

**OMC Calendar
April 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am Floor Hockey: 7pm	1	2	3	4 Church Council meeting 7:30pm	5	6 YOUTH: Games Night at church 7:30pm
7	8	9	10 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	11 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm	12	13 Deacons Seniors Banquet 5:30pm
14	15	16	17	18 Education Comm. meeting 7:30pm	19	20 Youth - 1:00pm Making soup and Pie for fundraiser!
21 Creation Care Sunday ***** Youth Soup & Pie Fundraiser	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. www.omchurch.org

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

Upcoming OMC Events and Opportunities

Saturday, April 6, 7:30pm Youth Games night at the church

Saturday, April 13, 5:30pm Seniors Banquet –for Seniors 70 and older and their spouse or guest. Sponsored by the Deacons Committee

Saturday, April 20 – 1:00pm - Youth making soup and Pie for fundraiser

Sunday, April 21 - Youth Soup and Pie Fundraiser Lunch after the morning Worship service

***Penny Power:** Keep saving those pennies – we are only a couple of months away from the MCC Relief Sale in June! A jar will be placed in the foyer to collect your pennies and other coins for MCC, with a mystery donor matching those penny donations . . . **times 4!**



Pastor's Note:

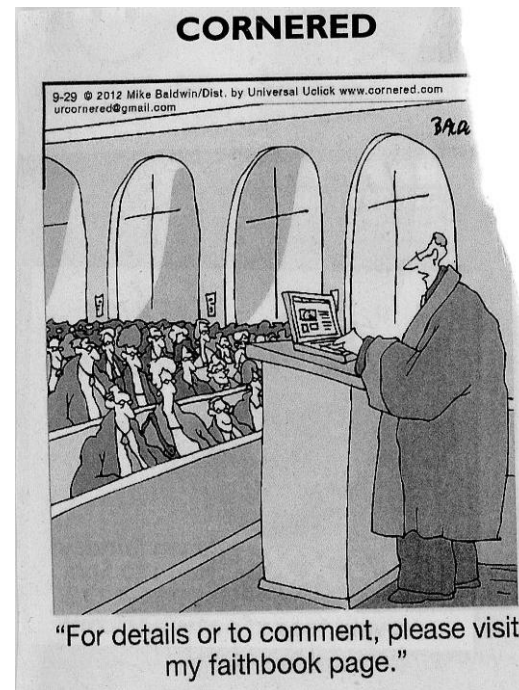
There are numerous reasons to be active and involved in a church. In addition to the necessity of corporately worshipping God, the opportunity to learn and grow theological and spiritually, and satisfying the call to serve others, there is also the benefits of being in a loving faith community. I often tell those who are struggling and feeling alone in a hostile world to join a church, just to be in a supportive community. We need each other more than we realize.

Our church provides a wonderful environment for children and youth to risk, to be nurtured and educated and to be affirmed and loved by adults. Moreover, adults have the opportunity to connect with the young, and in so doing sense the beauty of youthful adventure, and in the process learn new ways to be compassionate and patient. Our mentoring program and organized children activities are obvious points to plug in, and so is the sanctuary, foyer, the gathering room or the multipurpose room. Children and adults interacting in a safe and enhancing manner is part of the church community.

Church, also provides adults with a safe place to be "real"—to intimately share concerns, struggles and celebrations, and of course, good food. Through the church, adults can apply their passions and talents in meaningful and helpful ways that are not possible in the secular domain. Each person has place; a place and purpose orchestrated by God. Each of us is contributing, in community, to being the body of Christ. Each person is valued, needed and appreciated. In addition, one of the most significant advantages to being in a church community is participating in the power of prayer. Make praying for each person in our church part of your daily prayers. If praying for everyone in one day is too much, then organize the list, and try to pray for each person, at least once a week. We grow and learn a lot through prayer, and God responds to our prayers, too.

-Gordon

Humour ~ The Isaac Section



Spring Quotes

"I stuck my head out the window this morning and spring kissed me bang in the face." - Langston Hughes

"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
- Robin Williams

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A. Spring-time!

-submitted by Adeline

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***April 6 - Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction -** Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and Entertainment to follow at 7:30pm. Please call the Shekinah office at 306-945-4929 to indicate the number of people dining in your party. Banquet tickets are \$20 and can be paid at the door.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 at Mayfair United Church, Saskatoon. An offering will be taken to support MCC's work in Syria. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC Office - 600-45th ST W, Russ Regier (249-3650) any of the guys or at the door.

