

## 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 Calgary, and Joseph Kiranto from Kenya at the MCC Centre in Saskatoon on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. 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.

\* Please check the church kitchen to claim your missing tupperware, plates, pans etc.

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
March 8, 2009 – Lent 2  
**God blesses for service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to worship**

L: Hear the call, God's people: barrenness is not the end.

**P: Through God, what was impossible comes true.**

L: Trust God to keep promises, and commit yourselves to God's vision.

**P: We accept God's call.**

L: With God there is new purpose and vision for the future:

**P: God blesses us for service.**

**Theme Song: StJ #29**

**“You are all we have”**

Chiming to worship and silent preparation

Invocation

### PRAISING and HEARING

**Hymn: HWB #**

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Time with Children

Heather Shouse

**HWB #**

“”

Scripture presentation based on:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25 and Mark 8:31-38

### Confession

**God of Abraham and Sarah,  
we admit that the more we hold on to things  
the less we have to offer.  
We too are barren.  
Help us to let go, help us to give--  
for as we die we come to life, and as we give we are filled.  
You alone are the hope for our barrenness,  
the transformation of our despair.  
We pray these things in Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Offering and offertory music

Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: HWB #**       “”

Sermon:               ""               Gordon Allaby

### RESPONDING

**Hymn: HWB #**       “”

Benediction:

L: Lord and Christ, we hear your call to follow you and take up our cross.

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

***Though barren we are not despairing.***

L: Osler Mennonite Church, may the Lord speak your name,  
make your life fruitful  
and bless you with the joy of serving in Jesus' name. Amen

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**We welcome all who are worshipping 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 worshipping 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:        Elsie Epp  
Sound:                Dave Klassen  
Ushers:               Cornie Guenther & Russ Friesen  
Deacon greeter for March is Loretta Sawatzky

### **TODAY:**

\*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.

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

\*Games night starting at 7:00 pm. Bring a favorite game. Contacts are Sandra MaCarthur or Kathy Boldt.

### **NEXT WEEK**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*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.

\*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)

\*Tuesday, **March 10** - 5:00-7:00 - Youth Farm Bible Camp Fund Raiser at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Menu is Veraniki and Sausage. Come and support the ministry of YFBC. Admission by donation.

\*You are invited to The Sask Valley Food Grains Bank Fund Raising Supper on **March 13** from 4:30 pm to 8 pm at the Brain King Centre in Warman. The menu is Perogies, Sausage, Ham and desserts.

\*Ted Janzen sends an urgent request about the annual MC Sask Songfest scheduled Friday and Saturday **March 13 & 14** at First Mennonite in Saskatoon. He needs to know from people who are planning to participate. Please response to [tbianzen@sasktel.net](mailto:tbianzen@sasktel.net). Rehearsals begin Friday evening at 7:30 at First Mennonite Church Saskatoon, the program will be Saturday evening @ 7:30 pm at First Mennonite Church Saskatoon.

\*Rosthern Junior College Spring Theatre - the RJC Theatre Arts Class is pleased to present "Jungle Book" in the Pit Theatre on Sunday and Monday, **March 15 & 16** at 7:30 pm (two shows only). Tickets are \$12 each (reserved seating) and can be purchased by calling 306 232-4222.

\*MCC Generations at Risk Concert on Tuesday, **March 17**, 7:30 pm at Rosthern Junior College Featuring musicians Kim Thiessen & Darryl Neustaedter Barg, with special guest Joseph Kiranto from Kenya. An offering for MCC will be taken. Please join us for a delightful evening of music.

\*RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction, Sunday, **March 22**, 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of pie, coffee and music with Buncha'Guys. Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with funds going towards RJC Auxiliary projects. Join us for an evening of music and fun.

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

**God blesses us for service:** God of many blessings, we pray that you will make our lives fruitful for service so that we may help to build you Kingdom! Pray for an enriching trip to China this month for Pastor Jim Loepp-Thiessen of The Gathering Church in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. and Wilmer and Barb Froese from Rosthern MC, SK. Traveling with long-term MC Canada Witness worker Jeanette Hanson, these pastors will have opportunities to meet and fellowship with Chinese church leaders. Upon their return, their experiences will allow them to share fresh new visions with their congregations of what Witness is doing in China.

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).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: YEAR B – Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

*Focus statment:* With the gift of new names to reflect new reality, God replaces barrenness and emptiness with live and fruitfulness. We respond in trust, denying ourselves and following Jesus in a life of service and cross bearing.