

***MCC Connects** - The MCCS Encounter and AGM are almost here. The nominating committee is presenting Peter Guenther as a nominee for the position of MCCS chairperson. An election for this position will occur at the annual general meeting on November 7th. Further nominations from the constituency will be accepted until October 25, 2009. Please contact Harry Harder of the nominating committee at 931-2449 or hkh@sasktel.net

***Soup and Pie Supper** at Rosthern MC, Thursday, **October 15** from 5-8pm, by donation for the Home for the Aged. Call 232-4822 for more information.

***Check the bulletin board** for the latest news from **MDS**.

***Also posted on the bulletin board** is the latest *PrayerNet* which includes information on **IMPACT** in which Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is involved. Check it out!

***MC SASK Equipping Day**. For **EVERYONE**, including lay people and pastors interested in developing supports for our various roles in church life. Theme: Christ Centered and Sent ... in Diversity. **Saturday, October 24**, Osler Mennonite Church. Check out the details on posters and registration forms at your church office or online at www.mcsask.ca.

***To all those who will be working with our children**, please, please, please complete your "**Consent for Disclosure**" form that will be submitted to the RCMP for their records search. More forms are available in the church office.

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
October 11, 2009
Thanksgiving & Homecoming

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

1. Open our stories to any chapter:
2. A friend will have a page there.
1. Look closely at our vigorous roots:
2. Companions nourished what holds us.
1. Ask about our migrations, our paths:
2. Strangers became neighbors, became loved ones.
1. Listen to the cadence of our song:
2. A symphony of lives soars through each note.
1. Watch us shelter beneath soft wings:
2. Friendship gentles our weariness.
1. Discover our tables set with bread and laughter.
2. For we share what we have received.
1. Look at the goodness that surrounds us:
2. Thanksgiving is our response.

(adapted from *Joy is Our Banquet* by Keri Wehlander)

Invocation

***Hymns:**

Celebrating Home: Connections to those away

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer of the Church

PRAISING and HEARING

Time with Children

Jennifer Rowan

Hymn:

Offering and Offertory

Offertory Prayer in Unison

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture: Job 23:16,17

New Testament Scripture: Mark 10:17-31 and Hebrews 4:12,13

Hymn:

Sermon: "Mortally Wounded"

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 389

"Take my life"

Benediction

*Please Rise

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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.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years old should be accompanied by an adult).

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

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler

Song Leader: Kevin Boldt

Accompanist: Melanie Boldt

Scripture: Leanne Friesen

Sound: Bill Peters

Ushers: Harold L. & Steven R

Deacon greeter for October is Loretta

Next Sunday Nursery Care – Adeline Cox

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Beverly Morris, mother of Doug (Adeline) Cox,

WE CELEBRATE

- The birth of Lanae Ellen on October 6 to Christy and Carl. She was 6 pounds, 12 ounces

THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, October 13** – Worship Committee meeting
- **Thursday, October 15** - Education Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon will be away from the office from October 15th - 18th

*Kathy has submitted her resignation; therefore, we are now receiving resumes for the position of Church Office Administrator. Resumes may be submitted to the church office or anyone on the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Calling All Young Adults: Want to meet other Mennonite young adults, looking for spiritual enrichment or maybe just want a great road trip with your friends? Register now for the 2009 Young Adult Fellowship Retreat **October 23-25** in Calgary, Alberta, sponsored by MC Canada and MC USA. Registration information can be found at http://www.ohio.mennonite.net/YAF_09Registration.pdf . Phone 1.866.888.6785 or email: dbergen@mennonitechurch.ca

RJC NEWS

***October 16 & 17 - RJC Alumni Weekend.** Come join in the fun of volleyball, soccer and touch football. Please call or email to register if you wish to play volleyball or if you have a complete team (306 242-1757 or deneldafast@hotmail.com). To play soccer, show up in the rehearsal hall at 10:00 am on Saturday (bring a dark and a white t-shirt). Football will take place spontaneously during the day. A delicious lunch will be available in the rehearsal hall between 11:00 and 1:00. Don't miss out on seeing some of your old friends!

*RJC's Annual Corporation Meeting - School supporters and parents are invited to our Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**. A light supper will be available at 6:30 pm in the dining hall (please rsvp to 306 232-4222 to register for the meal), followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Rehearsal Hall. Report books will be in churches shortly. This meeting is an important time for acknowledging the past year, but just as importantly planning for the current fiscal year. We look forward to having you join us for this evening.

*RJC Annual Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet will be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the RJC gymnasium. Our guest speaker will be Billy Morgan of Pass Christian, Mississippi. Billy was one of thousands who lost his home and all his possessions to Hurricane Katrina and our students were fortunate to get to know Billy as they helped rebuild his home as part of our volunteering with MDS. As the deacon in the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, Billy celebrates God's goodness by working with the needs in his community, and by sharing lessons and stories about faithfulness, hope and joy.

A Silent Auction and musical entertainment will also be part of the evening. Tickets are complimentary but must be reserved by contacting the school by Monday, November 2 (306.232.4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca). An offering will be taken during the evening for support of RJC. We would be delighted to have you join us for this enjoyable evening.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember* your feedback is still welcome regarding the **regular three-year review of the life of the Church, which includes the Pastor. Talk to Dick Braun, Kathy Boldt, Kevin Boldt, Joe Guenther or Ruth Buhler. All responses will be confidential. We're looking for each person to share:

- one or two things that you like about the church
- one or two things that you would like to see improved in the church
- one or two comments for the pastor.

*A Christmas Chancel Choir will perform on December 20. Choir practices will be during the Sunday School hour, and will begin on October 25. Those who are willing to commit to attending practices and who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the choir.

UP COMING EVENTS

***Women's Retreat** at the Shekinah Retreat Centre on **October 16 & 17th**. See the bulletin board for details.

***Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat** At Shekinah Retreat Centre on **October 30 – November 1**. See bulletin board for more details.

*The Mission & Service Committee will again sponsor the **HOT CHOCOLATE BOOTH** on the evening of October 31 while the kids are out going door to door. The Free Hot Chocolate has been a big hit with parents and children the past three years BUT we need a volunteer to serve it. This is a great opportunity for someone living out of town – you get to see all the neat costumes! Contact Anna Peters to volunteer.

*Osler Mennonite Church's fall fundraiser event will be Friday evening, **November 27**. This will be an evening of *fun* and also a *fundraiser* for MCC disaster relief. A number of countries in Southeast Asia are in dire need of assistance because of recent natural disasters.

TODAY'S Passages:

Job 23:16 (NRSV) ¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷f only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Mark 10:17 - 31 (NRSV) ¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Hebrews 4:12 - 13 ¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Next Week's scripture passages: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45