

**OMC Calendar
February 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am Floor Hockey: 7pm					1	2 Annual General Meeting 9:30am- Noon
3	4 Book Club Meeting 7:00pm	5	6	7 Deacons meeting 7:30pm No Council Meeting	8	9 Youth – see Youth Calendar of events
10 Stewardship Sunday Potluck and Discussion	11	12 "Do Art" 7- 8:30pm for Grades 5-9 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	13 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14	15 Adult Games Night 7:30pm	16
17 Lent 1 Communion Sunday	18	19	20 M&S Comm. meeting 7:30pm	21 Education Comm. meeting 7:30pm	22 Annual delegate sessions at RJC	23 Annual delegate sessions at RJC Youth - see Youth calendar
24 Lent 2	25	26	27 Worship Comm. meeting 7:00pm	28 Council meeting 7:30pm		

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



*Sunday, February 10, noon - **Pot Luck and Discussion**

*Tuesday, February 12, 7:00-8:30 pm – **"Do Art"** continues for Grade 5 to 9 students.

*Friday, Feb 15, 7:30pm – Deacon sponsored **Adult Games Night**

*Sunday, Feb 17 – Lent begins. This will be a **Communion Sunday**.

***February 22 & 23, 2013: Annual delegate sessions** for MC Sask Annual Assembly to be held at the RJC Campus. More information to follow in this newsletter.

***Committee meetings dates** have been tentatively set for February as noted on the newsletter calendar. (See opposite/back page.) New committee chairs will be selected. If there is a conflict with the dates shown for your committee, please speak to Gordon. **Note: Trustees Committee will make arrangements and organize before Council meets on February 28th.**

LENT TO EASTER

2013

Ashamed no more

In our Western culture we are convertible openly dealing with judgment and guilt, yet we rarely discuss the issues of shame and honour. The logical, mathematical side (judgment and guilt) addresses our cognitive concerns, but not our emotional, feeling domain. We need salvation from the disgrace we may suffer, and we need to have our sense of honour and respect restored, too. Our Lenten theme contend with the redemption from shame.

Each Sunday will connect to the general theme with a more focussed message, and the music and visuals will reflect each Sunday's variation. There will not be a consistent visual or musical theme, and the children's time will be formed/selected by the person presenting the story.

To assist in your worship preparation, here are some questions for further reflection:

Lent One

We enter this Lenten season needing "salvation from the disgrace we suffer and the need to have our honor restored". What are the disgraces we suffer? How do we want God to restore us?

Lent Two

Have we given up hope that God will answer our prayers? Are we ashamed that our prayers have not been answered yet?

Lent Three

What or who do we desire? Are we thirsting after God? Are we at peace with God?

Lent Four

Are we experiencing joy? Do we have areas in our lives that we need to confess and receive forgiveness?

Lent Five

What does living the freedom of Christ look like? Do our lives reflect this freedom?

Lent Six/Palm Sunday

Do we trust God enough to transform our shame into honor?

Easter Sunday

God has made all things new. We are restored to honor – can we believe this after the Easter celebrations?

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We will have a Maundy Thursday gathering, potluck with informal communion, and we are planning a Good Friday service, too. Details about those and Easter Sunday will be in the next newsletter. Also, the worship committee will again offer Easter lilies to be pre-ordered to be picked up after worship on Easter Sunday.

## **Church Notes**

The newsletter and periodic mass emails are just two ways to acquire information about the life of the church. Some other ways are: the minute book in the church office; which contains all the minutes from all the council and committee meetings, the church website, the bulletins and bulletin board, and ask Gordon, Adeline or George and we will try to find the information you are looking for.

Our worship services are now digitally recorded. We are no longer making cassette tapes, but we do have the worship services on CDs.

## **Office Computer**

At times, congregation members make use of the office computer. If you do so, please sign on as a Guest user. Note: the new computer uses Windows 8, and as its features are different from previous Windows formats and unfamiliar to some people, a shortcut to "shutdown" has been placed on the desktop. Please shutdown the computer when you are done using it. Also, your personal documents should be saved to your own flash drive, rather than on the computer hard drive. Thank you.

## Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Once upon a time there was a prince who, through no fault of his own, was put under a spell by an evil witch. The curse was that the prince could speak only one word each year. However, he could save up the words from one year to the next so that if he did not speak for a whole year, he was allowed to speak two words the following year.

One day he met and fell madly in love with a beautiful princess who had golden hair, sapphire eyes and ruby lips. With the greatest difficulty he decided to refrain from speaking for two whole years so that he could look at her and say, "My darling". But at the end of the two years he wished to tell her that he loved her. Consequently, instead of speaking, he chose to remain silent for another three years, thus allowing himself the luxury of five words. But at the end of those five years he was so madly in love with her that he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he decided to wait another four years without speaking.

Finally as the ninth year of silence ended, his joy knew no bounds. Leading the lovely princess to the most secluded and romantic spot he knew, the prince placed a hundred red roses on her lap, knelt before her, and, taking her hand in his, said huskily: "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?"

The princess tucked a strand of golden hair behind a dainty ear, opened her sapphire eyes in wonder, and, parting her ruby lips, said: "Pardon?"

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Smith and Jones were discussing the question of who should be head of the house--the man or the woman.

"I am the head of my establishment," said Jones. "I am the bread-winner. Why shouldn't I be?"

"Well," replied Smith, "before my wife and I were married we made an agreement that I should make the rulings in all major things, my wife in all the minor."

"How has it worked?" queried Jones.

Smith smiled. "So far," he replied, "no major matters have come up."

Happy Valentines Day! – 'humor' submitted by Adeline

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\***A big thank you** to everyone who came out to help make blankets for MCC. We were able to complete 107 blankets which have been taken to MCC where they will be distributed to people in need around the world.

\*An update from Stephanie Siemens about her current experiences teaching English in Bolivia is now posted on the church bulletin board. (For those who receive this newsletter by email, a copy of Stephanie's January newsletter will be attached to that email as well.)

\***Songfest 2013** will be held at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen Street in Saskatoon on March 8 & 9, sponsored by the Music Committee of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Registration forms and more information can be found on the bulletin board and is also available at <http://www.mcsask.ca> under the EVENTS page.



\*Travel the world, learn, and stretch your faith! Mennonite Church Canada has 3 to 12 month assignments that will connect you and your congregation with the global church. Check out <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/>.

\***Looking for a way to volunteer from home?** MCC's Prison Fellowship Canada provides an opportunity to write letters to prison inmates. More volunteers are needed to commit to write once a month and volunteers are matched with an inmate from a different province. For more information, contact coordinator Roxana Tiefenbach. You can reach Roxana by email: [pfcpenpal@hotmail.com](mailto:pfcpenpal@hotmail.com) or telephone: 306-628-7423 or by mail: PO Box 419, Leader, SK. S0N1H0

\*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](http://www.cmu.ca/pit)

## Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

**February 10, 2013 *Stewardship Sunday***

Deuteronomy 8: 11-20, Matthew 6: 14, I Timothy 6: 17-19

**February 17, 2013 *Lent 1***

**Theme: You have made the Lord your refuge**

Deut. 26: 1-11, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16, Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13

**February 24, 2013 *Lent 2***

**Theme: See the goodness of the Lord**

Genesis 15: 1-12, 1-18, Psalm 27, Phil. 3: 1-4:1, Luke 113: 31-35 or Luke 9: 28-36

**March 3, 2013 *Lent 3***

**Theme: God is faithful**

Isaiah 55: 1-9, Psalm 63: 1-8, I Corinth. 10: 1-13, Luke 13: 1-9

**March 10, 2013 *Lent 4***

**Theme: Everything has become new**

Joshua 5: 9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinth. 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



