

**OMC Calendar  
June 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am  SundaySchool @ 11:15am till June 9th						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Missions & Service Comm. meeting 7:30pm	<b>6</b> Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Sunday School Crafts & Games Day -last Sunday of Sunday School till September	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Deacons meeting 7:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> MCC Auction & Relief Sale	<b>15</b> MCC Auction & Relief Sale
<b>16</b> Church Picnic 10 am  No Sunday School	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> YOUTH: Games Night at church 7:30pm
<b>23</b> 11:00am Semi-Annual Meeting  ----- <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. [www.omchurch.org](http://www.omchurch.org)**

**The Osler Mennonite Church  
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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

**Upcoming OMC Events and Opportunities**

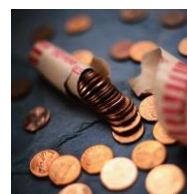


**\*June 9 – Sunday School Craft & Games Day/**This is the last children’s Sunday School until September.

**\*June 14 & 15 – MCC Relief Sale and Auction at** Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. Visit [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) for additional details.

**\*June 16 – Church Picnic at 10 am –** Bring hot dogs, buns, a side dish or chips. Condiments, ice cream and beverages will be provided.

**\*June 23 – Semi-Annual Meeting –** 11 am after the Worship service



**\*The Penny jar is growing!** Children of Osler Mennonite Church are asked to gather pennies and other coins for the MCC Relief Sale *Penny Power Water Project*. This money will be used for its relief worldwide. There is just a little more time to fill the **jar in the foyer and collect our coins for MCC - with a mystery donor matching those donations 4 to 1** (up to \$400). Adults are allowed and encouraged to help out the children and bring your pennies and coins, too!

Pastor's Note:

Soon, the hectic Spring pace will transform into Summer. Our normal cadence and patterns for living will acquire "Summer rules", and those changes can affect how we do church. To be sure, we don't plan many meetings or events, yielding to the Summer pattern, and that is fine.

However, we still need each other—our support, inspiration and prayers. So, try to remember to stay connected: through prayer, an encouraging note, a "checking in" email and/or worship service attendance. Summer is a wonderful season that can be enhanced by nurturing the bond of our fellowship, even when we or others are away.

Speaking of "away", Leslie, Katherine and I will be visiting family back East the first two weeks of July. Please contact one of the deacons for pastor care. Dave Feick is the chair. I will resume normal office hours and routines on July 16.

I will continue to pray for all of you, and I pray that you have a great Summer.

-Gordon

✿ **Pieces of Peace** ✿

**"Speak out for justice and peace,  
even if your voice trembles."**

As seen on a bumper-sticker in St. Paul, Minnesota

## Humour ~ The Isaac Section

### A Nun Grading Papers

Can you imagine a nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the time trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure? Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. This comes from a Catholic Elementary School test.

Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments about the New Testaments. The following 25 statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, with is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to the MountCyanide to get the ten Commandments.
9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

-submitted. The rest to follow in your July newsletter.

## RJC ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

\***Rosthern Junior College** is accepting applications for the following staff positions:

1. Casual Cook - Contact the RJC Kitchen at 306 232-4414 for more information.
  2. Men's Residence Dean - Contact the school office at 306 232-4222 for more information
- Applications can be emailed to [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca).

\*RJC is pleased to present as its June musical, Gilbert & Sullivan's "**HMS PINAFORE**" on **June 21 & 22 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$15 each. Call the RJC office to purchase your tickets (306 232-4222 or email [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)).

\***RJC** is accepting student registrations for the 2013-14 school year. Applications can be downloaded from the website ([www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca)) or call the office for a complete package (306 232-4222). Contact Valerie White in Admissions if you know of students or families that might be interested in RJC. Contact her as well for more information and to arrange a tour of the school ([val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)).

