

***MCC Connects: MCC is urgently looking for sponsors** for refugees from Syria, Eritrea, Myanmar and other places around the world. If you are interested in learning more about refugee sponsorship and current sponsorship needs, please contact MCC Saskatchewan at 306.665.2555 or email elaineharder@mccs.ca. Help share God's love and compassion by extending a welcome to those who have been displaced from their homes.

***RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, September 13th 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: Kevin Boldt
 Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
 Scripture reader: Zoe Schellenberg
 Sound: Chris Buhler
 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 6, 2015

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship: Purple/SS #150
 Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #5 “Come and be light for our eyes”**
Blue/HWB #570 “We walk by faith”

Sharing joys and concerns
 Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathryn Janzen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #567 “How firm a foundation”

Offering and Offertory Music
 Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-31, 21: 20-24

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #559 “O thou, in whose presence”**

Sermon Patty Friesen
“Doubting Thomas”

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #565 “My faith looks up to thee”**

*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

- **Folks interested in joining the church are invited** to meet with the deacons in Patty's office right after today's service. There will be future opportunities as well.

THIS WEEK

- **Next Sunday, September 13, 11:15am – Sunday School starts again for all ages.**
 - **Next Sunday, Sept. 13 – Noon – Fantastic Fall Fiesta II** (See announcements for details)
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***Next Sunday:** Sharing by VBS, Summer Camp and Mennonite World Conference attenders.

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Accompanist: Diana Buhler

Children's time: Edna Zacharias

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Karl Martens

Nursery Supervision: Jan Guenther

Remember in Prayer

Joys – Keith Dyck’s wedding to Colleen. Stephanie's sister's engagement. Youth who served at the MCC Sale. Happy Birthdays to: Sarah Hiebert, Kathy Boldt, Lloyd Sawatzky, Dan Schellenberg, Jan Guenther.

Concerns - Day of Creation Care. Annie Guenther's recovery, safe harvesting. Our condolences and prayers are with Eugene Penner and family on the death of his father Peter on Thursday, September 3.

Announcements

***Patty's Week:** Tuesday-Thursday: MC Sask Pastors' Retreat at Missinippi, Friday: office 8-12

***Next Sunday, September 13, Noon: Fantastic Fall Fiesta II** The deacons are planning a ‘welcome back’ make-your-own taco lunch and piñata fun next Sunday after Sunday School. **Everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert** to share. We will enjoy our picnic Fiesta outside, weather permitting, so please also bring your **lawn chairs**. Taco ingredients and beverages will be supplied.

***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.

***Ladies "Heart to Heart" will meet again on Monday, September 21, 7:30pm** and starting a new Book Study. **“Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal”** by April Yamasaki offers fresh ways to find everyday personal renewal. . . Copies of the book are now available to purchase in the foyer; cost \$17.00 each. Please read the first 4 chapters before the September 21st meeting.

***Next Friendship Inn Volunteer day is Saturday, September 19th.** To be part of the volunteer team from OMC, please speak to Sandra Grismer or Margaret Dyck.

***Upcoming Services:**

Sept 13: Giving Thanks for Summer - VBS, Summer Camp and Mennonite World Conference Reports from OMC Children and Youth

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.

***A Thank you note to our Youth:** “Thanks so much for your help with the MCC Relief Sale. The organizers really appreciate youth being willing to help out and asked me to pass on how great of a job you did. Together we raised over \$100,000.00 for MCC projects!”

***The Youth Farm Corn Maze** is hosting their annual **Fall Family Festival on September 12th** from 1-8pm. Activities for the day include car show, fall market, kids carnival, and supper food booths including Watermelon & Rollkuchen, BBQ Farmer Sausage, Brazilian Cuisine, and Pulled Pork on a Bun. More information at www.yfbc.com/familyfunday.



***Ride For Refuge** is gearing up! There are already five teams on our RIDE page: <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca> All Mennonite Church Canada congregations are invited to support our Thailand ministry by joining the Ride for Refuge recreational family bike ride on October 3rd. Be a team captain, join a team, and ride in support of Tom and Christine Poovong's (Trinity Mennonite Church, Calgary) work with marginalized and vulnerable people. Rides occur in cities across Canada. See: <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/Poovong> for details. Thank you!

***Pictures tell the story!** Youth from across Mennonite Church Canada made the Mennonite World Conference their Youth Assembly gathering place this year. Enjoy 115 photos that tell the story of Canadian youth in Harrisburg, PA over the course of the MWC week: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/MWCYouthAlbum>

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 20:19-31, 21: 20-24

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' ²³So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.