

**OMC Calendar
May 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship: 10am Sunday School @ 11:15am		1	2	3 Church Council meeting 7:30pm	4	5
6 Baby Shower 5pm Weiner Roast 6pm	7	8	9	10 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16 Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	17 Worship Committee meeting 7:30pm	18	19
20 Loose Change Sunday	21	22	23	24 Missions & Service Committee meeting 7:30pm	25 Youth: 7:30- 10pm	26
27 Pentecost	28	29	30	31		

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

- *Sunday, May 6, 5:00pm – Baby Shower for Anna Nancy Neufeld
- *Sunday, May 6, 6:00pm – Wiener Roast
- *June 8 & 9 – MCC Sale at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon
- *Sunday, June 17 – Church Picnic
- *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

***Sunday, May 6:** The Deacons committee invites/encourages you to come as families to take part in a **shower** for baby Anna Nancy (parents Rachel and Clint), that will begin at 5 pm in the Multipurpose room and will be followed directly by our "**Welcome to Spring**" **Wiener Roast**. If the weather fails to cooperate for outside eating, we will move indoors and using the kitchen to cook our meat. Please bring wieners and bread/buns, snacks &/or desserts to share. Beverages and condiments will be provided.



Youth Owl Project in May

As part of their continuing focus on creation care, the Youth will be going out to Bruce Boldt’s farm to help him and an owl specialist gather and band baby owls. This is a great opportunity for the Youth to have an up close look at these amazing creatures, since baby owls are quite tame and fit in the palm of your hand. This project will be happening sometime in May and will be finalized soon with the owl specialist.

VENT, PROTEST, GRIEVE AND LISTEN.

When a person is wounded, hurt, insulted or abused, he/she wants to talk about it. A rug that has experienced muddy boots needs to be vigorously shaken to get the dirt out. Likewise, the pain and maltreatment needs to be exorcised / shaken out, too, and one of the best ways is to verbally release the injury. Sharing the hurt is a form of protest, and it is a declaration about the personal injustice. Moreover, putting the pain to words invites clarity. Instead of merely groaning, a person has to cognitively choose words to define the condition-- the hurt has to be assessed. And, the protest needs to be heard / received. In a supportive community, listeners can sympathetically validate the grief and/or injustice, and offer helpful feedback, when appropriate. The protest / the venting may be unjustified or from a misunderstanding, and if that is the case, then the listener can help redirect the venting to be more constructive. Either way, emotions need to be released. Nevertheless, grief, abuse and insults need to be expressed to others in order to avoid becoming a trapped victim. We must protest when we are assaulted, no matter the source of the attack.

To be healthy, we must speak out in defense of our personal and community value and integrity. We must not accept abuse or degradation in any form, and we must listen and respond to those protesting and grieving. The path to forgiveness and healing includes venting **and** being heard. Pain and injustices must be exposed before reconciliation and redemption can bring wholeness. Therefore, listen to those who vent, and set your standards high on how you want to be treated. Moreover, attend the Truth and Reconciliation Commission events in Saskatoon, June 21- 24, at the exhibition grounds. We need to hear the stories. The healing and wholeness/peace for our society requires that no one be a victim. And, ignorance makes many victims.

May we all realize that protesting, listening and being informed is a critical part of our salvation journey.

Gordon Allaby

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A 50- something year old white woman arrived at her seat on a crowded flight and immediately didn't want the seat. The seat was next to a black man.

Disgusted, the woman immediately summoned the flight attendant and demanded a new seat. The woman said "I cannot sit here next to this black man."

The flight attendant said "Let me see if I can find another seat." After checking, the flight attendant returned and stated "Ma'am, there are no more seats in economy, but I will check with the captain and see if there is something in first class."

About 10 minutes went by and the flight attendant returned and stated "The captain has confirmed that there are no more seats in economy, but there is one in first class. It is our company policy to never move a person from economy to first class, but being that it would be some sort of scandal to force a person to sit next to an UNPLEASANT person, the captain agreed to make the switch to first class."

