

***MCC Connects:** Thinking of donating something for the MCC Relief Sale (June 10 & 11)? The Bake Table organizers are looking for the following items: buns/rolls, bread/loaves, cookies, cakes, squares and especially traditional Mennonite baked goods like fruit piroshki and zwieback. Contact Ted & Bev at 306.232.5619 or tbianzen@sasktel.net for more information.

***Xeriscape Your Church?** Join our group of local Mennonites working towards "watershed discipleship" and caring for God's creation in practical ways (such as "xeriscaping:" landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation). Our next conversation is Sunday, June 5, 6:30pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church; all are welcome!

***The Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2016** Discernment Guide is now available. All delegates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the information and be ready to process the items presented for decision: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016>

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Pianist: Lynette Janzen Sound: Chris Buhler
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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
June 5, 2016

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

L. God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope among us.
P. May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.
L. Come, let us praise god who is so generous with us.
P. Let us sing song of joy to God.
L. Hallelujah!
P. Hallelujah!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #89 “For the beauty of the earth”**
“Be still, my soul”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering
Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Lynn Loewen

Hymns “Holy spirit”
Green/SJ #72 “One is the body”

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:1-23

Poem

Zach Stefaniuk

Sermon: "The sower, the soil, the seed: A primer on parables"

Terri Lynn Paulson

Hymn: Blue/HWB #226

"You are salt for the earth"

***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.**
- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Patty, Art, Edna, Frieda and Mark are leading worship at Bethany manor.**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, June 7, Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm.**
- **MCC Relief sale, June 10 & 11 at Prairieland Park.**

Next Sunday, June 12: Worship and Church picnic at George and Lynette's in Blumenheim, starting at 10:00 am.

Worship leader: Patty Friesen

Song leaders: Kathryn Janzen and Lynette Janzen

Remember in Prayer

Joys: Terri Lynn's U of S convocation; upcoming MCC Sale; church picnic; OMC worship at Bethany Manor today.

Announcements

Patty's Week: Tues - sermon, education mtg; Wed - office, visits; Fri -office, MCC; Sat - MCC, Janzens

Terri Lynn's week: Mon - office; Tues - office/Education Meeting; Wed - office/pie making; Thurs-Sun - away for brother's wedding.

***Yard Maintenance schedule: Tony Funk and Terry Stefaniuk are on for the week of June 6-11.**

If the week that you have been assigned does not work for you, please switch with another family and please notify the church office.

***Church picnic on June 12th:** George and Lynette Janzen will host this year's church picnic (weather permitting. **In case of rain and/or cold, we'll meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. for church and lunch.**) Last year's campout was a big hit – you are invited to come out after supper for campfire and sing-a-long. Bring campfire gear and fireside snacks. Pitch a tent overnight, or there is limited sleeping space available in the house (reserve your spot early!) Geo and Lyn will make breakfast for campers and anyone else who wants to come early Sunday morning. Here is a schedule for the day:

8:30ish a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Church (**Bring your lawn chair, guitar if you play, wear a hat.**)

11:00 a.m. Explore/visit/play lawn games/look for kittens.

12:00 p.m. Barbecue lunch. **Burgers, buns and drinks provided by Education and Lunch Committees. Bring a salad OR dessert.**

12:45 p.m. Children's races and games

1:30 p.m. Group games/visit/explore/find a spot for a nap

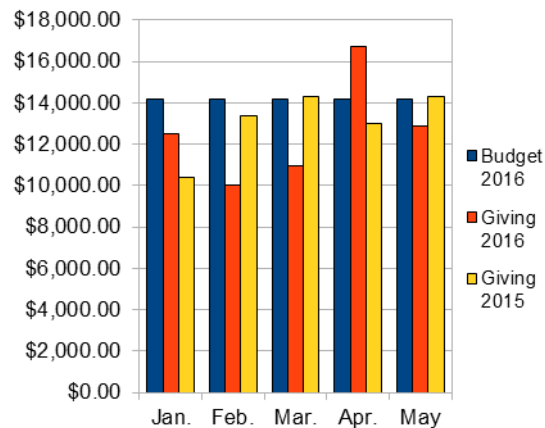
You are welcome to stay as long as you like – we'll scare up something for supper as needed.

