MCC Connects: MCCS is hosting "Raise the Peace Camp" August 21-25. The camp will provide an opportunity for youth to learn about peacebuilding. We are looking for volunteers to help cook meals and supervise kids. We would like to borrow 30 sleeping bags and pillows for the week. If your church is looking for a summer service opportunity, consider serving MCC locally by sponsoring the camp monetarily or with food donations. Please contact Gabby Martin at 306.665.2555 for more information.

*Saturday, August 12, 2017, The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival take places at the Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Highway 2). Event begins with pipe ceremony and stories at 10 a.m., and music from 1-6 p.m. Performers include Sparky and the Plugs, Joseph Naytowhow, and Well Sister. Food available on site. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Heather Driedger at 306.763.6224 or email parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com

Season of Prayer

Lord open us to your future.

We are told by the prophet Jeremiah that God has a plan, and we know that this plan is still at work today. May thy Kingdom come, Lord; in our churches, in MC Sask, and around the world.

Worship leader: Julie Bergen Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Sound: Chris Buhler

Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

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Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service July 2, 2017

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Invocation

*Hymns: HWB #46 "I sing the mighty power of God" SJ #15 "Santo (Holy)

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn: SJ #68 "O hear, my people"

Scripture lesson: Judges 11:30-40

Hymn: HWB #447 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Sermon: "Jephthah: He promised too much" Jake Buhler

*Hymn: HWB #373 "Thou true Vine, that heals"

*Benediction

(*Please rise)

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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.

Next Sunday, July 9: Singing Service

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Children's time: Wilf Buhler Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 9 Singing Service – Terri Lynn Friesen, worship leader

July 16 Mark Bigland-Pritchard preaching

July 23 Zachary Stefaniuk preaching

July 30 Chris Buhler preaching

Remember in Prayer:

- -Doug McKinnell, recovering from nose surgery.
- -The family Elvira Reddekopp, John Reddekopp's sister-in-law, who passed away Tuesday in Brooks, AB.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Summer: Please pray for Patty as she is on her national park leave June 19-July 31.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon/Tues: off; Wed: office/meeting; Thurs: service prep/visit; Friday: office/visit.

- *Next Sunday, July 9th, we will have a Singing Service. Instead of a sermon, we are inviting the sharing to come from you: there will be space in the service for you to tell us about your favourite hymn, and what it has meant to you in your spiritual journey. We'll sing the song as a congregation, and then you have a few minutes to share. You could also share a favourite scripture, if you prefer. Consider songs and scriptures for times of gratitude, joy, sorrow, love and hope.
- *Friday, July 7, is the registration deadline for Youth Mystery Camping Trip, in August. Please give registration forms to Terri Lynn, with cheques payable to Osler Mennonite Church. Memo: Youth camping trip.
- *Your church mailbox has moved! The mailboxes have been lowered to make them more accessible, which means the "B's" have come down a notch! Also, a separate mailbox has been labeled for the TREASURER. It is on the second from the bottom row. Please put any correspondence for the Treasurer in that box.
- *Summer Office Schedule and contact: Terri Lynn will be increasing her office hours at the church this summer during Patty's leave. Terri Lynn will be in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am-3 pm (will leave a note if away for a visit/meeting). Days off will be Mon/Tues. Please contact Terri Lynn on her cell phone for urgent matters at 306-715-5595.
- *Loretta's office hours will only be on Fridays in July and August. She is on holidays July 18 August 1. Shelley will be in charge of printing the bulletin during those weeks.
- *Church yard maintenance: Garry Boldt & Robin Neudorf and Harold & Lynn Loewen are scheduled for July 3-8. It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.

- *Canadian Foodgrains Bank is hosting a BBQ for supporters and others who are interested on July 19th in Langham at the Langham and District Heritage Museum, 302 Railway St). 4:30 7:30 pm. Please rsvp by July 16 to saskatchewan@foodgrainsbank.ca For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.
- *Refugee Sponsorship We are getting close to our initial goal of raising \$30,000 for our part of the sponsorship of the Alnouri family. Giving to date has totalled \$27,544.59. Although we don't have a definite date yet, we expect they will be coming quite soon. Thanks to all who have already contributed to the fund and we would encourage each of you to consider whether you are able to help bring the total up over our initial target.
- *Prayer Chain: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to be part of the Prayer Chain and commit to prayer as needs arise.
- *Save the Date: The MC Canada Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of July 12 and will be live streamed for those who wish to take part. A live stream link will be provided in the near future.
- *Save the Date: Labour of Love Soup Making for Community Need, on Labour Day Sunday, September 3, after church with soup lunch to share at noon. Save ugly veg and canning jars to turn into canned soup. Save pretty veg for Veggie Hampers from Mission and Service.

SUMMER YOUTH CALENDAR:

- -Mystery camping trip for all MC Sask youth and friends. August 1-3. Location to be revealed.
- **-VBS** @ **OMC. August 8-10. 6-8 pm**. Please keep this date in mind for potential campers and helpers.

*Save the date reminders from MC Sask:

September 15 & 16 Refresh, Refocus, Renew Fall Mini Retreat

October 13-15 MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg

October 28 MC Sask Equipping Day

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Judges 11:30-40

³⁰And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, 'If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, ³¹then whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the LORD's, to be offered up by me as a burnt-offering.' ³²So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them; and the LORD gave them into his hand. ³³He inflicted a massive defeat on them from Aroer to the neighbourhood of Minnith, twenty towns, and as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

Jephthah's Daughter

34 Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah; and there was his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and with dancing. She was his only child; he had no son or daughter except her. ³⁵When he saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, 'Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow. '36 She said to him, 'My father, if you have opened your mouth to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has given you vengeance against your enemies, the Ammonites.' ³⁷ And she said to her father, 'Let this thing be done for me: Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander on the mountains, and bewail my virginity, my companions and I.' 38'Go,' he said and sent her away for two months. So she departed, she and her companions, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. ³⁹At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the vow he had made. She had never slept with a man. So there arose an Israelite custom that ⁴⁰ for four days every year the daughters of Israel would go out to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.