Before the woman could say anything, the attendant gestured to the black man and said, "Therefore sir, if you would so kindly retrieve your personal items, we would like to move you to the comfort of first class as the captain doesn't want you to sit next to an unpleasant person."

Passengers in the seats nearby began to applaud while some gave a standing ovation.

-submitted by Diana Buhler

LOT 'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

-submitted by Adeline Cox

OUR MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA MINISTRIES

“Mennonite Church Canada ministries would not be possible without your support. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you for sharing your financial resources and for volunteering your time to grow God’s Kingdom in the many ways you participate – from worship services and Sunday School classes to neighbourhood outreach projects, camps, food banks, daycares, the offices and board rooms of enterprise and the programs of your Area and National Churches.

Thank you for helping build awareness of Mennonite Church Canada ministries. Your prayer and financial support enables us to grow God’s church together.”

***In Colombia**, your gift to Mennonite Church Canada allowed us to join with the Colombian Mennonite church and several of its young congregations along the Northern coast – Bread of Life, Gethsemane and Sahagun – by assisting them with their initiatives in reaching out to their communities in children, youth, outreach programs and peace education.

*Although Mennonite Church Canada and its predecessor organizations were not affiliated with the residential school, **Timber Bay Home in Montreal Lake, Sask.**, Mennonite Church Canada and members of the Mennonite community are walking with survivors of the school in their struggle for healing. Thank you for supporting this important process of healing.

*Bridging cultural divides and fostering respect among all people is core to God’s call. Uniting people that might otherwise be divided has been a key ministry of **Mennonite Church Canada’s Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery** since its inception in 1998. Recently, curator Ray Dirks was honoured by Canadian Mennonite University as the 2011 recipient of the CMU Blazer Distinguished Community Service Award for his work with refugees and new Canadians. Ray couldn’t do what he does toward building peace and understanding without your support. Thank you!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

* Please inform Carl if you wish to be a delegate at the MC Canada Assembly. Early registration ends May 15.

* **Money Matters:**

The God lead salvation process includes giving. We give of ourselves in many ways, including our financial possessions. It is prudent to keep in step with God as we walk with God; therefore, we need to regularly ask God, "What percentage are you wanting me to give?" Your offering to the church is a response to God's will; it is giving back to God and giving to the work of God. And, on the practical side, the body of Christ--the church, strives to faithfully serve God, and much of that ministry is "giving." We can not give (do the work of God), when we do not give as God leads us.

* **Houseplants:**

Over the years, the church has acquired a nice selection of houseplants--some big, some small. We are diligently carrying for these plants, yet they could use more love and attention. We would like to send these plants to good, loving homes. Yet, we only want to put orphans up for adoption, so before we offer the plants for adoption, we ask those who have loaned the church a plant to please take your houseplant home. Soon, we will inform all about the invitation to adopt a beautiful, oxygen giving plant.

* **A New Church Photo Directory:**

The deacons are planning to provide, through a professional photography studio, photo sessions this fall, likely September. Individual and/or family portraits are free and will be used in the new photo directory; however, personal copies, in various sizes, can be purchased. The photo company provides this service to churches in the hopes that individuals will buy pictures for themselves, but no one is required to do so. More information will follow this summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***Job Opportunity** - MCCS is accepting applications for a Restorative Justice Coordinator until May 4, 2012 for this salaried position requiring a Bachelors degree or equivalent experience in a related field. Job description @ mcc.org/serve. Contact saskhr@mccs.org or call 665-2555.

***Bethany Manor Spring Tea** will be held on May 5 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Proceeds will go towards purchasing easy maintenance furnishings for the 110 entrance. Everyone Welcome!

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, on May 26, 2012. Information and registration forms can be downloaded from the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Early bird registration was April 27; final golf & banquet reservations due by May 17.

