

**OMC Calendar
June 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship: 10am Sunday School @ 11:15am					1	2
3 Last Sunday of regular Sunday School classes for children	4	5	6	7 Church Council meeting 7:30pm	8 MCC Relief Sale & Auction in Saskatoon	9 MCC Relief Sale & Auction in Saskatoon
10 Sunday School games for children: 11:15am	11	12	13	14 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	15	16
17 Church Picnic	18	19	20 Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	21 Worship Comm. meeting 7:30pm	22	23
24 Semi Annual Business Meeting 11:15am	25	26	27	28 Missions & Service Committee meeting 7:30pm	29	30 Foodgrains Bank Sale @ W.Wiebe Farm

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 Events and Opportunities

- *June 8 & 9 – MCC Relief Sale & auction/Prairieland Park, Saskatoon
- *Sunday, June 17 – Church Picnic & Bible presentations to Gr. 6
- *June 20-24 – National Truth and Reconciliation Event/Saskatoon
- *Sunday, June 24 – Semi-annual Business Meeting at 11:15am
- *Saturday, June 30 – Foodgrains Bank Sale at the Walter Wiebe farm
- *July 12-15 – Mennonite Church Canada’s 2012 Assembly/Vancouver

The Worship Committee has chosen to do a themed series of 13 sessions, provided by MC Canada. The series will begin on Sunday, July 1, and end on September 30. September 2 will deviate from the topic because of a presentation from the guest speakers for that Sunday. The theme is “Seek Peace and Pursue it.” Each Sunday of the series will focus on different aspects of peace.

Here is the schedule:

- July 1 – Seek Peace by Promoting Justice
- July 8 – Seek Peace through Reconciliation
- July 15 – Seek Peace with Your Neighbours
- July 22 – Seek Peace through Humility
- July 29 – Seek Peace within the Congregation
- August 5 – Seek Peace with Your Enemies
- August 12 – Seek Peace within the Broader Church
- August 19 – Seek Peace and Know God’s Blessing
- August 26 – Seek Peace through Love
- September 9 – Seek Peace as a lifestyle
- September 16 – Seek Peace through Respect
- September 23 – Seek Peace for the Whole World
- September 30 – Seek Peace for Your Community

Pastor's Note

Summer is approaching, and so it's time to make plans.

Here is my anticipated schedule for the summer (vacation times need to be affirmed by council).

July 8- 14 -- MC Canada Assembly, adding a couple days of holidays to visit family in Vancouver.
Aug. 20 – Sept. 2 -- Two weeks of vacation.

We are looking forward to visits from Leslie's father and niece and Jessica and Sasha (my grandson), and to your visits. We'd love to have you stop by this summer. With few church meetings planned, we'll have most evenings to enjoy at home with our guests. Please pop in, and you can ride a horse, too. In fact, we really would like you to ride one or both of the horses. You'd be the first, if you stay on.

Summer is a special time with natural abundant growth and opportunities. This includes worship, spirituality and the fellowship of believers. Enjoy all aspects of the season, including the life of the church. We need each other more than we release.

Gordon

P.S. Our church picnic is an ideal occasion to invite a friend or someone who hasn't attended in a while.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other – Mother Teresa

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

The minister's little six-year-old daughter had been so naughty during the week that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment.

She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday. When the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind.

When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic," her mother said.

"It's too late!" the little girl wailed. "I've already prayed for rain!!!"

- Submitted by Loretta

Church Sign: Honk if you love Jesus. Text if you want to meet him in person.

- Source: Mennonite Women Canada "Connections: "Church Chuckles"

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a-head.'

-no one to take responsibility for this groaner

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

***Penny Power for MCC** – Part of the MCC Relief Sale fundraising: a giving jar in the foyer will receive your pennies for a very worthwhile project. Drilling wells in Mozambique will improve the quality of life for many, especially for the women and girls who are responsible for supplying water for their families. The change in your pockets may not seem like much but together we can make a BIG difference!

OUR MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA MINISTRIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

“Mennonite Church Canada ministries would not be possible without our prayer and financial support. We have shared some of the work of MCC in our past few newsletters and here are a few more examples of the work that MCC does

*When massive floodwaters engulfed Bangkok, Thailand, the members of Living Water Church wanted to help. Mennonite Church Canada wired \$3500 for **Thailand Emergency Fund** to workers Pat and Rad Houmphan. They assembled medicines, food hampers and care packages and distributed them in Bangkok. Again, Mennonite Church Canada thanks you!

***Willard Metzger, Executive Director** of Mennonite Church Canada was one of about 100 religious leaders across a spectrum of faiths who attended a meeting with Members of Parliament about the development of a Canadian Office for Religious Freedom. Willard brought a message of non-violence and conscientious objection to this meeting with the Canadian government. Your support helped achieve that.

*Each episode of Mennonite Church Canada’s **radio podcast, Church Matters**, features guests who speak to challenging themes of why the church matters in the world today. Your support helps bring these matters to listeners. You can access *Church Matters* at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/158 or on iTunes.

*The Mennonite Church Canada **Facebook group** was launched in 2010 and since that time has grown to 352 members who engage in conversations about current issues surrounding life, faith and the church. Join the conversation at www.facebook.com/broups/mennonitechurchcanada/ Your support of Mennonite Church Canada makes it possible to connect with the church and beyond through social media. Thank you from MCC!

*Sunday School Information

Sunday June 3 - Last Sunday of regular classes for children.

Sunday, June 10 – The last Sunday School session before summer break. This will be the Games Day for Sunday School children.