# OMC YOUTH GROUP

## FEBRUARY 2013 ACTIVITIES

| Sunday                                                 | Mon | Tuesday                               | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Saturday                                                                                 |
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|                                                        |     |                                       |     |       | 1   | 2<br><b>Spaghetti Dinner - Fundraiser for Youth Assembly</b><br>10am – 2pm at the church |
| 3<br>Worship Service - 10 am<br>Sunday School - 11 am  | 4   | 5                                     | 6   | 7     | 8   | 9<br><b>Ice Skating and Dinner at the Osler Restaurant</b><br>Meet at 4pm at the church  |
| 10<br>Worship Service - 10 am<br>Sunday School - 11 am | 11  | 12<br>"Do Art" for Grade 5-9 students | 13  | 14    | 15  | 16                                                                                       |
| 17<br>Worship Service - 10 am<br>Sunday School - 11 am | 18  | 19                                    | 20  | 21    | 22  | 23<br><b>Youth Game Night at the church</b><br>7:30pm                                    |
| 24<br>Worship Service - 10 am<br>Sunday School - 11 am | 25  | 26                                    | 27  | 28    |     |                                                                                          |

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**\*DO ART:** The Education and the Mission & Service Committees are sponsoring "Do ART" for Osler community children in grades 5 -9. Do ART will happen once a month from January through March, with the next Do Art evening on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>: 7 to 8:30 pm with Cheryl Haas.

\*Our popular Sunday morning **Gathering Time** needs another host(s). Hosting involves making coffee, preparing the room and cleanup. If you would like to help by being one of the hosts, then please contact Gordon or one of the deacons. The Gathering Time is sponsored by the deacons.

**\*February 22 & 23, 2013: Annual delegate sessions** for MC Sask Annual Assembly to be held at Rosthern Junior College Campus. Our congregation may send 1 delegate for every 25 members, or portion thereof. (In addition youth delegates may also be sent. Refer to page 3 of the report booklet for more detail on youth delegates.) **Anyone interested in representing our church as a delegate, please contact Christy or the church office.** Registration forms are now on the bulletin board. The Annual Report Booklets are available on line at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for reading and hard copies are now available in the church office.

### ✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

This relates to "Idle No More"

**"We must see the great distinction between a reform movement and a revolutionary movement. We are called upon to raise certain basic questions about the whole society... What America must be told today is that she must be born again. The whole structure of American life must be changed."**

-Martin Luther King Jr. to his staff in 1967

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*MCC Connects â **International Worship Festival** â MCCâs International Volunteer Exchange Program invites you to come experience an evening of song, dance, and worship from cultures representing over 25 nations! **Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**, Mount Royal Mennonite Church (610 Ave O North). Call Myriam at 665-2555 for more information.

**\*Monday, February 18, 2013 - Come to Shekinah Retreat Centre on Family Day** for some great winter activities. Bring your friends and family for a day in the snow. Activities will include: sleigh rides, tubing, xc skiing, snowshoeing, skating, pond hockey, snow sculpting/painting, curling, table games and hiking. Hot dogs, buns and hot chocolate will be provided for lunch. Please see <http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/events.html> for a schedule of events and more details.

\*Is **Canadian Mennonite University** the right place for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit our campus, **Feb. 21, 2013**. Contact [info@cmu.ca](mailto:info@cmu.ca) for travel assistance and overnight accommodation information

\*Want new tools for working with conflict? Check out *Collaborative & Culturally Responsive Partnerships* with Wendy Kroeker at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 17 – 21, 2013**.

\*What do theatre and the arts have to do with peace? Check out *Healing the Wounds: Peacebuilding Through Transformative Theatre* with Armand Volkas at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 17 – 21, 2013**. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca)

\*Canadian Mennonite University [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca) Check out *Reconciliation & Forgiveness: Exploring Biblical & Contemporary Understandings* with Ched Myers and Elaine Enns at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 24 – 28, 2013**. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for more information.

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\***Monday, February 11, 7:00pm:** There will be a public meeting at OMC to discuss the evaluation of **MCC Warman Thrift Store**, which was completed in Nov. 2012.

