

***MCC Encounter** – School Kits give the joy of learning to children whose education is disrupted by conflict, displacement or natural disaster. Over 120,000 kits were distributed to students in 12 countries in the past fiscal year. See the YouTube School Kits – MCC promotion, accessed through mcc.org/kits/school. Please donate kit items listed, or cash, to continue this practical way to share God’s love.

***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 wrlid@sasktel.ca).

*Bible classes will begin this week Wednesday in grade 6 at Osler Elementary School. Jake Buhler will be teaching Old Testament once a week for the next 10 weeks.



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
September 13, 2009

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us be glad and rejoice in it.

L: This is a day of new beginnings – new classes, new teachers, new lessons.

C: We are grateful for new beginnings.

L: This is a day to commit to new learning opportunities, to open our minds and our hearts to what God wants us to learn.

C: We are grateful for new learning opportunities.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: We are glad and rejoice in it.

Invocation

Hymns: HWB # 59

SJ # 90

“Sing praise to God who reigns”

“Lord, we bring to you our children”

PRAISING and HEARING

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

Introduction to Sunday School year and Time with Children

Children's song:

“I will sing, I will sing”

Offering & Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

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Old Testament Scripture: Proverbs 6:20-23

New Testament Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Hymn: HWB # 401 **“This little light of mine”**

Sermon: “Teaching and Learning About God” Jake Buhler

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 546 **“Guide my feet”**

Benediction

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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: Gordon Allaby
Song Leader: Loretta Swatzky
Accompanist: Dianne Carter
Scripture: Lynn Loewen
Sound: Dave Klassen
Ushers: Anna Peters & Carl Martens-Funk
Deacon greeter for September is Steven
Next Sunday Nursery Care – MaryAnn Braun

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

*Deanna Reddekopp recovering at home.

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

TODAY: Sunday School begins and the Gathering Place is open.
: Gordon and Diana are facilitating the worship service at Bethany Manor.

THIS WEEK:

*Yard maintenance for the weekend of September 19 is Jim Dyck & Sandra MaCarthur

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Loose Change collection is next Sunday, September 20.

*To end the summer and celebrate the Harvest, we will have a Church Pot Luck, at noon, on **Sunday, September 27th**.

*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.

Students Away at Schools

At RJC: Erin Boldt, Teresa Friesen, Kaitlyn and John Baker
At CMU: Lance Braun, Craig Friesen, Jason and Scott Feick
Chris Cox at University of Alberta in Edmonton

*For those of you who receive the Canadian Mennonite, it is time to renew subscriptions. Please indicate any changes to the Church Office and consider a donation to recover this cost.

*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

*Check the bulletin board for the latest MDS Update.

*World Communion Sunday is **October 4**.

*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.

UP COMING EVENTS

You are invited to attend the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Mustard Seed Project's Harvest Day, weather permitting. This is planned for Saturday, September 19th beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the project site which is 5 miles west and 2 miles north of Rosthern.

There are 2 combines of special interest that we hope to feature:

- 1) the world's largest combine
- 2) a 1952 Massey Harris "26"

We invite other farmers to join us with their combines and /or trucks. A 'Sausage on a Bun' lunch will be served by Affinity Credit Union. Donations for the CFGB will be accepted. For further information call Wilf Buhler at 239-4786.

*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.

*Due to the by-election on Sept. 21, we will be unable to hold the Official Opening of Bethany Place. Instead, we will celebrate Bethany Place with family and friends on **September 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Bethany Place Dining Room. We will begin with a short program after which visitors will be able to tour the new facility and enjoy dessert & coffee.

*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

***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.

Proverbs 6:20 - 23 (NRSV) 20My child, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 21Bind them upon your heart always; tie them around your neck. 22When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. 23For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

Luke 2:41 - 52 41Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." 49He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50But they did not understand what he said to them. 51Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Next week's scripture – September 20 Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1 or Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37