

**OMC Calendar
April 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am <u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am starting Sept 8		1	2	3 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	4	5
6 Lent Five	7	8 Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	9 Worship Committee Meeting 7:45pm	10 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	11	12
13 Lent 6-Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday Potluck 7pm	18 Good Friday Tennebrae – Service of Darkness 7:30pm	19
20 Easter Sunday <i>No Sunday School</i> 11am Easter Brunch, followed by Kids Easter Egg Hunt	21	22 YOUTH: RJC – Earth Day Youth Conf.	23 YOUTH: RJC/ Shekinah– Earth Day Youth Conf.	24 Missions & Service meeting 7:30pm	25	26
27 Creation Care Sunday	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



Coming this month:

- April 8: Tuesday evening Ladies “Heart to Heart” 7:30pm
- April 17: **Maundy Thursday – Potluck** at 7pm
- April 18 – **Good Friday, 7:30pm – Tennebrae, Service of Darkness**
- April 20 – **Easter Sunday – Everyone is invited to bring a bell for the Easter Worship Service – 10 am. 11 am - Easter Potluck Brunch to follow worship, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

Coming in May.....

***Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm – Seniors Banquet** for those 70 and over; sponsored by the Deacons. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

No Pastor's Note this month:

Leslie's father passed away on Wednesday, March 26th and Gordon and Kat have traveled to the USA to join Leslie there for the funeral.

Thrift Store Volunteers Needed

Are you bored? Need a new challenge with a service organization? Come join an interesting and exciting work atmosphere. The Warman Thrift Store invites you to be involved in our special outreach program. Thank you for your ongoing support. Work activities include:

- Sorting, hanging and pricing clothing
- Stocking store shelves
- Pulling items off retail floor
- Making blankets or cutting rags
- Cleaning shop and routine maintenance
- Accepting donations
- Promotion of MCC and Thrift Shops
- Pricing and cleaning household items and furniture
- Helping customers
- Checking and fixing electronic equipment
- Cashier
- Sorting donations
- Serving on the Warman Thrift Shop board of directors

Generous donation of your time and energy helps less fortunate people in our community. Profits from the shop fund MCC relief efforts worldwide. Phone the Warman Thrift Shop at 306-933-3293 or better yet visit the store at 115 Klassen Street in Warman. Give a gift to those in need. Get involved!

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

This year's winning Lexophile submission is posted at the very end; sometimes best to read these out loud.

- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- .. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. A will is a dead giveaway.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- .. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- .. Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off?
He's all right now.
- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- .. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- .. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- .. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- .. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And the cream of the wretched crop:

- .. Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.
"If it's to be, it's up to me"

-submitted by Gordon

After the flood water went down and Noah lowered the ramp, he told the animals to go forth and multiply. All the animals left except two snakes who lay quietly in the corner of the ark.

"Why don't you go forth and multiply?" asked Noah.
"We can't," answered the snakes. "We're adders."

-submitted by Adeline



* Registration is underway for Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season. It takes place July 3-6 in Winnipeg. Find more information and register at home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014. All are welcome!

*Children's Assembly is in need of additional volunteers, particularly male volunteers. Volunteers with children will receive a large discount on their children's registration in this wonderful program. If you enjoy children and can free yourself from other commitments for the evening of July 3rd, or the days of July 4th and 5th, or even part of that time, please contact erempel@mennonitechurch.ca about this short term service opportunity.

*Join with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians from across North America for Native Assembly July 28-31 (Wpg.). The theme is *Ears to Earth and Eyes to God*. For registration and info: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014> Everyone welcome!

*Stuart Murray, author of "The Naked Anabaptist" and chair of the Mennonite Trust in the UK (a partner of Mennonite Church Canada) will be teaching a summer course on "Planting Churches in the Post-Christendom Urban Context" at Tyndale College, Toronto, Ontario, June 9-13, 2014. Details: <http://www.tyndale.ca/summer/courses/past-0670>.

*Henry and Erna Funk are working in Israel through SERVE Nazareth as hospital chaplains from January 5 to April 1, 2014. Erna is also teaching English. Thank you for your support of the Funks in this Mennonite Church Canada assignment.