\***RJC Alumni Banquet**, Sat., June 22, 6:00 pm, in the RJC dining hall. We invite all alumni and friends of RJC to fellowship together. Adults \$12.00, children 12 and under \$10.00. Contact Denelda Fast ([deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) or 306-242-1757) or RJC office ([office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca) or 306-232-4222) to register by June 15.

\***RJC Graduation, June 23, 2013**: Everyone is welcome to join our grads, their families, fellow students and staff at the 2013 Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 23. The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Graduation Exercises at 2:30 pm in the RJC auditorium. Gather with us to celebrate this important time in the lives of our students, our school and our churches.

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*You, too, can enjoy the 'fun' in fundraising! Come join volunteers serving food and cleaning up at the best food booth in the upcoming **MCC Relief Sale on June 15<sup>th</sup>**. The first 14 people to sign up on the bulletin board get to work the **Veriniki booth**, starting at 1:00 until cleanup (approx. 3:00pm). Don't delay – sign up today!

\*Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the **last Sunday of Sunday school** till September and the children will enjoy a time of crafts and games, so they won't want to miss it! Then on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 6 students will be presented with **Bibles at the church picnic**. Everyone is invited to sign their name and a word of encouragement or greeting in the student's bibles, which will be on the table in the foyer today and next Sunday. Our five Grade 6 students receiving Bibles are: Preston Altstadt, Adam Boldt, Jadrian Guenther, Mackenzie Rowan and Kirsten Sawatzky.

\*The "**Heart to Heart**" women's group is having a **Garden Party Supper Buffet** at Ruth Buhler's farm on Tuesday **June 11, 7:00 pm**. All ladies are invited to come out to enjoy a summer evening of good food and fellowship.

\***Vacation Bible School** at OMC will be in the mornings, the week of July 22-26<sup>th</sup>. The Education Committee needs a co-ordinator; someone to be at the church as a helper and a go-between with volunteers and the VBS Troupe. If you can help, please contact Shelley Penner to volunteer. More VBS information to come!

\***Campers**: Don't forget that **camperships are available** – please see the bulletin board for more information and application forms.

## Lectionary Passages for the next 6 weeks

**June 2, 2013** *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**Theme: Come into his courts**

I Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43, Psalm 96: 1-9, Galatians 1: 1-12

Luke 7: 1-10

**June 9, 2013** *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**Theme: So that I might proclaim**

I Kings 17: 17-24, Psalm 30, Galatians 1: 11-24, Luke 7: 11-17

John 16: 12-15

**June 16, 2013** *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Theme: You are a hiding place**

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:10, 13-15, Psalm 32, Galatians 2: 15-21,

Luke 7:36-8:3

**June 23, 2013** *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Theme: All of you are one**

Isaiah 65: 1-9, Psalm 22: 192, Galatians 3: 23-29, Luke 8: 26-39

**June 30, 2013** *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Them: You show me the path of life**

I Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

**July 7, 2013** *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Theme: Come and see**

Isaiah 66: 10-14, Psalm 66: 1-9, Galatians 6 (1-6), 7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



## OMC YOUTH GROUP June 2013 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
* June 9 <sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday of School until September						
2 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Service - 10am Sunday School - 11 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 MCC Relief Sale - Meet at the church at 10:45am
16 Church picnic! 10 am No Sunday School	17	18	19	20	21	22 Game Night at the church 7:30pm
23 Worship Service - 10 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship Service - 10 am						

