

***MCC Connects:** The Government of Canada is now matching donations made from individual Canadians for relief in Syria made between September 12 and December 31st, 2015. MCC is calling for donations to support our work in the region. Donate online at donate.mcccanada.ca/syria or call toll-free 1-888-622-6337.

***The Micah Mission Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 5, 7:00 pm at the Micah Mission office building (Kinsmen Activity Place) at 226 Avenue V So., Sktn Please join us.

***Fall Supper - Tuesday, October 6** from 5:00-7:00 at the **Youth Farm Bible Camp**. Menu includes Roast Beef, Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetables, Salads, Pies and more. Admission by Donation.

*** Women's Retreat – Igniting our Creativity: Looking Back, Moving Forward**, Oct.16-17, Shekinah Retreat Centre Timberlodge. The retreat will consider both human and divine creativity as we gather for a time of joy and spiritual refreshment together. All women are welcome! Cost is \$120 for the weekend, \$70 per day. Registration forms can be found online at www.mcsask.ca or on the bulletin board. Contact Lois Siemens at pastorlois@sasktel.net for further information. NB: **The retreat deadline for registration is Friday, October 2.**

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Scripture reader: Stephanie Siemens
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Karl Martens
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 27, 2015



Giving Thanks for Cows: OMC's Dairy History

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 104

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light.

C: **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to eat, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you to give them their food in due season, when you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C: **May the glory of the Lord endure forever. We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we have our being.**

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #156 “All things bright and beautiful”
Blue/HWB #98 “Sing to the lord of harvest”**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Children's Time: Patty

Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

Song: "The wedding banquet" (insert)

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 1:24, Exodus 32:1-4, Numbers 32:1-5, Isaiah 11:6-9

Hymn: Blue/HWB #391 "God, whose farm is all creation"

Sharing: Dick Braun, Eva and Harry Martens, Lloyd and Loretta Sawatzky, Wilf Buhler

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #658 "All praise to thee, my God"**

*Benediction

**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

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at **9:15am**.
- **Dairy Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, October 1, 7:30pm – Church Council Meeting**
- **Fri/Sat: "Singing with Spirit"** Music Workshop at NPMC
- **Next Sunday: Centering Prayer time: 9:15am**
- **Next Sunday: Communion during Worship**
- **Next Sunday: Loose Change Sunday**
- **Next Sunday: Mentor/Mentee Pizza Lunch**

***Next Sunday: October 4th World Communion Sunday:**

Communion and Sharing by Matthew, Terry and Zachary Stefaniuk. Terry, Zach and Patty will be received into membership

Worship leader: Patty Friesen

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Accompanists: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Wilf Buhler

Sound: Dan Schellenberg

Nursery Supervision: Sarah Buhler

Remember in Prayer

Joys – Beauty of fall days, Sparky and the Plugs

Concerns - Natalia's tonsil surgery, John Wall and Annie Guenther in hospital, earthquake in Chile

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Today: Ryan Siemens (MC Sask Conference Minister) installation. Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: office/Osler Interagency Meeting. Thursday: council meeting. Friday: office.

***Coffee and Sunday School snacks:** Thank you Cornie and Sarah for bringing dairy snacks today and looking after coffee. All others are also invited to sign up to bring snack for the adults and the kids. See the sign up sheet and it would be appreciated if each person could take a turn making coffee and doing cleanup after. Thanks!

***Rosthern Junior College Corporation Day meeting** October 24, 5:00pm in the RJC Chapel.

***RJC Homecoming Appreciation and Fundraising Event on Saturday, October 24th** at 6:00pm at RJC. We will celebrate achievements in Athletics featuring Arnold Boldt, Team Canada 7 time Paralympic medalist, Men's Volleyball and the impact RJC had on Husky Athletics 1990-2015 and current provincial track gold medalists Austin Grismer and Jade Peters. Call or email to reserve your seats – 306-232-4222; office @rjc.sk.ca. Tickets are complimentary; seating is limited. Reserve tickets by October 16th.

***Laudato Si! - Praise Be!. Pope Francis' encyclical**, published in May this year, addresses matters of creation care and social justice, and has inspired a great deal of interest among both Christians and non-Christians. Some local Mennonites have been talking about how best to respond, and decided to start regular meetings to pray for the planet and discuss appropriate action.