*Please continue to pray for the members and the work of the Being a Faithful Church Task Force and the Future Direction Task Force as they seek answers to questions about faith and our future, and prepare for plenary sessions at Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014 (July 3-6): Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season.

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***Shekinah Banquet and Fundraiser: April 5, 2014** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Doors open-6pm. Supper-6:30. Tickets \$25...call the office or chat with a board member. More details coming soon.

***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - Sunday, April 6th 7:00pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC Saskatchewan, Russ Regier (249-3650), any of the guys or at the door. **An offering will be taken to support the Appleby Kids and Youth Club in Saskatoon.** (A Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan program in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood)

***Tuesday, April 8 - 6:00pm - Youth Farm Bible Camp Alumni Banquet** at Neuanlage Mennonite Church. Tickets: \$10. Purchase from the camp office 1-855-855-9322 or online: www.yfbc.ca All who worked or volunteered at the camp are welcome to come!!

***Saskatoon MEDA Supper Event:** Thurs. April 10, Bethany Manor Reception at 6pm Supper 6:30. Marion Good is guest speaker.

***Songs for the Sale" will be held on April 13**, at the Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, at 7:00pm. Come enjoy an evening of songs and celebration and support the MCC Relief Sale Committee. Offering designated for June sale expenses.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

The world will never have lasting peace so long as men reserve for war the finest human qualities. Peace, no less than war, requires idealism and self-sacrifice and a righteous and dynamic faith."

John Foster Dulles

“Asking For Money” by Willard Metzger, Executive Director
Mennonite Church Canada

In September a number of Mennonite Church Canada staff climbed onto bicycles and became part of the Ride for Refugee movement. It was a cold September morning, chilling our fingers and giving us plenty of reason to ride hard enough to work up a sweat. I was thrilled by the initiative. Staff were taking a Saturday and raising money for the work of Mennonite Church Canada. This is no small matter. Many staff already volunteer evenings and weekends in support of their regular ministry work, in their congregations, and for other worthy causes. When the initiative was first raised there was some hesitation. Some felt uncomfortable asking friends and family for what felt like financial support for their jobs. It is a common dilemma in the work of the church.

For much of the church how we engage our relative wealth is a touchy subject. Many pastors try to get someone else to preach about that topic because of the perceived conflict of interest. For pastors it can feel like they are preaching for their own salary. Yet asking people to give financially is as critical as asking them to worship or pray. It is an important spiritual discipline, especially in such a market driven world that idolizes individual want and desire. Consumerism is given religious value. It offers fulfillment. The more you purchase, the better you will feel about yourself. Followers of Jesus Christ are more aware of such incorrect assertions. They know that ultimate fulfillment is discovered when persons leave the entrapment of individualism and align their lives for the glory of God and the blessing of others. That is why generosity is an important spiritual discipline. It holds back the subtle influence of consumerism. It reinforces the intent to remain unattached to the lure of materialism. When followers of Christ give, it is an act of solidarity to the way of Jesus. To extend an invitation to others for such activity is a delight, not something for which to feel embarrassed. So, it was a delight to be part of the staff group raising money for the work of Mennonite Church Canada. We began to realize that as paid workers of the church, we were not asking money for ourselves. We were asking for financial support for a movement that we love and are working hard to support. A pastor preaching about stewardship is not seeking personal financial gain. Rather it is an invitation to develop patterns and habits that reflect the commitments and yearning of the heart – to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind; and to love our neighbours as ourselves. This is a good thing to support. So, when you receive an invitation to give, receive it as an invitation to express worship – even if the one extending the invitation is paid by the very work they support.

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*Do you work with children or youth? Are you passionate about peace? Check out *Restorative Justice with Youth and Schools* with Alana Abramson and John R. Wiens at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 23 – 27, 2014. See csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca for more information.

***Saskatchewan Women in Mission Enrichment Day**, Sat., April 26, 2014 10am–4pm. Annual Meeting and Inspiration : “Remember your Creator...” Ecclesiastes 12:1. A gathering for all Mennonite Church Sask. Women and their friends at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Coffee and Registration at 10am. Beverages and Fasma provided. Bring a sack lunch.