***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 by May 11. (Contact Val or the RJC office if you can volunteer your help with this event.)

***RJC Peace & Justice Coffee House**, Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm - The RJC Peace and Justice Studies Class are hosting a coffee house at the Rosthern Station Arts Centre. It will be an evening of thoughtful, artistic commentary on our society and world as different students creatively share their thoughts on the peace and justice issues that they have studied this term. Admission by donation with all proceeds going to the Rosthern Food Bank. Drinks and snacks will be served. Everyone is welcome!

***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.

***Understanding Indian residential schools and settler society:** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is hosting events across Canada. To help prepare our churches, Mennonite Church Canada's Director of Native Ministry, Steve Heinrichs, has compiled his "Top 12 resources" for understanding Indian residential schools and settler society. Each title is available from the Resource Centre.

To see Steve's top 12 TRC resources, go to

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1735

Potluck Recipe of the Month



Recipe for Peace

1 cup of friendship
1/2 cup of hope
2 cups of love
5 tbsp of respect
1/2 cup of kindness
1 cup of joy
3 tsp of understanding
1 1/2 cups honesty

Mix friendship, love, and kindness in a large bowl. Add understanding a few drops at a time. Then stir in honesty and joy for good firm dough. Sprinkle half of respect over it and mix well.

Pour into a cake pan and bake at 350°F. When it is ready, pour the hope and the rest of respect on top. Then share with everyone you know.

-from www.powertochange.com



Continuing Education Course

Life out of Death

Matthew Thiessen

Senior Lecturer in New Testament

College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon Theological Union

This course will examine the grand sweep of the story of the Bible. We will focus on the central stories of the biblical narrative, attempting to read the Bible as unified account of God's relationship with the world. We will see the way in which the Old Testament portrays God as the source of all life, the one who gives birth to Israel and sustains this people by the life-giving gift of his law. Building on this understanding of the Old Testament, we will see how the New Testament portray Jesus' life, crucifixion, and resurrection as the victory over death, the Holy Spirit as the Church's life-giving power, and God's unmediated presence as the culmination and redemption of his creation.

May 22-25, 2012

At

Wildwood Mennonite Church

Cost: \$125/person

Schedule: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 – 12:00

Coffee break refreshments provided

Please register by May 15th at the MC Sask office

mcsask@mcsask.ca 249-4844

* Assembly 2012 Registration:

The Early Bird registration deadline approaches! 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. Save by signing up by May 15th! Details at www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012.

*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.

*Don't forget to listen to **Church Matters**, MCC's radio podcast exploring why the church matters in the world today. Download episodes from <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/206> or iTunes, or listen live at 8:45 am CST on the third Sunday of each month.

****May 11, Lakeview Church 7pm: "Ignite Saskatoon"** – a special 30 hour Famine event for Youth and Young adults will feature special guest, Shane Claiborne. Admission by canned goods or donation for Saskatoon Food Bank. For more information, visit www.ignitesask.com

***GARAGE SALE** will be held on May 25 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Bethany Manor in the Fellowship Center. Come check out the deals!