## Mennonite Church Canada – Ministry Highlights

In the past few newsletters, we 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 a few 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. The church of the future needs to prepare leaders today if it is to flourish. With your donation dollars, Mennonite Church Canada engages in a number of activities and programs at home and abroad that teach, resource and encourage present leaders and invites and trains new leaders.
2. Did you know that your donation dollars help Mennonite Church Canada establish a variety of **resources to train up leadership** and help with church staff administrative tasks? Personnel committees can find information about everything from leadership training and continuing education resources to pastoral placement services, payroll guides and pension information at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tin/1925](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tin/1925).
3. Thank you for supporting and encouraging young people in their quest for faith and leadership building experiences through **Mennonite Church Canada internships**. Last year, you provided financial support for internships. Last year, you provided financial support for the internships of Kaitlyn Wiebe (two months in Mexico); Daniel Paetkau (one year in South America); and Paul Dyck (one year in China).
4. Church Matters! That's the message delivered to tens of thousands of regular listeners in 12 episodes of the Church Matters radio broadcast and podcast produced in 2012. Listen to any of 72 episodes available via iTunes or at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1893](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1893).
5. In July 2012, 26 people went to Philadelphia, Mississippi (Choctaw Territory) with Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations for **Native Assembly**, a gathering of Native Mennonite congregations from around North America. Thank you for helping Indigenous Relations play a leading role in this gathering – facilitating worship, workshops, and bringing in three indigenous teachers (Cheryl Bear, Howard Jolly and Brander McDonald).
6. In September, eight young adult representatives from across Canada came to Winnipeg for a face-to-face meeting about the future of the church. A follow-up teleconference took place in November. Mennonite Church Canada leadership is discerning ways to bring young adults together for a much larger gathering. [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1901](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1901).
7. In 2012, 40 videos were uploaded to **Mennonite Church Canada's YouTube channel** – including a series that offers a behind the scenes look at your wider church ministry and staff. The channel received over 16,500 views. The most viewed item was a Mennonites Everywhere piece featuring NHL player Nick Spaling (3851 views) [www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca](http://www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca).
8. In 2012, Mennonite Church Canada staff and itinerating international Witness workers responded to invitations from more than 100 congregations across Canada to resource, learn and facilitate ministry. If you would like someone from Mennonite Church Canada to address your congregations, view the latest edition of our Speakers Bureau at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1921](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1921).
9. 186 stories were released by Mennonite Church Canada's News Service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### \*News from Shekinah....

1. Campers, have you registered for camp yet? On-line registration & on-paper registration are both ready to welcome you:)
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](http://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!)

\*Interested in aboriginal issues and human rights? Check out *Human Rights and Indigenous Legal Traditions* with Val Napoleon at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 17 - 21, 2012**. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for more information.

**Canadian Mennonite University** [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

\***It's Not too late for Financial Awards** – CMU Academic and program awards are still available for Year One, Continuing, and Transfer students planning to attend CMU in September 2013. From Biblical studies to science and music to business, qualifying students may still be eligible to receive financial aid for study at CMU. Contact CMU's Enrolment Office for more information, [cu@cmu.ca](mailto:cu@cmu.ca). Apply now, and learn to see differently. [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

\*The cafes of Paris, the welcoming West African community of Burkina Faso, and vibrancy of urban Montreal—explore these three places as a participant in **CMU's Outatown Discipleship School** Burkina Faso. The one-semester long program for French/English-speaking young adults still has space for September. Visit [www.outatown.com](http://www.outatown.com) to connect with us or for more information

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\***Summer Ecumenical Institute:** *"Reconciling Churches/Reconciling Peoples"* June 10 - 13, 2013 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. Speaker: Bishop Mark MacDonald, Canada's first Indigenous Bishop. Worship Leader & Chaplain: Paul Sartison, Evangelical Lutheran pastor, and campus chaplain at the U of S. Registration is \$225 (after May 15 \$250.) Detailed brochure with registration form at [www.pcecumenism.ca](http://www.pcecumenism.ca) Sponsored by Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. Inquiries: [info@pcecumenism.ca](mailto:info@pcecumenism.ca)

\***FAMILIES INVITED TO SERVE WITH MDS IN ALBERTA!** Have you wished to serve at an MDS project with your family? Here is your chance! This summer MDS is building cabins near Sundre AB at Camp Evergreen, a Mennonite Brethren camp. The project will accommodate six family groups per week from July 21 to August 16. You provide your time, a positive work ethic, an RV, tent trailer or tent. MDS will provide power for your trailer, leadership, a cook, tools and food for everyone on the project! There will be a nominal registration fee of \$75.00 per family. Contact the Winnipeg MDS office 1-866-261-1274 for registration and additional information

