*MCC Encounter – Thank you to all who worked to make this year's Relief Sale a success. The net proceeds for the 2009 sale came to \$89,900. This reflects decreased donations to MCC in Saskatchewan and across North America. We appreciate your donations to further God's work in the world

*Refugee Sponsorship Training October 2-3 at the McClure United Church. Please encourage your refugee committees, missions committee members, or others interested in sponsorship or actively involved in sponsorship to attend this training event. There is no charge for the workshop. However, pre-registration is required. The workshop will give a good overview of refugee issues and the overseas resettlement program. We will also focus on settlement issues after arrival in Canada. There appears to be much interest in this workshop, so we encourage people to register early to assure that they have a space. Check the bulletin board for more information.

*RJC Opening Service will be held on Sunday, September 20 at 2:30 pm in the gym. We would be delighted to have you join us as we gather to give thanks and ask God's blessings for the new school year.

*Walter Klaassen, former professor at AMBS, will be teaching a course Thursday evenings at Emmanuel-St Chad Seminary, beginning **Sept 17**, on the history and theology of anabaptism; further information on the bulletin board. Contact Colleen Walker, 975-1558, or Walter Klaassen, 975-0062 (email wrld@sasktel.ca).

*Do you have an old clothes dryer that still works? We are aware of someone in need of one. Please contact the church office if you have one to sell or donate?

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Osler, Saskatchewan A Welcoming Christian Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service September 6, 2009

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Report from Stephanie Siemens

GATHERING

Call to Worship Invocation

Hymns: HWB # 150

"Wonderful grace of Jesus"

HWB # 142

"Brothers and sisters of mine"

PRAISING and HEARING

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

Time with Children

Jennifer Rowan

Hymn: SJ # 30

"Jesus Christ is waiting"

Offering & Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Readings: Mark 7:24-30

James 2:1-17

Hymn: SJ#

"Jesus calls us here to meet him"

Sermon

"Like Me"

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 143 v1, 3 & 6

"Amazing grace!"

Benediction

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.

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: Jim Dyck
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Scripture: Stephanie Siemens
Sound: Dave Klassen

Ushers: Anna Peters & Carl Martens-Funk

Deacon greeter for September is Steven

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

*Deanna Reddekopp recovering from open heart surgery in Toronto on August 27th. She is doing well.

*Beverly Morris, mother of Doug (Adeline) Cox and Grandma to Chris & Chelsea, as she is not doing well with her cancer.

THIS WEEK:

- *Because of Labour Day, Gordon will be taking Tuesday off this week so the church office will be closed.
- *Thursday, September 10 at 7:30pm Deacon Committee Meeting *Yard maintenance for the weekend of September 12 is Lyle Stucky & Ross Wiebe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Sunday, September 13th, Gordon will be away preaching at Bethany Manor.
- *Homecoming Sunday is October 11. Please let us (church office) know if you have out-of-town family members who will be in attendance (visiting because of Thanksgiving). We would like to invite them to be a part of our worship service.

- *Sunday School begins September 13 and on that note please consider helping with our children's Sunday School. There are lots of options, including a class that teaches cooking. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The commitment is for only three weeks.
- *As last year, we will be offering two adult classes. A Bible study class, using conference material as the resource, and the Mosaic class, lead by Steve G. This fall, many of the Mosaic class's sessions will be sermon response discussions.
- *To all those who will be working with our children, please complete your "Consent for Disclosure" form that will be submitted to the RCMP for their records search.

Our Children Away at Schools
Kyla Boldt at RJC
Lance Braun at CMU
Chris Cox at University of Alberta in Edmonton
Scott Feick at CMU
Jason Feick at CMU
Craig Friesen at CMU
Teresa Friesen at RJC

YOUTH: Reminder to Junior Youth (Grades 7 - 9) **TODAY** IS THE LAST DAY to register for the SMYO Jr. High Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre the weekend of September 11 - 13, 2009. Come for the coffee house, fun activities and fellowship! The cost for the weekend is \$75 for Youth (\$80 after Sept 6th). For more information, please speak to sponsor Stephanie Siemens. See the Bulletin Board for application forms. If financial assistance is needed, please speak to Leslie Allaby.

- *Tuesday, **September 29** 5:00-7:00 The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having a fall supper. The Menu includes Roast Beef, Turkey and all the trimmings. Location is at the camp and admission is by donation.
- *The Youth Farm Bible Camp would like to invite everyone to experience their corn maze, petting zoo and climbing wall. They are open to the public on Wednesday-Sunday from 1:00pm-8:00pm. There is also a picnicking area and concession stand. For more information, check out www.youthfarmcornmaze.com

*World Communion Sunday is October 4.

*It is time for the regular three-year review of the Pastor's contract and the life of Osler Mennonite Church. The ad-hoc committee, appointed by church council, will do a less formal review this time. The members of this committee include Dick Braun, Kathy Boldt, Kevin Boldt, Joe Guenther, Ruth Buhler.

We invite feedback given personally, by phone, or in writing to any member of the committee. We request that written submissions be signed. Conversations will be documented, name attached and brought to the committee. All responses will be confidential. Information will be tabulated and destroyed after the process. We invite feedback from all regular church attenders (whether members or non-members). 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

Energy Conversation: Ernie Becker and Mark Bigland-Pritchard will help lead a conversation at Nutana Park Mennonite Church Sept. 9 at 7:30 pm on the key considerations in the potential use and non-use of nuclear energy. Recent debate on the role of nuclear energy has produced numerous studies and statements. We will gather in an effort to be better informed. Interested individuals of your congregation are welcome to join as we seek to be a discerning people. – Nutana Park Mennonite Church

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

MC SASK Equipping Day. Don't come, unless you would like to learn and share about worship, relationships within your congregation and community, cross cultural Christianity, and dynamic Sunday School classes. Saturday, October 24, Osler Mennonite Church. Check out details on posters and upcoming registration forms available at your church office.

Next week's scripture – September 13 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1 or Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Mark 7:24 - 30 (NRSV) 24From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 28But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

James 2:1 - 17 1My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," 4have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. 14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself,

