

MCC Connects: The MCC Relief Sale Committee is looking for donations for the Relief Sale & Auction (June 8 & 9). Requested items include traditional Mennonite food items such as, zwieback, portzelky, peppernuts and platz. Please drop off your goodies at the bake table Friday at 4:00pm or Saturday morning. For more information contact Bev or Ted Janzen at 306.232.5619.

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday, June 9 - Kids' Corner @ MCC Relief Sale @ 11:30-2:00 pm - Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. MC SK is asking Youth Groups to facilitate the Kids' Corner again this year, so please mark this on your calendar. Each Youth Group has a time to be serving at the Kids' Corner - ours is 11:30-2:00. Please confirm with Terri Lynn that you can come.

Thursday, June 21 - SAVE the DATE - RJC Musical - *Godspell* . Come cheer on Adam, Katherine & Vanessa! I'll follow up with details about times and rides.

OMC CALENDAR

June 3 Parents & Youth meeting, 11:00 am
 June 5 Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm
 June 8-9 MCC Relief Sale @ Prairieland Park in Saskatoon
 June 10 Noon: Pizza lunch and Semi-Annual meeting
 June 17 Annual S.S. Picnic @ Pineview Farms, 10:00 am
 Aug 5 Joint Outdoor Service & Communion with Aberdeen & Warman churches here in our churchyard. **Lunch group M-Z (group leaders Carl Martens-Funk & Diane McKinnell) in charge of potluck lunch.**

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Pianist: Melanie Boldt
 Song leader: Kevin Boldt Nursery: Diana Buhler
 Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk Ushers: Cornie G, Jadrian G

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 June 3, 2018

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship
 Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #3 “Create my soul anew”**
Blue/HWB #14 “Come, we that love the Lord”

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #289 “Filled with the Spirit’s power”

Scripture lesson: Acts 6:1-15; 7:54 - 8:2

Hymn: (insert) “Good King Wenceslas”

Sermon: “Stephan: Full of Spirit and Good Sense” Patty Friesen

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #412 “We shall walk through the valley”**

*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 9:15 am.
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.
- **11:00 am: Parents & Youth meeting with Terri Lynn in the Youth room.**
- **12:30 pm: Blanket exercise**

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 pm: Education meeting**
- **Saturday, June 9: MCC Relief Sale. We need volunteers for the Verenike booth. See bulletin announcement for details.**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Noon: Pizza lunch and Semi-Annual meeting.**
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Sunday, June 10: Service week sharing by RJC students and Terri Lynn Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen Song leader: Kevin Boldt
Sound: Stephanie Siemens Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Jadrian Guenther

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon, visits, Weds. office, visits, Fri. office, visits, Sat. MCC Sale, Sun. CHEP walk

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: youth & parents meeting, blanket exercise, Tues: education mtg (pm), Wed: Worship prep, Thur: End Abuse Training (MC SK), Fri: office (am), Sat: Youth @ MCC Sale.

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 17 S.S. picnic - at Kevin & Melanie Boldt's farm
June 24 "Tabitha, Rise Up", Acts 9, by Patty Friesen
July 1 Zachary Stefaniuk preaching
July 8 "The Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius", Acts 10, by Patty Friesen

Remember in Prayer:

-MCC Sale Organizers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** OMC has once again been asked to work the Verenike Booth at the MCC Relief Sale on June 9th from 1-3pm. Please consider volunteering for this. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. They are also asking for sauce. If you could donate some please indicate that as well on the sheet.

***Hymnals for Graduates:** Hymnals for Katherine & Vanessa are in the church entrance - **please sign a note of encouragement** for each graduate on the page of a hymn that is meaningful to you, by June 10

***The 2018 CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is now posted. Thank you for your participation and co-operation. **Lloyd & Loretta Sawatzky are scheduled for June 4-9.**

*The **FLOWER BED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is now posted on the bulletin board and **volunteers are needed!**

***The church office will only be open Fridays** in June, July, and the last two week of August, with the exception of July 7 instead of 6. The office will be closed August 1-12 as Loretta is on holidays. Phone numbers of Trustees and Deacons will be posted on the door in case of emergency. Patty's holidays: Aug 1-6; 17-28.

*Please DO NOT move the art piece at the front of the sanctuary. It is fragile. If it needs to be moved, please talk to Glen G.

*Job Opening: Part time receptionist role at Mennonite Trust in Saskatoon. See www.mtrust.net/jobs. Join our ministry team!"

***RJC Year-End Musical, June 22 & 23, 7:00 pm.** RJC is pleased to present "Godspell" 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 or emailing office@rjc.sk.ca.

***RJC Alumni Banquet, June 23, 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 \$14.00, children 5-12 \$10.00, 5 and under FREE. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) to register by June 15.

***RJC Graduation, June 24, 2018.** Everyone is welcome to join our grads, their families, fellow students and staff at the 2018 Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 24. 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.