***Spend-A-Day at RJC**, April 19-20, 2013: All students, grades 8-10, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus. This will be an opportunity for students to get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here. After registration you will be invited to sit in some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. On Saturday your family is invited for brunch and an informal information session in the dining hall. Any student that would like to attend this event needs to **register by April 8th**, as space is limited. **Admission is free!** Registration forms are available at www.rjc.sk.ca or by email from val@rjc.sk.ca

*MCSask Ministries Commission invites you to join the **Touring Mission Fest 2013** on Saturday April 27, 2013. The Tour this year will take you to Wildwood in Saskatoon, North Star in Drake (with input from/about Bethany Mennonite in Watrous and Sharon Mennonite in Guernsey) and Nutana Park in Saskatoon. The cost will be \$50.00 per person and will include the Bus Fare as well as all full-course meals. Registration forms and further information will be posted on the bulletin board and is available online . www.mcsask.ca Come and join us and see what God is doing and has done – through whom – and how – in these MC Sask Congregations.

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*Two members of our congregation have recognized for 'service' with the presentation of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Jim Dyck was nominated by the Canola Council of Canada for over 25 years of dedication to quality assurance. His medal was presented at his retirement supper in Saskatoon near the end of February. Ben Buhler was nominated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for his service to our municipality, first as a council member and more recently as Mayor, as well as his roll on the SUMA Board of Directors. Ben was presented with his medal at the Town of Osler Community Information Night on March 18th. **Congratulations** to these two very deserving individuals.

*CMU invites high school students to hear **Shane Claiborne** at **Peace-It-Together (PIT) 2013, October 18-20**. Claiborne will speak on Pursue Peace, Seek Justice. Registration forms and info are available at www.cmu.ca/pit

*Six of our **OMC youth** (and Leslie) are heading to Manitoba in July for the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly. They are very excited to be joining Mennonite youth from across the country to join in the "Fat Calf Festival" and need your help in order to pay for the trip. Our youth need to raise an additional **\$2000.00** in order to pay for the bus trip and Assembly fees. Please consider making a donation, enabling youth to grow in their faith and connection to the larger Mennonite church community. Designate your gift to the OMC Youth, Thanks!

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

*The world is a dangerous place to live,
not because of the people who are evil,
but because of the people who don't do anything about it.*

— **Albert Einstein**

Lectionary Passages for the next 6 weeks

April 7, 2013 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Theme: We are witnesses

Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150, Rev. 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31

April 14, 2013 *Third Sunday of Easter*

Theme: Follow me

Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Rev. 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19

April 21, 2013 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Theme: My sheep hear my voice

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30

April 28, 2013 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Theme: The glory of God

Acts 11: 1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21: 1-16, John 13: 31-35

May 5, 2013 *Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Many People's Sunday*

Theme: Let all the people praise you

Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14: 23-29 or John 5:1-9,14-24, I Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

May 12, 2013 *Seventh Sunday of Easter - Youth Sunday*

Theme: Let the earth rejoice

Acts 16: 16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22: 12-14, 20-21, John 17:20-26

Or

Ascension (additional scriptures)

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24: 44-53



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Mennonite Church Canada – Ministry Highlights

Last month's newsletter shared some of the work that Mennonite Church Canada does. We told you some ways MCC is dedicated to working for peace and justice, caring for creation, healing relationships with Canada's First Nations, and extending compassion and hospitality to newcomers and those of other faith traditions. Here are some more ways that Mennonite Church Canada, a church-building, faith-nurturing body, a community of over 225 congregations represented by five area churches, serves many peoples.

