

MCC NEWS

A recent news release from MCCC Canada: "Amid the global crisis, MCC is reducing its budget in the coming year while continuing to focus its resources on helping people in poverty around the world." In Saskatchewan, it was announced that Dave Pauls will be joining the staff as Donor Development Coordinator starting in March.

Some upcoming events:

- Generations at Risk is an initiative of MCC to heighten awareness of the needs of the many HIV/AIDS victims around the world. On March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the MCC Centre, you are invited to an **Evening of Song and Stories** with Kim Thiessen from Clagary, and Joseph Kiranto from Kenya. Donations will be forwarded to the MCC Generations at Risk work.
- **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.

*MCC connects refugees with congregations - in this case, Osler Mennonite Church. Despite the hardship of learning English, finding employment and adapting to a new way of life, Amalia and Roberto Gomez quickly became active in Osler Mennonite Church. The couple began a weekly home-based Bible study and help to lead a worship service on Sunday evenings. You can learn more about MCC's work with refugees by calling Elaine Harder at 665-2555 or eharder@mccs.org

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan

**A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 22, 2009

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

PRAISING

Call to worship

Invocation

**Hymns: HWB # 46
HWB # 87**

**"I sing the mighty power of God"
"Great is the Lord"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the Church

PROCLAIMING AND LISTENING

Time with Children

Wilf Buhler

Song: "Alleluia"

Offering and offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Lesson - 2 Kings 2:1-12

Gospel Lesson - Mark 9:2-9

Lesson from the Epistles - 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Hymn: HWB # 343 "My hope is built on nothing less"

Sermon:

"Looking at Nothing"

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

Hymn: HWB # 545

“Be thou my vision”

Benediction:

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: Jim Dyck
Song Leader: Art Zacharias
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Scripture Reader: Lacey Braun
Sound: Abe Braun
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky & Dick Braun
Deacon greeter for February is Edna Zacharias

CONGRATULATIONS:

-To Joe Guenther and Gaye (Bailey) Guenther who were married February 7th.

-To Julie and Matthew at the birth of a girl, Nora Marie Bergen-Braun born on February 16th in Prince George. A grandchild for Dick and Kathy Braun. Mom, baby and Dad are doing well.

NEXT WEEK

*Ash Wednesday February 25: The Sanctuary will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a personal, Self Guided Meditation in preparation for Lent.

*Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 pm – Education Committee Meeting

*Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 pm – Mission and Service

*Submissions to the Newsletter should be in by Wednesday, February 25.

*The 2009 Version of the Church Phone and Address Directory will be printed this week.

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.

*The Relief Sale & Auction Dessert Night Fundraiser (held Saturday, Feb 14 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church) was a huge success. Approximately 220 people enjoyed the evening and raised over \$8,500.00 for the Relief Sale Expense Fund. “Thank You”

*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.

*The annual MC Sask Songfest is scheduled for March 13 and 14 at First Mennonite in Saskatoon. See information on the bulletin board.

*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.

Feb. 25th Meda Supper 5:30 pm Bethany Manor. Hear how Mennonites have returned to the Ukraine through a Meda project to help small farmers succeed in business. Nigel Motts, Meda's Ukraine project manager, will share the work that is being done in the communities where many of our ancestors came from. Cost \$13.00 RSVP by Feb 20th - call Bethany Manor at 242-9019 or email smcsi@sasktel.net

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An increasing number of families focus on the season of Lent with their children by using the At Home Lent Resources that are downloadable at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/689. Pray that families will grow in their identification with Jesus and his earthly journey as God-with-us.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: YEAR B – Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

2 Kings 2:1 - 12 (NRSV) ¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me

as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9:2 - 9 (NRSV) ^{9:2}Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6 ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Bible Readings for March 1, 2009 – Lent 1, Theme: Teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4; Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15