***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.

✿ **Pieces of Peace** ✿

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

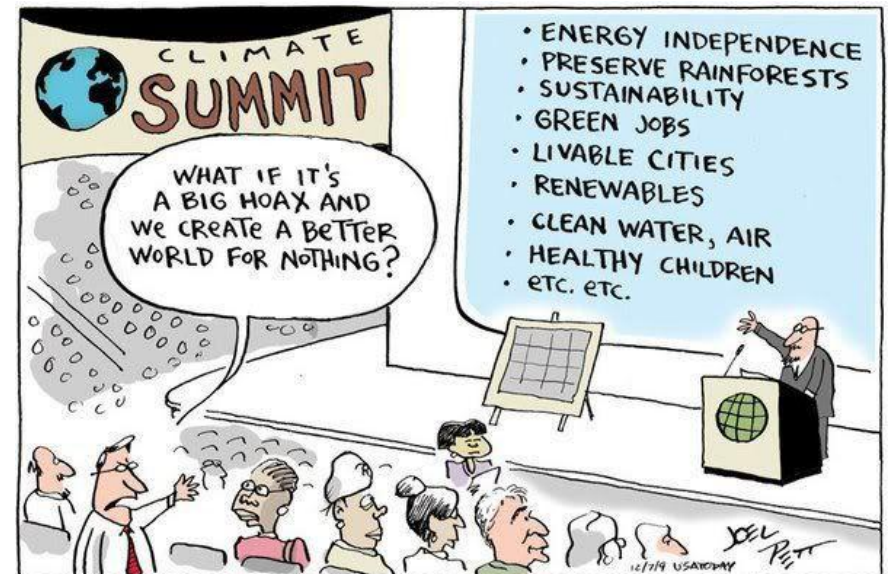
~Attributed to both Golda Meir and Indira Gandhi

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Canadian Mennonite University www.cmu.ca

*It's not too late to apply for **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 18 – 22 and June 25 – 29. Come learn – and participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or csop@cmu.ca.



"If in this present age, we were to go back to the old time of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," there would be very few honorable gentlemen in this House who would not, metaphorically speaking, be blind and toothless."

- Mr. Graham, 1914, Canadian House of Parliament member, commonly attributed to Mahatma Gandhi as "An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind."

Creation Care for Saskatchewan

- By Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Electricity generation (combustion of coal and gas at power stations):

- 15.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂e)
 - 21.6% of total provincial emissions
 - 14.9 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) per person.
- Use LED or CFL lighting instead of tungsten incandescents.
 - Replace old T10 fluorescent tubes with T8s, T5s, or LEDs.
 - Always choose the most energy-efficient equipment we can find: there are lists for many types of appliance at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/equipment/appliances/12377>.
 - Don't leave lights or appliances on when we don't need them on. To avoid "phantom loads", use a power bar to switch off electronic equipment when not in use. Use timer switches.
 - Avoid using air conditioning if possible. If it proves necessary, opt for the most efficient model available.
 - Support the work of Green Energy Project Saskatchewan (greenenergysask.ca), which is developing an alternative plan for the province's electricity provision and a strategy to campaign for it.
 - Campaign for policies favourable to the development of community-scale renewables development: especially feed-in tariffs, which enable small suppliers to get a stable price for electricity fed into the grid.
 - Nearly half of Saskatchewan's electricity feeds heavy industry - nearly all mining and oil/gas. Campaign for policies to reduce the substantial energy waste in this sector. And be prepared to challenge inadequately-assessed expansion of these industries.

Creation Care for Saskatchewan (continued)...

By Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Energy use in transport (road vehicles, off-road vehicles including farm equipment, pipelines)

- 14.9 MtCO₂e
 - 20.8% of total emissions
 - 14.3 tCO₂e/person
- Use the most energy-efficient mode of transport we can for any journey. Walk or cycle if we can. Otherwise use public transit if we can.
 - When we have to drive, try to car-pool
 - Start a car sharing cooperative
 - When purchasing a vehicle, assess what our actual needs are (not our preferences) and choose the most energy-efficient vehicle which meets them.
 - Campaign for planning decisions which make necessary journeys shorter - for example, by getting jobs and shops close to residential areas, and by reducing "sprawl" in new development.
 - Buy from local sources - starting with your food (grow a vegetable garden; try to buy food in season; keep alive the skills of canning and preserving; support local greenhouses) but not stopping there.

October 19-20, 2012 The Global Leadership Summit

Plan to attend the Global leadership Summit, Oct. 18-19. Hear speakers such as Bill Hybels (Willowcreek) and Mark Kielburger (Free the Children). A special \$99 registration fee has been negotiated for Mennonite Church Canada attendees, compared to the \$250 regular fee. Register via www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1751 Deadline for registration: Sept. 18.