***Shekinah Retreat Center** has some cool new ideas for the summer! **Campers will receive a \$20 discount** for their registration if one of their parents or grandparents volunteer at Shekinah. And remember, the deadline for **CIT applications** is May 2nd.

***Youth Farm Bible Camp will be running a simulcast** leadership conference on May 9th: Leadership Rosthern. If you are a business owner looking to invest in your employees or network with local businesses, this event is for you. Speakers for this live-feed event include Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Jack Welch and more. More info at: <http://yfbc.ca/leadercast>

***Camp Elim has new human hamster balls** and is adding more to their water sports program. They are also adding a one-night overnight camping adventure for old youth coming out. Don't miss it!



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Letter to OMC people:

My name is Paul Plett and I'm a Mennonite filmmaker from Winnipeg. I'm currently working on a video series that I think may be of interest to you. The series is called *Kid Shorts*, and it's going to be made up of short videos re-telling well known Christian stories in a modern day context. For example, the pilot video is called *Dave vs the Bully*, and it's a re-telling of the story of David and Goliath.

If you'd like to watch *Dave vs the Bully*, you can find it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVVZ6_3cmYA

I'm currently fundraising for the rest of the series. I don't know if anyone at Osler Mennonite Church would be interested in supporting this project at all, but you can find the Kickstarter account here:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1345642661/kid-shorts>

If you'd like to donate to this series, I'd love your support. Mennonite Church Canada would also be open to the idea of starting a fund for *Kid Shorts*, should you wish to donate to a not-for-profit as a congregation. If you know anyone else who might be interested in *Kid Shorts*, feel free to send these links around! If anyone in your congregation might want to support this project, they can donate \$10, \$5, or even as little as \$1. Every little bit helps, and I'm looking forward to getting this project off the ground!

I just uploaded a new video to my YouTube channel! Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bmcce1GILmY>

Hope this finds you well. Blessings,

Paul Plett, Film Director, Ode Productions

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

**“This I command you,
to love one another.”**

Jesus

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

April 6, 2014 – Lent 5

The Spirit is life

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11 (10)

John 11:1-45

April 13, 2014 – Lent 6

Blessed

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (26)

Matthew 21:1-11

April 20, 2014 – Easter Day

Go and tell

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10 (10)

April 27, 2014 – Easter 2

You will understand

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (22)

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

An MC Sask Youth Event

HONOURING THE EARTH

Tuesday, April 22

1:30 pm – Meet at the MCC SK offices for the Honouring the Earth *with our food* portion of the event. Persons from MCC and related organizations will present to the youth about food justice and the realities of locally-produced food and food supplies in the Saskatoon area

4:00- 6:30 pm – Head to the downtown core to orient and prepare for Race for Survival: a challenge where each youth is given \$2 to find their supper, and will be challenged to find things as locally as possible. The youth will then walk to Mount Royal Mennonite Church, where we will eat our suppers, share about the food they found and why they picked it, and debrief about food justice.

7:00 pm – Honouring the Earth *through our worship* (with a special guest band)

8:00- 9:00 pm – We will have our own ‘Earth Hour’, during which we will spend an hour without power, finishing our worship time, and segueing into a time of games by starting with hide and seek in the dark.

9:00- 10:00 pm – Games in the gym.

10:00 pm – Youth go home for the night.