1. Church Matters, a radio and podcast program heard by over 20,000 listeners over the airwaves and several thousand more via the internet, explores why the church matters in the world today, through interviews with guests and story tellers from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. In 2012, Mennonite Church Canada celebrated the fifth anniversary of Church Matters with more than 72 episodes produced to date. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1893
2. As of October 31, 2012, two thousand electronic resources – created by the national church office and by congregations across the country – were downloaded for a record total of 104,000 times from Mennonite Church Canada's Resource Centre. Almost 3300 books, DVDs, curricula and other materials were circulated to individuals and congregations across Canada. This circulation represents a 15% increase over 2011. <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/Home>.
3. The Faith and Life Committee of Mennonite Church Canada shaped *Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century*, the 2012 Study Assembly, with a focus on equipping the church with tools to be a discerning body in today's world. Many Assembly 2012 delegates and participants were appreciative of the format as a study session, the facility used, and the accommodations. Review what took place here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/127
4. Delegates to Assembly 2012 approved Being a Faithful Church 4 for study. Newly developed tools are available to help stimulate further thought and discussion on this topic: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1947
5. Your donations are helping to support a growing ethnic and cultural diversity with a growing body of multilingual resources: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1924. Each Sunday, Mennonite Church Canada congregations worship in over 15 different languages.
6. Eight church members from across Mennonite Church Canada joined the Faith and Life Committee for a season of prayer and "Listening to what the Spirit is saying" to our church today so that we can continue to be a faithful church in a time of great change. We are inspired by the deep faith and commitment of these members.
7. The Mennonite Heritage Center Gallery relies totally on donations, and in 2012 those gifts brought six exhibits to life. Curator and artist Fay Dirks says that one of the most highly publicized exhibits, Indescribably – It is about Murder, generated strong responses from those who saw it – and it received national media attention. The gallery provokes thought through art that explores peace and justice issues and inherent human dignity. www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/gallery/
8. Organizers are preparing to host hundreds of youth for the Fat Calf Festival (aka Mennonite Church Canada 2013 Youth Assembly) at Camp Assiniboia, just outside of Winnipeg. Thank you for encouraging the youth you know to take part in this life-changing event – and for offering financial assistance to help them attend. <http://fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca>

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*The **RJC Alumni Bulletin, March 2013 edition** is posted on the RJC website (www.rjc.sk.ca) for everyone to browse through (direct link <http://rjc.sk.ca/images/stories/pdf/13.03abulletin.pdf>). If you are an RJC alumnus and have been receiving paper copies of the Alumni Bulletin (or have moved and are not receiving the Bulletin at all), please let us know if you would prefer to switch to an electronic copy/link. This would help us reduce our printing and postage costs substantially.

***Invitation to Join Mennonite Church Canada's 2013 UK Learning Tour (August 21 – September 2)**

As shown by the success of Stuart Murray's *The Naked Anabaptist*, there is much that Mennonites in Canada can learn from the British experience with post-Christendom. This August, Mennonite Church Canada is offering a unique study-focused learning tour to the UK, where we will meet with leaders of the UK Anabaptist Network to discuss new ways of being church and how Anabaptism can help revitalize the global church of the 21st century. The tour will include three days at Greenbelt, an annual Christian Arts Festival featuring talks by leading Anabaptist and Emerging Church voices.

Leading the tour will be Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, and Vic Thiessen, our Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Minister, Church Engagement (who was the Director of the London Mennonite Centre from 2002 – 2009).

The cost of the tour (\$2222) **includes** twelve nights of accommodation (mostly in single rooms), transportation within the UK, Greenbelt registration and half of your meals (including a full English breakfast each morning). You will also receive a \$300 donation receipt.

Only six spaces remain (total of twelve participants plus the leaders), so register early (deadline is April 15, 2013). For more information, please contact Vic Thiessen at vthiessen@mennonitechurch.ca. To register for the tour, please contact Coreena von Kampen at cvonkampen@mennonitechurch.ca.

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***Sunday, April 14** - Songs for the Sale, 7 pm, at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, SK. Come enjoy an evening of songs and celebration and support the MCC Relief Sale Committee. The offering will be designated for expenses for the sale in June!

*The **2013 MCC Relief Sale and Auction is June 14 & 15** at the Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. (Not June 13 & 14 as previously announced) Visit mccsk.ca for additional details.

***News from Shekinah....**

1. Campers, have you registered for camp yet? On-line registration & on-paper registration are both ready to welcome you:) Remember, you get \$20 off your registration fee if you pay in full before May 1, 2013! Yay!
2. NEW for 2013: Family Camp! Come and experience the life of camp...as a family. Registrations can be found on our website (www.shekinahretreatcentre.org)...**call** if you have questions and then get ready to come to camp!
3. Summer IS coming! So, as you start planning ahead...have you considered coming to volunteer for a week at Shekinah? We're looking for cooks/kitchen help and Bible leaders....and we'd love to hear from you (and have you here with us!)

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.

-Martin Luther King Jr.