\***Mennonite Volunteer Service Adventure** invites people 18 years of age and older, who are interested in Canadian service experiences of one, two, or more years to check out [www.mvsa.net](http://www.mvsa.net) or contact Scott key at [scott.key@kingsu.ca](mailto:scott.key@kingsu.ca) for more information.

\***Sonrisa Young Women's Chorus** invites people to our Spring concert at Knox United Church on Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.

### \*Urgent Middle East Crisis Appeal\*

Mennonite Central Committee is attempting to meet the needs of those affected by violence in Syria. People have fled to safer areas. "The most urgent concern is a physical concern," said Sarah Adams, MCC's representative for Syria and Lebanon. "People left in the summer and they didn't bring winter clothes with them, so they have nothing. They don't have blankets. They don't have coats and they don't have winter shoes." **Cash gifts are needed most right now.** Your dollars will enable MCC to respond rapidly and work together with its partners in the region to provide the comfort, hope and peace so desperately needed. **Gifts should be marked "Middle East Crisis".**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27*

We pray for this peace. Some will come when we provide for basic human needs.

Reminder for the Youth Assembly July 2013



### **REGISTRATION HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN!**

There are two ways to register:

1. online at

<http://fatcalf.mennonitechurch.ca/registration>

2. Snail mail

Paper forms can either be downloaded from the registration page or they can be mailed to you on request. To receive a paper copy by mail, please contact Dorothy Fontaine:

Phone: 204-8886781 ext 138,

or Toll Free: 866-888-6785 or

Email: [youth2013@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:youth2013@mennonitechurch.ca)

Get all your ducks in a row as

**REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 15, 2013**



**Osler Mennonite Church  
2013 Committees and Other Positions**

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Congregational Chairperson      | George Janzen        |
| Congregational Vice-Chairperson | Christy Martens-Funk |
| Council Secretary               | Diana Buhler         |
| Treasurer                       | Jim Dyck             |

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| Education Committee | Erica Doucette<br>Lacey Braun<br>Jake Buhler<br>Shelley Penner |
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| Sunday School Superintendent           | John Reddekopp |
| Assistant Sunday School Superintendent | MaryAnn Braun  |

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| Trustees Committee | Bruce Boldt<br>Doug McKinnell<br>Lyle Stucky<br>Bill Peters |
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| Missions & Service Committee | Mark Bigland-Pritchard<br>Jan Guenther<br>Margaret Dyck<br>Amalia Aldana |
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| Worship Committee | Michelle McKinnell<br>Lynette Janzen<br>Melanie Boldt<br>Deacon rep.<br>Pastor Gordon Allaby |
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| Deacons | Edna Zacharias<br>Kathryn Janzen<br>Dave Feick<br>Adeline Cox<br>Cornie Guenther |
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| Historian | Jake Buhler |
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**2013 Church Committees and Other Positions (continued)**

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| Lunch Committee: | Sarah Guenther, Frieda Rempel,<br>Russ & Lucy Friesen,<br>Abe & MaryAnn Braun,<br>Lloyd & Loretta Sawatzky,<br>Eugene Penner, Wilf Buhler |
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Other Positions

|                             |               |
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| Salaried: Pastor            | Gordon Allaby |
| Custodian                   | Sarah Hiebert |
| Church Office Administrator | Adeline Cox   |

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| Other: Records Secretary     | Margaret Dyck                |
| Librarian                    | Ruth Buhler                  |
| MCC Representative           | Diana Buhler                 |
| Thrift Store Representative  | Lyle Stucky                  |
| CFGB Representative          | Wilf Buhler                  |
| Bethany Manor Representative | Joe Guenther                 |
| MDS Representative           | Art Zacharias                |
| RJC Representative           | Christy Martens-Funk         |
| Youth Ministry Team          | Leslie Allaby<br>Lacey Braun |

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| Nominating Committee | Cong. Vice-Chairperson(Chair)<br>Ruth Buhler<br>Loretta Sawatzky |
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| Scholarship Committee | Margaret Boldt<br>Doug McKinnell<br>Linda Stucky |
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| Food Services | Anna Peters |
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