*"**Borne to party!**" Rob and Brandee Borne invite everyone to their acreage near Redberry Lake on **Sunday, July 15**, for a wiener roast right after church. Hotdogs, buns and condiments will be supplied. **Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and your lawn chairs.** There are opportunities for you to spend the afternoon hiking, biking, swimming, or golfing (Course is 2 miles away) so bring along your bikes, golf clubs and swim wear.

***Save the Date: Fall Worship Workshop, Saturday, September 22, 10:00-2:00 p.m.** with lunch provided. Worship leaders, song leaders, scripture presenters, children's time people, preachers, sound people and youth encouraged to attend. Lois Siemens will present on how to flesh out scripture texts in creative ways and we will work in small group projects and come together to rehearse for the Sunday, September 23 service.

***Today, June 3: Youth & Parent's Meeting: 11-11:20 am (over coffee, before Sunday School)** - Please gather in the Youth Room for a quick chat about summer youth possibilities and planning for fall. Parents, youth, and anyone else interested in supporting our youth community - please join us!

* **Today, June 3: KAIROS Blanket Exercise at OMC @ 12:30** - Bring a bag lunch for yourself/ your family, and plan to join us, as we journey together as a church community along the path towards reconciliation. The Blanket Exercise is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Kaytee Edwards Buhler, on behalf MCC SK and others will lead us.

***Kevin, Melanie, Liam and Adam Boldt invite you to Pine View Farms' 20th Anniversary** celebration on **Saturday, June 9th** from noon until 4 p.m. Admission and lemonade are free, nominal cost for hot dog bar and homemade ice cream by Fable. Plus enjoy music by Sparky & the Plugs, bouncy castles for kids and butcher shop tours.

***Sunday, June 17: Church Picnic at Pine View Farms' Old Red Barn.** Here's the scoop: ---*Worship Service at 10 am* in the Old Red Barn. Please dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair to sit on. ---*BBQ lunch at noon.* Lunch will be provided. You don't have to bring anything except your appetite! Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food and supplies. (Hot dog bar, vegetarian options too, kettle chips, lemonade, coffee and homemade ice-cream.) If the weather is inclement, everything will be in the Old Red Barn so the picnic will happen, rain or shine!

***Intergenerational softball game** after lunch: please bring ball gloves, bats and balls. **Lunch group D-L, with leaders Kathy Braun and Rob and Brandee Borne are in charge of helping the Boldt's with set-up & clean-up.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Acts 6:1-15, 7:54-8:2 The Message (MSG)

Reader 1: During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers by leaps and bounds, hard feelings developed among the Greek-speaking believers—"Hellenists"—toward the Hebrew-speaking believers because their widows were being discriminated against in the daily food lines. So the Twelve called a meeting of the disciples. They said, "It wouldn't be right for us to abandon our responsibilities for preaching and teaching the Word of God to help with the care of the poor. So, friends, choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense, and we'll assign them this task. Meanwhile, we'll stick to our assigned tasks of prayer and speaking God's Word."

Reader 2: The congregation thought this was a great idea. They went ahead and chose—

Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas, a convert from Antioch. Then they presented them to the apostles. Praying, the apostles laid on hands and commissioned them for their task. The Word of God prospered. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased dramatically. Not least, a great many priests submitted themselves to the faith.

Reader 1: Stephen, brimming with God's grace and energy, was doing wonderful things among the people, unmistakable signs that God was among them. But then some men from the meeting place whose membership was made up of freed slaves, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and some others from Cilicia and Asia, went up against him trying to argue him down. But they were no match for his wisdom and spirit when he spoke.

Reader 2: So in secret they bribed men to lie: "We heard him cursing Moses and God."

That stirred up the people, the religious leaders, and religion scholars. They grabbed Stephen and took him before the High Council. They put forward their bribed witnesses to testify: "This man talks nonstop against this Holy Place and God's Law. We even heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth would tear this place down and throw out all the customs Moses gave us." As all those who sat on the High Council looked at Stephen, they found they couldn't take their eyes off him—his face was like the face of an angel!

Reader 1: At that point they went wild, a rioting mob of catcalls and whistles and invective. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed—he only had eyes for God, whom he saw in all his glory with Jesus standing at his side. He said, "Oh! I see heaven wide open and the Son of Man standing at God's side!"

Reader 2: Yelling and hissing, the mob drowned him out. Now in full stampede, they dragged him out of town and pelted him with rocks. The ringleaders took off their coats and asked a young man named Saul to watch them. As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, "Master Jesus, take my life." Then he knelt down, praying loud enough for everyone to hear, "Master, don't blame them for this sin"—his last words. Then he died.

Reader 1: Saul was right there, congratulating the killers. That set off a terrific persecution of the church in Jerusalem. The believers were all scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. All, that is, but the apostles. Good and brave men buried Stephen, giving him a solemn funeral—not many dry eyes that day!

Reader 2: The Blessing by Jean Janzen

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Making peace, Requires action. Sometimes crossing the street, when the light is red. Swimming upstream, getting bruised. Maybe dying.

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay 'round about
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

“Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?”

“Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.”
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.”

“Mark my footsteps, good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.