Maps to the Janzen acreage are on the podium in the foyer.

***Children ages 6-10 please consider attending Camp Shekinah July 24-29 with Terri Lynn and Patty as Bible leaders.**

Scholarships with applications on the bulletin board. Please give to Margaret Dyck by June 15. **Camperships are available** for youth and children to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact any member of the M & S committee.

*General fund receipts for the five Sundays in May were \$12,874.83 bringing our total for 2016 to \$63,146.63. This is 37.1% of our approved budget for the year after 41.5% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



Save the Date!

*30th Anniversary Celebration at Bethany Manor on August 28, 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Supper included. Everyone welcome!

* **VBS here on August 2-4, 6:00-8:00 pm**

*Spruce River Folkfest on Saturday, August 6

*MCCS Encounter and AGM at RJC on November 5.

***The June date for Friendship Inn is changed** from the 18th to the 25th. The July, August, and September sign-up sheets are up. Thanks for the great support of this M&S commitment.

*New **Rejoice** Devotionals are available in the foyer.

***The lunch committee leaders for church picnic are Kathy Braun, Steve Guenther, Linda Stucky and Matt Braun. Helping the leaders is everyone whose last names begin with A-L.**

***Terri Lynn is hosting a pie-making night at the church on Wednesday, June 8,** with the helpful assistance of Katherine Penner! All are welcome to come and join us; the pies will be donated to the MCC Relief Sale. Folks who would like to contribute baking but can't make this event are also welcome to bake at home, and bring their pies to the Relief Sale.

We will bake from 7-9pm and hopefully get some sampling done as well. If you have supplies you'd like to donate, contact Terri Lynn.

*Thanks to everyone for donating to the Osler Garage Sale. Our grand total now is \$295.00 for the Food Bank.

***Volunteering at the MCCS Relief Sale Saturday, June 11 and CFGB Sale Saturday, June 18:** Please remember to sign up and support the work of MCC and CFGB.

***Sign up sheet is now on the bulletin board for Ladies Heart to Heart backyard luncheon** on Saturday, June 25 11:30 am -1:30 pm at Diane McKinnell's.

***Semi-annual meeting** Monday, June 20, 7:00p.m.

***MC Canada Assembly worship service** at TCU Place on Sunday, July 10, 9:30 am. **There will be no service here at OMC.**

OMC CALENDAR

- Tues June 7 Education meeting 7:00 pm
 - Sat June 11 MCC Sale, Prairieland Park
 - Sun June 12 S.S. Picnic at George & Lynette's, 10:00 am.
 - Sat. June 18 Foodgrains Bank sale near Gruenthal
 - Mon June 20 Semi-annual meeting, 7:00 pm
 - Wed June 22 Community Garden mtg 7:00 pm: M & S – 8:00 pm.
 - Sat June 25 Ladies Heart to Heart luncheon at Diane McKinnell's
 - Sun July 10 Assembly Worship service at TCU Place 9:30 am.
- There will be no service here at OMC.

RJC Year-End Musical, June 24 & 25, 7:00 pm. RJC is pleased to present “Rags” as its June musical. Tickets are \$20 each, \$10 for 16 and under, and can be reserved by calling the RJC Office at 306 232-4222.

RJC Alumni Banquet, June 25, 5:30 pm, in the RJC dining hall. We are delighted to invite all alumni and friends of RJC to join us to fellowship together. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$10.00, 4 and under FREE. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) to register by June 17.

RJC Graduation, June 26, 2015. Everyone is welcome to join our grads, their families, fellow students and staff at the 2016 Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 26. The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Graduation Exercises will begin at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURES: Matthew 13:1-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow.⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ Let anyone with ears^{*} listen!’

10 Then the disciples came and asked him, ‘Why do you speak to them in parables?’¹¹ He answered, ‘To you it has been given to know

the secrets^{*} of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.¹² For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.¹³ The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.”¹⁴ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: “You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.”

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

18 ‘Hear then the parable of the sower.¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.^{*}²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’