Sunday, June 17 – Church Picnic: The annual church picnic takes place on the church yard next Sunday, June 17. It begins with a worship service at 10 A.M. Grade 6 students will be presented with Bibles at that time. There will also be a special ‘teacher appreciation’ during that time. Lunch and games will follow. We invite all Sunday School children and families to attend

New Sunday School Year: Sunday School classes will resume on September 11, 2011.

* **Houseplants:**

Houseplants will be available to be adopted to good homes at the church picnic on Sunday, June 17th.

*Thank you to everyone willing to help with **Church Yard maintenance**. The trustees schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

***June 8 & 9: The Saskatoon MCC Relief Sale and Auction** at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Volunteers along with donations of auction and artisan items, pies and bake sale goods are needed. Contact Armin & Edith Krahn, Relief Sale Coordinators, at 384-1206 or eakrahn@sasktel.net or visit mccsk.ca.

*Volunteers are still needed to sign up for **our shift at the Verenicke booth at the MCC Relief Sale and Auction**. Our church is working the 1:00 shift on Saturday, June 9. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help the work of MCC. We need 12 volunteers.

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17 Worship Service 10am Sunday School Picnic 1111am	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship Service 10am	25	26	27 Last Day of School	28	29	30 Foodgrains Bank Sale We'll be volunteering at a booth. More info to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***RJC Prospective Student Family Picnic, June 3, 2012** at 2:00pm. If you are considering attending RJC this fall and would like to know more, RJC invites you and your family to this picnic. Staff and students will be available to answer questions, and there will be good food and fun for the entire family. Email val@rjc.sk.ca for info or call the RJC Office at 306-232-4222

***Rosthern Junior College** invites everyone to its June musical, Rogers & Hammerstein's "OKLAHOMA" on **June 22 & 23 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15. Call the RJC office to purchase your tickets: (306 232-4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca).

***Motorcycle Rally Fundraiser together with RJC**, on Saturday, **June 9**. Registration 10 am- Noon, rally starts at 1:00 pm. See mcc.sk.org or rjc.sk.ca or the bulletin board poster for more information.

*Monday, June 4, 7:30pm: **Warman Thrift Store's annual meeting** will be held at the Warman Bergthaler Church. The Thrift Store is experiencing growth and needs more work space. Proposals to increase the working area of the store will be presented and ideas about future expansion are welcome. Come and be part of this important discussion. Everyone is welcome to participate in this expanding outreach program.

***MCC** - The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) national event is just around the corner, **June 21-24 at the Prairieland Park** in Saskatoon. Organizers are anticipating 18,000 – 22, 000 visitors to this event. Funds are needed to purchase food. You can forward donations through MCCS by cheque or by calling the MCCS office at 665-2555.

***From Mennonite Church Canada – Prayer request:**

Mennonite Church Canada worker in Thailand, Rad Houmphan, invites prayer support for Jiep Inchai, wife of Utane, the pastor of Living Water Church in Borabu. Jiep, a diabetic, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia. Pray that Jiep will feel God's peace and healing, and that her husband and their daughter Fa will experience ongoing strength and faith as they care for her. Pray also for the congregation of Living Water Church as they cover Jiep and Utane's ministries in addition to their own. (*Witness Worker Update*, pg. 5.)

***Caregivers Group**

At 10:30 am on the last Monday of each month, a small group of people meet together for an hour at Nutana Park Mennonite church to share their experiences, stories, pain, fear, survival techniques as frontline caregiver for a family member. The group members are all currently caregiving for partners who live with cancer, or dementia, or physical challenges. There are others who have cared for aging parent or chronically ill child or are the first line support for brother or sister. If you are a caregiver, you are welcome to meet with us for sharing and support. If you would like more information: Rosemary at 955 3759 or Winona at 651 1457.

***Canadian Mennonite University www.cmu.ca**

Come participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 18-22 and 25-29. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or by e-mailing csop@cmu.ca.

***For an upbeat video challenging Mennonite stereotypes,**

see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1 You can view this and other videos about Mennonite Church Canada on our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca>

Let us love the world to peace.

~Quoted in *The Angels' Little Instruction Book* by Eileen Elias Freeman, 1994

Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2012

Plan to attend *Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century*, Mennonite Church Canada's 2012 Assembly in Vancouver. There will be music, inspiration, friends, faith, and food.

Details at www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012.

Mennonite Church Canada requests prayers for the volunteers and staff who are planning Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2012 have abundant energy and resourcefulness for the task at hand. Pray also that their objective of 400 participants will be met by the final registration date of June 15.

*While *Canadian Mennonite* works hard to keep our Mennonite Church Canada family informed about our ministries, they don't always have room in their pages for all of the news stories and photos we have to share. Are you curious about what you may be missing? Subscribe to Mennonite Church Canada's News Service. You'll receive our stories by email before print-on-paper arrives and you won't miss anything. It's easy and convenient. Simply visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/news/releases/subscribe/ and complete the short subscriber information form. Can you help us to spread the news of God's work in the world through the ministries we share by passing on this invitation to others in your circles and congregations? Thank you!

* Mennonite Church Canada requests proposals for the position of **Event Coordinator for Youth Assembly 2013**. The successful applicant will be responsible to plan and carry out the Mennonite Church Canada Youth Assembly 2013. He/she will work closely with the Youth Assembly Planning Team. This contract position begins immediately and concludes August 9, 2013. Application deadline: Monday, June 11, 2012. Inquiries can be directed to Dave Bergen at dbergen@mennonitechurch.ca or at 204-888-6781 ext 162, toll-free: 1-866-888-6785. Proposals may be submitted to Kirsten Schroeder at kschroeder@mennonitechurch.ca until midnight, June 11, 2012.