

**OMC Calendar
June 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am	2	3	4 Missions & Service Committee Meeting	5 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
8 Last Sunday of regular Children's Sunday School <i>till Sept</i>	9	10	11	12 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	13 MCC Auction & Relief Sale @Prairieland Park Saskatoon	14 MCC Auction & Relief Sale @Prairieland Park Saskatoon
15 10:00am Church Picnic & Loose Change Sunday <i>No Sunday School</i>	16	17	18 Worship Committee Meeting 7:45pm	19 Education Comm. Meeting 7:30pm	20	21 Men's Breakfast Osler Rest. 9:00am
22 <i>No Sunday School till Sep 7</i> Heart to Heart BRIDAL TEA 3:00pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>No Sunday School till September 7th</i>	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



***Sunday, June 15, 10:00am – Church picnic at OMC** Everyone is asked to bring hot dogs to roast and buns, as well as finger food to share. The lunch committee will supply beverages, condiments and ice cream. (It will also be a “loose change” Sunday.)

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***Bridal Tea at OMC!** Sunday, June 22, 3:00pm – Ladies, mark your calendars and then pull out your mother's wedding dress and/or your own wedding dress out of the mothballs and bring them to a Heart to Heart Sunday Bridal Tea. In addition to displaying (and modelling) bridal dresses at the tea, a slide show of wedding pictures will be featured. In the meantime, please **bring one or several photos of your wedding and your parents' wedding** to Steph S. or email them to her so she can put together the slide show presentation. Thank you!

Pastor's Note:

Summer Reading

The following are some findings from a recent study called "The Canadian Bible Engagement Study:

18% of Canadians agree that the Bible is God's word, down from 35% in 1996.

We are entering the post-Christian era.

69% of all Canadians agree Bible has irreconcilable contradictions.

50% of Christians agree, of which only 2% read the Bible regularly.

13 % think the Bible is relevant today; 23% of Christians think it is relevant.

11% of Canadians reflect on Scriptures at least once a week; 21 % of Christians do.

Only 11 % of Christians even talk about the Bible or messages from the Bible, outside of church.

*Confidence in the Bible greatly affects church attendance and religious devotion.

Evangelicals more strongly affirm the Bible at 43%; mainline Christians at 13% and Catholics at 11 %

What are your thoughts about the Bible? Have we relegated Bible reading to only the pastor, and if so, what does that say about "Priesthood of believers."

Here is a summer challenge: try reading the Bible through this summer, and if that seems too daunting, then just read the New Testament, the prophets, the Psalms, Genesis and Exodus.

We Anabaptist believe that the Bible is a book for everyone, so let's practice what we believe.

I dare you.

Gordon

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car.

She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that her daughter's fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"

-submitted by Adeline



***A prayer request from the wider church:** Please pray for Sang Min Lee, his family, his congregation, Grace and Peace Mennonite Church, and the Anabaptist community in South Korea. Sang Min is the first in his community to seek conscientious objector status to military service. After an April 30 trial, he was sentenced to 18 months in prison with the possibility of release after 12 to 14 months. Mennonite Church Canada partners with the Korea Anabaptist Center, which has been an encouraging resource to Sang Min during this difficult time.

*Connect with Mennonites of all ages and cultures from across Canada and engage the future of your national church at Assembly 2014! We're meeting together in the middle of a lovely Winnipeg summer for Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season, July 3-6. Information and registration is online at home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014

*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 info and registration, visit <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014>. All are welcome to celebrate God's goodness across the nations.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Peace is not something you wish for;
It's something you make,
Something you do,
Something you are,
And something you give away.

Robert Fulghum

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***Midsummer Music is coming to OMC!** Plan to be here Wednesday, July 30, 7:30 p.m. as Keith Boldt (Tenor), his wife, Merel Kriegsmann (Soprano) and accompanist, Sandra Horst, bring us an evening of music and song. Coming home from Leipzig, Germany and Toronto for a family visit, they will be sharing their gifts with us and raising money for the Osler Mennonite Church general fund. Admission by donation. Invite everyone you know! More details to come soon . . .

YOUTH

It used to be that adults got to see the youth in action during a youth fundraiser. However, now youth ministry is part of our church budget. The youths' expenses and much of their event costs are no longer from fundraiser money. Nevertheless, we are experiencing the youth in action, and it is by volunteering their time in various services, just as adults do. We are teaching them a core Mennonite value—voluntary service. Recently, they helped serve at the Maundy Thursday service and the Deacons' Senior Banquet, and they are more involved in the worship service. In June, the youth will be contributing their time and energy at the MCC sale. To be sure, they will still be doing fundraisers, but just not as many. And, this allows them to learn about voluntary service for the base reason of giving of oneself to help others. Please continue to encourage our youth and to pray for them.
Gordon, youth contact person.