Wednesday, April 23

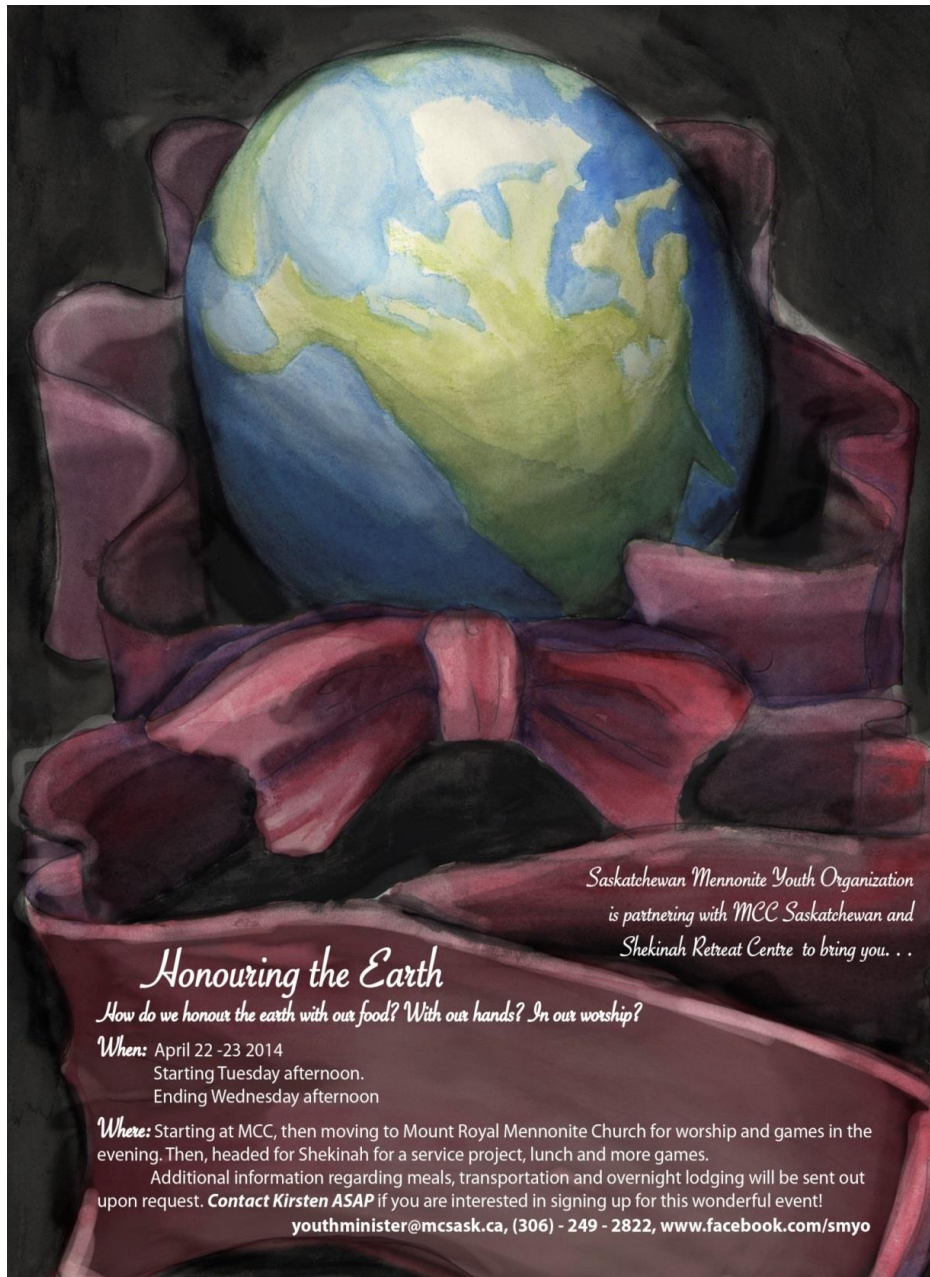
8:30 am – Meet back at Mount Royal to travel to Shekinah Retreat Centre

9:30 – 11:30 am – Honouring the Earth *with our hands* – an outdoor service project at Shekinah

11:30 – 1:00 pm – Wiener roast lunch and outdoor games at Shekinah

2:00 pm – Arrive back at Mount Royal

Cost: \$10/youth



Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization
is partnering with MCC Saskatchewan and
Shekinah Retreat Centre to bring you. . .

Honouring the Earth

How do we honour the earth with our food? With our hands? In our worship?

When: April 22 -23 2014

Starting Tuesday afternoon.

Ending Wednesday afternoon

Where: Starting at MCC, then moving to Mount Royal Mennonite Church for worship and games in the evening. Then, headed for Shekinah for a service project, lunch and more games.

Additional information regarding meals, transportation and overnight lodging will be sent out upon request. **Contact Kirsten ASAP** if you are interested in signing up for this wonderful event!

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