\***Thinking of transferring to CMU?** Now is the time to contact CMU's Enrolment Office, [cu@cmu.ca](mailto:cu@cmu.ca), to discover the financial awards and benefits of study at CMU. Transfer students speak often of CMU's academic quality and of supportive one-on-one relationships with professors. Smaller class sizes mean an average of 18 students per class, with fewer than 40 students in 92% of classes. Apply now, and learn to see differently. [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)

\*Person to Person is looking for **softballs, bats and adult size ball gloves** for the Willow Cree Healing Lodge in Duck Lake. If you can help, please contact Harry and Eva Martens. (306-239-4902).

**\*Great news from Shekinah!** An anonymous donor has offered to MATCH donations in the month of June dollar for dollar to a maximum of \$30,000!! That means if you donate \$100, Shekinah will receive \$200. If Shekinah raises \$30,000 in June the donor will match the \$30,000 for a total of \$60,000. Please help us by donating! Please send cheques to Shekinah Retreat Centre, Box 490, Waldheim SK, S0K 4R0 or online at [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org) ("Donate Now" button at the bottom of the webpage). Or contact any of the board members. Thanks very much for your support!

\*We are looking for **baked goods for the MCC Sale** on June 14 and 15. All items for the Bake Table should be brought to the Sale before 4:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. If you are willing to volunteer at the Bake Table please call Bev Janzen at 232-5619. Thank you!

\*In their commitment to better serve, a significant **Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre web upgrade** has been made to the online catalogue; the 2<sup>nd</sup> major facelift it has received in the last year. To see for yourself, visit <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca>! It is now easier than ever to borrow, download, purchase or link to Anabaptist and related resources, from a growing collection of over 11,000 DVDs, books, curriculum and electronic materials!

### ✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Through violence you may murder a murderer,  
but you can't murder murder.  
Through violence you may murder a liar,  
but you can't establish truth.  
Through violence you may murder a hater,  
but you can't murder hate.  
Darkness cannot put out darkness.  
Only light can do that...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Shekinah Flood Update and Requests 2013 May 13, 2013

Dear Friends of Shekinah,

The flood waters hit Shekinah on April 29, 2013. Employees worked hard to save buildings, however devastating damage was done. The Chalet, shanty tents and the grounds all need extensive repairs.

We are still assessing the short term and long term financial impact of the damages. Not only do buildings need to be repaired but Shekinah had no choice but to cancel groups who had booked events. Therefore there is also significant loss of income. Important items to note – Flood insurance cannot be purchased. We are investigating aide from the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program, however there is no guarantee of approval. Shekinah was not on sound financial ground before the flood which has magnified the financial issues that lie before us.

On May 2, 2013 MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) visited Shekinah to assess damages and offer help. They offered leadership and volunteers. Shekinah cannot express enough how helpful MDS has been in both the leadership of the clean-up, rebuilding and in the emotional support. A truly wonderful organization.

May 3rd and 4th, 2013 approximately 60 volunteers helped to remove all of the damaged materials from the Chalet and the Shanty tents. THANK YOU to all of these hard working volunteers. This hard work allowed the buildings to adequately dry out so we can now start rebuilding.

MDS has agreed to help in the leadership of the rebuilding and Shekinah is required to assist in coordinating volunteers and pay for the materials that MDS will use to rebuild. We are estimating this cost to be at the minimum \$100,000.

The work is not complete, it's really just beginning! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**1. Money** – Please donate online ([www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org)) and click on “Donate Now” or mail a cheque directly to Shekinah Retreat Centre, Box 490, Waldheim, SK S0K 4R0. **2. Labor** – if you are interested in volunteering please call Shekinah (306-945-4929) and leave a message with your name, area of interest and your phone number. **3. Prayers** – please pray for the safety of the volunteers and employees and for the successful rebuilding of Shekinah.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

**Shekinah Retreat Centre Board and Employees**