Our initial meeting will be from 8 to 8:30am on Thursday, October 1 (also the day set aside by an international movement to fast for the climate) **in Gabriel Dumont Park**, Saskatoon (by the river if sunny, in the handy pergola-type structure if it's raining). We will use the time to pray and to talk a little about how to go forward. To participate, or for further details, please contact one of:

Mark Bigland-Pritchard (Osler MC) [306 249 4101](tel:3062494101) mark@lowenergydesign.com

Joe Heikman (minister, Wildwood MC) joe@wildwoodmennonite.org

Josh Wallace (minister, Warman MC) pastorjoshwallace@gmail.com

***Equipping Day 2015 “Engaging Anabaptism Today”** is being held at Eigenheim Mennonite Church on October 24. Come and enjoy workshops such as Confession of Faith: Source of Unity or Division with Karl Koop or Anabaptist Response to the TRC by Cheryl Woelk. Registrations forms are now on the bulletin board and also at www.mcsask.ca under the registrations tab.

*All are welcome to participate in **Centering prayer every Sunday beginning at 9:15am**, meeting in room #1. For those who would like more information, please contact John Gascho or Patty Friesen.

***Loose Change Sunday** next Sunday, October 4th.

***Ride for Refuge:** Sign-up sheets are now in the foyer. There is the opportunity to sponsor rider Art Zacharias, or perhaps you would like to bike ride as well? All riders (and sponsors ☺) are welcome!

*Please have any **submissions for October's church newsletter** in to the office by 9am, Wednesday, September 30th.

***Thanks** to those who shared dairy memorabilia this week. You are welcome to remove your pictures and banners after church today so worship committee can begin to decorate for Thanksgiving. Cream cans and big items can remain to be used for decor through October, unless you need them at home. Thank you!

***Thank you** to the Worship Committee for decorating for today.

***Upcoming Services:**

October 4 - World Communion Sunday. Communion, sharing by Matthew, Terry and Zachary Stefaniuk. Terry, Zachary and Patty will be received into membership.

October 11 - Giving Thanks for the Harvest: The State of the Union by Patty Friesen

October 18 - World Food Sunday: Sermon by Gord Enns, Saskatoon Food Council.

October 25 - Food Heritage Sunday: Sharing by Ruth Buhler and Lynette Janzen. We will have a Thanksgiving Potluck following the service. Please bring a dish from your heritage and your most beat-up cookbook. The rattiest cookbook will win a prize of a new one from Ten Thousand Villages.

* Also, **anyone wanting to sing** for Susie and John Bueckert and Helen Peters, please talk to Patty.

***A Worship Leader and a Music leader** from OMC are needed to lead the service at **Rosthern Nursing Home for Sunday, October 18th**. Please talk to Wilf, Mark or Patty.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind. And it was so and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:24)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, Come make gods for us who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. Aaron said to them, Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me. So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold and cast an image of a calf. (Exodus 32:1-4)

Now the Reubenites and the Gadites owned a very great number of cattle. When they saw that the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead was a good place for cattle, the Gadites and the Reubenites came and spoke to Moses, to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation saying, the land the Lord has given us is good for cattle and your servants have cattle. (Numbers 32:1-5)

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

***Brown Bag Lunch: Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz**, restorative justice coordinator for MCC US, will share recent developments in her work at a brown bag lunch gathering at the MCC Saskatchewan office at noon on **Thursday, October 1**. All are welcome!

***Mennonite Central Committee/The Micah Mission is co-sponsoring "HOPE: Next Exit"**: A Conference and Public Lectures on *Restorative Justice: Building a Culture of Hope: We are all Related*. This event will be held Thurs-Sat, October 1 - 3, 2015 at Queen's House and STM College. Speakers: Bishop Gary Gordon, Judge Steven Point, Senator Lillian Dyck and Reverend Brian Rude. Full Conference details at: STMCOLLEGE.CA. For more information, call Gertrude Rompre at STM: 306-966-8929

***Mennonite Disaster Service is holding an Awareness and Fundraising Supper** on October 30th, 6:30pm at West Portal MB Church in Saskatoon. Call 206-342-4344 by Oct. 13th to reserve your seat.



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*** Ride for Thailand 2015** – Saturday, Oct. 3 at 2:00pm, at this year's Jr. High Retreat, MC Sask youth and sponsors, together with MC Canada Exec Director Willard Metzger, will be participating in a Ride for Refuge to help raise awareness and funds for MC Canada Mission Workers Tom and Christine Poovong in Thailand. We will be cycling from the Youth Farm Bible Camp to Rosthern Junior College, and invite your support in one of the following ways: come and bike with us; donate a bike for the day; support our SMYO cycle team and donate (click on the link at www.mcsask.ca). For more information, please contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp in the MC Sask office (306-249-4844, youthminister@mcsask.ca), or check the MC Canada website.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** A military coup in Burkina Faso and a significant earthquake in Chile are causes for concern for fellow Anabaptists, mission partners, and citizens in those two countries. Please pray for safety.