

## MCC NEWS

MCC Connects - In the Lap Thach district of Vietnam, the District Preventative Health Centre has been pro-active in providing HIV/AIDS education and support through establishing peer education clubs and support groups. The project will also train community leaders and offer HIV testing at the health centre. Support this MCC HIV/AIDS project, as well as others around the world, by attending "Help Make Hope Happen", an **Evening of Song and Stories** with Kim Thiessen from Clagary, and Joseph Kiranto from Kenya at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Call 665-2555 for more information.

**\*Evening of Quartets**, an evening of music in support of MCC's Food for All initiatives will be held on April 5 at the Forest Grove Community Church (502 Webster St, Saskatoon). Come to sing with your quartet or come to listen. Come to learn more about the work of MCC in food security. Quartets – please register in advance. Call MCCS at (306)665-2555 or email to [saskoffice@mccs.org](mailto:saskoffice@mccs.org).

\*MC Sask. Ministries Commission invites you to join the Touring Mission Fest on **April 25, 2009**. The tour will take you to Eyebrow, Hanley, Pleasant Point Mennonite Churches and the Dundurn Museum. The cost per person will be \$50.00. You can board the bus at Bethany Manor or at Wildwood Church in Saskatoon. Detailed information and registration forms are available from your churches. Come and see what God is doing in these communities! Seating is limited so please register early.

### From Mennonite Church Canada \* Prayer \* Notes \* News

So what does Mennonite Church Canada do anyway? Find out by subscribing to bi-weekly e-news stories at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/174](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/174).

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 1, 2009 – Lent I  
**God provides for creation**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to worship**

L: We gather in this Lenten season to remember, repent, and seek renewal.

**P: Creator God, open our minds and hearts to your Spirit and help us to claim your promises.**

L: We see your movement through history: from destruction to provision, from flood to foundation, from death to life.

**P: You are an active, responsive God.**

**We trust your mysterious ways and rest in your mercy. Amen**

**Song: StJ #29      “You are all we have”**

Chiming to worship and silent preparation  
Invocation

### PRAISING and HEARING

**Hymn: HWB #156      “All things bright and beautiful”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Time with Children      Heather Shouse

**HWB #327      “Great is they faithfulness”**

Scripture presentation based on:  
Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15

### Confession

**Providing God,  
we're often tempted by fruitless self-sufficiency.  
Help us instead to trust your faithful care  
and draw us close to you and our neighbours.  
We pray these things in Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen**

Offering and offertory music  
Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: HWB #553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"**

Sermon: "It is good for you" Gordon Allaby

### RESPONDING

**Hymn: HWB # 580 "My life flows on"**

Benediction:

L: God of covenant,  
you are the one we trust.

**All: Our lives are in your hands.**

L: Send us out as your beloved children,  
fresh from the waters of the flood and the Jordan.

**All: Our lives are in your hands.**

L: Make us a sign for the world that your promise is reliable,  
your kingdom has come near.

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**We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.**

To all our visitors: WELCOME. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the card that the ushers gave you, and place it in the offering bag. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Deacons are still looking for someone to coordinate Nursery Supervision.

**Children's Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available on the table in the foyer.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
Sound: Dave Klassen  
Ushers: Cornie Guenther & Russ Friesen  
Deacon greeter for March is Loretta Sawatzky

**TODAY:** Floor Hockey starting at 7:00 pm with the children and the Youth and Adults at 7:30 pm.

### **NEXT WEEK**

\*First meeting for the 2009 Council will be Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 pm.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*REJOICE devotional material is in. Pick yours up today.

\*The Deacons are updating the Prayer Chain list. Please include your name on the sign-up sheet if you wish to remain on the list or would like to be included.

\*About war: Any war is about making tough decisions. To join or not to join. To support or not to support. Conrad Stoesz from Mennonite Church Canada will speak to us on **Sunday, March 8** from 11:15 a.m. to noon about Conscientious Objection. Invite your friends and family, whether old or young, to attend.

\*Red & Yellow, Black & White, All are precious in His Sight !

**OMC Kids Club** starts Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> and continues each Monday in March.

Who: Children Grades 2 – 6 Bring a friend !

Where: Here!

Time: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

What: Fun, games, Crafts, snacks and a multicultural theme  
(For more information, please contact Leanne, Loretta or Adeline)

\*Appreciating the Bergthaler Mennonite History. The MHSS is Honouring Bishops Buhler and Reddekopp on March 6 & 7, and having its AGM at Valley Christian Academy. Guest speaker is Conrad Stoesz, Winnipeg. All are welcome. Friday at 7:30 pm and

Saturday from 9:30 to 3:30 pm.

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