*Watch for our series of summer sermons: **“Early Church, Our Church”** featuring early New Testament churches, such as Antioch, Ephesus; with a different church each Sunday.

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*We will be hosting a Chinese pastor and translator and they will be with us in the Osler area May 31-June 2 and June 7-9. The pastor's name is You Qin and the interpreter is Sumei Fang.

*Harry and Eva Martens wish to invite everyone to their **50th Wedding Anniversary** "Come & Go" to be held in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, June 8 from 6:00 -9:00 pm. Program at 7:00pm. Gifts gratefully declined.

***Sunday, June 8th** will be a special children's **Sunday School** time of gathering and games, as that will be the last regular Sunday of children's Sunday school till September. Don't forget the church picnic the following Sunday, June 15th.



Some of OMC "Thanks-Giving" Notes

"Thank you, Worship Committee for your commitment to bringing very inspirational worship experience to the church family. We are blessed!"

"I want to thank the church for being open to different people."

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

June 1, 2014 – Easter 7

Glory is revealed

Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

I Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 (13)

John 17: 1-11

June 8, 2014 - Day of Pentecost

The Spirit rested on them

Acts 2: 1-21 or Numbers 11: 24-30 (25)

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

I Corinthians 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21

John 20: 19-233 or John 7: 37-39

June 15, 2014 – Trinity Sunday

In the image of God

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a (27) Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20

June 22, 2014 – Proper 7

Draw near to me

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Psalm 69: 7-10, (11-15), 16-18 (18)

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

June 29, 2014 – Proper 8

A cup of cold water

Jeremiah 2: 5-9

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42 (42)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***RJC Year-End Musical, June 20 & 21, 7:30 pm.** RJC is pleased to present “**The Sound of Music**” as its June musical. Tickets are \$15 ea. Reserve tickets by calling the RJC Office at 306 232-4222.

***RJC Alumni Banquet, Saturday, June 21, 6:00 pm,** in the RJC dining hall. Adults \$12.00, children 12 and under \$10.00. Please contact Denelda Fast (deneldafast@hotmail.com or 306-221-2846) or RJC office (office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222) to register by June 16.

***RJC Graduation, June 22, 2014.** Everyone is welcome to join our grads, their families, fellow students and staff at the 2014 Baccalaureate Worship Service and Graduation Exercises on Sunday, June 22. The Baccalaureate Service will begin at 10:30 am at Rosthern Mennonite Church and Graduation Exercises begin 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.

*Do you or someone you know have a passion for working with and mentoring youth? Rosthern Junior College, a Christian high school, has **job openings** in our student residence for **both a male and female Residence Dean** for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information please contact the school at 306.232.4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

*Need a change from work or school? **Outtatown** is an opportunity to travel to one of three international locations: Guatemala, South Africa and Burkina Faso, learn about God, and make lifelong friends. Space available for Sept 2014. Learn more and apply at Outtatown.com.

*It's not too late to apply to attend the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 16 – 20 and June 23– 27.** Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners, and those new to peacebuilding. Participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.

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MCC Auction and Relief Sale: PrairieLand Park, Hall E, Saskatoon

Friday, June 13

4:00pm Doors open
4-9 pm Information Tables – Shop at the Thrift Boutique, Ten Thousand Villages, Artisan Booth, Bake Table, Craft & Plan Market & Silent Auctions
5-7pm Supper: Pulled Beef, Baked beans, coleslaw
8:00pm Music by Brenda, Cindy & Berny
Pie & Coffee available till 9:00pm

Saturday, June 14

7:30am-9:30am - Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage
7:30am Menno Mile Run/Walk Registration
8:30am Markets Open
9:00am Kid's Activities begin
9:30am Official Opening – Celebrating 50 years of Faith in Action
Auction: Quilts, Handcrafted articles and more.
10am – 2:30pm - Food Booths Open
3:00pm Sale closes

Come! Enjoy food – Visit with friends, Support MCC in Relief, Development and peace in the name of Christ.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God.”

The Bible



A Special Request from Shekinah

Hi,

I'm emailing you for a very specific reason. I'm hoping to **start a new program at camp** that connects each summer camp counsellor to a person outside of camp with the intention of having the staff feel supported by the larger community. I'm asking if you'd like to be a part of the program and be paired with a counsellor for the summer. Please see the form below for more details about the Shekinah Retreat Centre "*Summer Camp Connections*". I think you would be a good connection for a counsellor this summer, and I'm hoping you'll consider being a part of this new (trial) program! If you would like to, please let me know as soon as you can.

