Tuesday: youth meeting. Wednesday: RJC chapel, MC Sask meeting. Friday: office 8-12. Saturday: Friendship Inn.

***Today at Noon: "Fantastic Fall Fiesta II"** The deacons invite everyone to stay after Sunday School for a 'welcome back' make-your-own taco picnic lunch, followed by piñata fun for the kids.

***Congregational Meeting: Monday, September 14, 7:30pm.** Please remember the congregational meeting on September 14th. The main purpose of the meeting is to decide on the pastoral staffing of our church. This will include our relationship with our current pastor, Patti Friesen and as well as additional staff needs.

***Next Friendship Inn Volunteer day is Saturday, September 19th.** To volunteer, please speak to Sandra Grismer or Margaret Dyck.



***RIDE FOR THAILAND:** Each week, more riders and teams are joining the ride @ <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>. Put your power to the pedals on Oct. 3 in towns and cities across Canada in support of Mennonite Church Canada church planting ministry with vulnerable people in Thailand!

*The Being a Faithful Church Task Force has released two new documents: BFC 6.1 reports on responses to BFC 6; BFC 7 provides a recommendation for consideration at Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly in Saskatoon in 2016:

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/13465>

***The Canadian Mennonite** has an electronic edition of the magazine which is released online the Wednesday before the issue date. Anyone connected with our church can sign up for the electronic edition, so please keep this in mind if you are heading off to college, on overseas terms or want to cancel your print subscription to save paper. As well, anyone currently receiving the print edition can receive the electronic edition as well, if they choose. **Please let the church office know if you wish to be added to the digital subscribers list.** If you provide an e-mail address, the Canadian Mennonite will add you to the digital subscribers list, and you will never miss an issue, but will receive an e-mail with the PDF version of the magazine attached.

***RJC Fall Concert, Sunday, September 27, 2:30 pm.** The Rosthern Junior College Choir and Saskatoon Youth Orchestra will present a Fall Concert at RJC. The concert will reflect the work done by both groups during their weekend workshop on campus. Hear each group perform their own pieces, and combine for a couple of songs together. RJC and the SYO have cooperated for their fall workshop for close to 20 years! Admission is by donation.

***Monday, September 21, 7:30pm: Ladies "Heart to Heart"** will start a new Book Study, using "*Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal*". Copies of the book are available to purchase in the foyer; cost \$17.00 each. Please read the first 4 chapters before the September 21st meeting.

***Sunday, September 20th, 9:00am:** For those interested in the experience of **Centering/Contemplative prayer**, you are invited to come to the church at 9:00am on Sunday, September 20th, for an introductory experience. Information is also available in the lobby which illustrates a framework for this time spent with God. There are many reasons to pray. We invite you to come with desire and thirst for what lingers in your heart.

If you have any questions please speak to Patty or John G.

***Upcoming Services:**

Sept 20: Giving Thanks for Music – “Sparky and the Plugs” Music Group

Sept 27: Giving Thanks for Cows - OMC's Dairy History by Dick Braun and Farmers. Please bring dairy photos, awards, memorabilia and please wear black and white brown and clean rubber boots to church: brown, as well as black and white (for the Jerseys and Swiss cows:). Dairy products will be served during coffee time.

***Chris Buhler and Kaytee Edwards are hosting a French speaking refugee** from the Congo and request help with French translation and rides. If you are able to help, please speak to them.

***Resources:** (Free Resource available to download from Common Word Bookstore and Resource Centre)- "**Strength for Climbing: Steps on the Journey of Reconciliation**" By Cathy Vandergeest, Kairos, 2015 – This booklet is designed to help non-Indigenous communities begin a journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. By learning and unlearning, building relationships, actively practicing reconciliation and by living out of commitment in worship, in prayer and in just action. Based on Steve Heinrich's booklet *Paths for Peacemaking with our Host Peoples*.
<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/17909>

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Acts 18:22-28

22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. ²³After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. ²⁵He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. ²⁷And when he wished to cross over to Achaia, the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers, ²⁸for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

***Nutana Park Mennonite Church** invites YOU to share in our love of congregational singing by joining us for a **weekend workshop of music and worship on October 2-4**, led by Marilyn Houser Hamm. Whether you sing from the pews, play an instrument or lead the singing or worship, there is something for you. On Friday, come for an evening of singing; on Saturday, come for workshops led by Marilyn on song leading, finding your voice, accompanying, as well as percussion workshops led by Darrell Bueckert. Saturday lunch will be provided. Saturday evening; sit back and be entertained at the coffee house. Sunday; come and worship and join in a potluck lunch. **Registration is only required for the Saturday workshops and lunch.** A poster with details is on the bulletin board. **OMC Worship Committee encourages people to attend and will pay the \$15.00 registration fee for you. Please contact the church office, and Adeline will register everyone from OMC as a group.**

***Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope** – Conference and Public Lectures October 1-3, 2015 at Queen's House. **Full details at STM COLLEGE.CA.** And here is the web site to register: <http://stmcollege.ca/campus-ministry/spiritual-growth.php>

***A brief update on MCC's Refugee Response from Mennonite Central Committee: MCC response in the region**

- MCC has programmed over \$31 million in response for the Syria crisis in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan since February 2012 and Iraq since June 2014.
- **This is MCC's largest disaster response in our history.**
- Since 2012, MCC has sent 52 material resources shipments containing comforters, hygiene and relief kits and school kits to Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.
- The focus of MCC's response to the crisis continues to be on humanitarian assistance (food assistance, household items, clothing and shelter), and psychosocial support and peacebuilding initiatives.
- The Canadian Government Department of Foreign Affairs (DFATD) has contributed \$6.9 million for MCC's humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding in the region.
- MCC supports access to education for IDPs and refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Ways to help

Consider refugee sponsorship. If you are interested in learning more about refugee sponsorship, please visit our website at mccsk.ca/refugeeresponse or contact our office at 306-665-2555.

Support MCC's response in the Middle East. We welcome all donations to help us continue this major response. You can donate online at mccsk.ca/syria-iraq or by contacting our office.

Jr. High Retreat, Oct 2-4, *Walking with God: Around the World.

A great opportunity for youth in grades 6-9 to meet at the Youth Farm Bible Camp and enjoy favourites like the corn maze and new activities like the Ride for Refuge, all with a special Mennonite World Conference twist as we look back and share about the MWC 2015 Assembly. Deadline to register is Sept. 25, contact your church office for the registration form, or Kirsten Hamm-Epp at 306-249-4844, youthminister@mcsask.ca. Hope to see you there!