Thank you very much,

Katie Wiebe, Summer

Camp Program Director

Shekinah Retreat Centre (306.945.4929)

Shekinah Retreat Centre "Summer Camp Connections"

The concept:

Each summer staff member will be paired with a camp connection (one person, or couple, if you'd rather) to make a specific pairing for the summer camp season (July & August). The camp connections are invited to keep their specific staff person in mind throughout the summer and show their care in a variety of ways.

Purpose:

The job of a summer camp counsellor is, at times, a demanding one. Camp counsellors can often feel burnt out at times, and as if their job is not important to those who are not physically at camp. The purpose

of having a camp connection is to show the counsellors that they are personally supported by the larger community outside of camp. The hope is that with a small amount of communication and prayer, each counsellor will feel supported and connected to another person (who they don't see on a daily basis during the summer) who cares for the camp program at Shekinah.

Requirements:

Please pray for your assigned counsellor, along with the work they're doing at Shekinah throughout the summer.

Please put together a card/letter or SMALL care package for your counsellor to open on the first week of camp. These can be put together beforehand and mailed or given to the Summer Camp Director beforehand.

Suggestions for during the summer:

Sending letters or cards throughout the summer with encouraging words is an easy way to remind the counsellors that you are supporting and praying for them.

Counsellors always enjoy a snack during staff meeting. Receiving a small treat would probably brighten their day, no matter how stressful the week is.

You are invited to attend our Shekinah Camp Commissioning service to meet with your specific counsellor and see how the summer has started during our staff orientation week. Details to follow.

Any other small demonstration of appreciation you can think of... you can be creative (without distracting the staff from their job, of course!)



35 students to graduate

[Commencement](#) is set for Saturday, May 24, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. Dr. James Logan is the commencement speaker and 35 students will be honored in the service.



The event will be streamed online; check the AMBS website next week for the link to the site where you can watch.

Saskatoon Day of Prayer (June 8)

Formerly called the Global Day of Prayer, this movement of prayer for unity is arising from within Evangelical churches and is calling for increasing cooperation, dialogue, and common witness within the Body of Christ.

10 Days of prayer starting Thursday, May 29th

- 7:00am Holy Covenant Church, 1426 Alexandra Avenue, Saskatoon (light breakfast provided)
- 7:00pm Hope Fellowship Church, 809 32nd St West, Saskatoon

June 2nd to 6th

- 12:30pm Saskatoon Christian School, Township Rd 362, Saskatoon

Saskatoon Day of Prayer, June 8th

- 7:00pm Hope Fellowship Church, 809 32nd St West, Saskatoon

Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast with Tony Campolo (June 14)

The Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast is an annual event that brings the community together to pray for our political leaders and to learn what it means to be a champion in our local community.

Keynote: Dr. Tony Campolo

Special Guest: Dan Hamhuis, Vancouver Canuck and 2014 Olympic Gold Medalist

Guest Artist: Brad Johner

When: Saturday, June 14th, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A, Saskatoon, SK

Anthony “Tony” Campolo is an American professor, speaker, author, and former spiritual advisor to Bill Clinton. Tony has written over 39 books and has appeared on countless television programs worldwide including George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight, The Charlie Rose Show, The Colbert Report, Larry King Live, CNN News, Politically Incorrect, Nightline, and Crossfire. Campolo speaks about 350 times a year around the world for a variety of groups including churches, colleges, and business communities. Campolo is a proponent of reform

in the area of poverty reduction both locally and worldwide. He is speaking at this event courtesy of World Vision Canada.

Dan Hamhuis hails from Smithers, BC and has been playing in the NHL for the past 10 years and is currently a defencemen for the Vancouver Canucks. This past February Hamhuis was a part of the 2014 Olympic men’s hockey team who won Gold in Sochi, Russia.

Event organizer, Amanda Stephenson is excited to hear the message these dynamic speakers will bring to our city and urges patrons to purchase tickets soon as the event has sold out in past years. Tickets are available at saskatoonex.com

The Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast operates as a non-profit event. Proceeds from ticket sales cover direct expenses, and excess revenue beyond start-up costs for next year’s event will be considered for a charity of the breakfast committee’s choice. For more information, visit www.saskatoonprayerbreakfast.ca

Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Bob McKeon.

Cost: \$95, includes lunch.

Often we see spirituality as a personal concern between God and self, and possibly those closest to me in my family or Christian community. We will explore aspects of a fully incarnational God-filled spirituality that is personal and social and lived in community in the midst of creation. We will talk about how Scripture is a foundation for a Christian spirituality that takes social justice seriously through looking at broad biblical themes and engaging specific passages. We will explore how conversations about how Social Justice and Spirituality can be brought together and how reflections on the key principles of Social Teaching can be an important resource for spiritual formation and living a spiritual life.

For more information visit: www.queenshouse.org or call (306) 242-1916. Held at Queen’s House: 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon, SK