

**OMC Calendar
May 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am Floor Hockey: 7pm			1	2 Missions and Service Comm. meeting 7:30pm	3	4 YOUTH: Games Night at church 7:30pm
5 Many Peoples Sunday	6	7	8	9 Council Meeting 7:00pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day / Youth Sunday	13	14 Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	15 Worship Committee meeting 7:30pm	16 Education &Deacons meetings 7:30pm	17	18
19 Pentecost ***** Loose Change Sunday	20	21	22	23	24	25 Youth- Progressive Supper – meet at church at 6pm
26	27	28 Discipleship Group meeting 7:30pm	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 OMC Events and Opportunities



*The annual **OMC work 'morning'** is Saturday, May 4th, 9-12 a.m. We will try and accomplish outside work- as well as many inside tasks such as cleaning and painting - so all are welcome!!

***Shekinah chalet is flooded!!** Mennonite Disaster Service is on site to clean up and rebuild and needs your help! Volunteers are urgently needed, beginning immediately so the camp can be ready for summer programming. Call Peter Schroeder at 306-227-2273 or Ed Buhler at 306-220-4543 to volunteer.

* **Ladies - exciting news:** A new women's group is starting up called "*Heart to Heart*"! We will meet one evening a month starting Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. It will be a time of learning, sharing, prayer and fellowship. Mark your calendars - hope to see you there!

Pastor's Note:

One of the images or metaphors for God is a parent. In that context, we are the children, and as everyone knows, each child is different. Each child in the same family is unique, and therefore, all children are distinctive. Children have different personalities, abilities, talents, strengths, weaknesses, likes, dislikes and reactions to the world around them. Moreover, even the conditions and circumstances vary, including with siblings. In addition, children vary in maturity level, too. Therefore, God as parent knows to treat each child individually, and that parental care incorporates expectations and responses. This makes sense, yet we "children" tend to have a certain standard or model for what it means to be a child of God. The standard projects a pressure to conform, with the consequences of judgmental disappointment or distain, and that is just simply silly, and at times cruel.

As children, I think God delights in who we are--our place, struggles, progress and station in life, and we know that God doesn't like us to judge each other, either. So, pause and contemplate that it is okay where and who you are--you're growing, and that is what children do.

So, let's embrace that understanding for ourselves and each other. There is no place for berating or bullying--no judging. Let's be God's children, learning and growing together, and that's something worth encouraging.

-Gordon

Coming to OMC in June:

June 16 – Church Picnic

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

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jack, was very interested in making extra money where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time. Eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches.

Jack put in a painting bid, and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks and buying the paint and thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened, and rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jack fair off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Now, Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?"

From the thunder, a mighty voice spoke: "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

-submitted by Adeline

"Fight truth decay-study the Bible daily."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Sunday, May 5, 2013, 3-5pm, MC Sask invites everyone to a service of celebration and communion for **Breath of Life Mennonite Church**, 731 Avenue J South in Saskatoon.

*Friday, May 10, 2013, 7:00pm - University of Emmanuel College, College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, the Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon and St. Andrew's College invite you to attend the **Joint Convocation Ceremonies** of the Saskatoon Theological Union at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Ave. So, Saskatoon.

*Canadian Mennonite University www.cmu.ca

"I believe anybody can balance academics and athletics (at CMU) - and succeed in both," comments Kathleen McCullough. Read her story and more current CMU student profiles via media.cmu.ca

*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

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

A truly free society must not include a "peace" which oppresses us. We must learn on our own terms what peace and freedom mean together. There can be no peace if there is social injustice and suppression of human rights, because external and internal peace are inseparable. Peace is not just the absence of mass destruction, but a positive internal and external condition in which people are free so that they can grow to their full potential.

- Petra Karin Kelly

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Gordon recently shared an article with me entitled "Young, emerging, lost or arrested? A review of recent research on young adults and religion", by David F. White of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In this article, White quotes William Damon, a leading scholar of human development and Director at Stanford University's Center on Adolescence: "Parents and communities that support young people play key roles in helping them to find their purpose....young people need to hear how they can derive personal satisfaction from doing something that makes a difference in the world - even if they don't get public recognition and financial rewards."

This article has inspired me to think about our youth ministry from a somewhat different angle. Are we nurturing our youth, the future adults of our world, to find their sense of purpose in the world? How are we doing this in a way that is different from our self-centered, money and material-oriented world? Are we teaching and supporting them to be Christ-like servants in their world, or to do things for their own gain?

As a church, I believe we can encourage our youth to grow in their sense of Christ-centred purpose by promoting volunteerism. In the year to come, I hope that we as a church can find ways to invite the youth to volunteer. We do this with the Foodgrains Bank Relief Sale and the MCC Relief Sale, but I would like to encourage more. Do you know of someone who needs some help with yard work? Someone who's spirits would be lifted by some freshly baked cookies? Help me come up with ways that the youth can experience meaningful giving and the knowledge that they are needed to be God's hands and feet in this world.

Leslie A.

Lectionary Passages for the next 6 weeks

May 5, 2013 *Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Many People's Sunday*

Theme: Let all the people praise you

Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14: 23-29 or
John 5:1-9,14-24, I Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18 or
Luke 24:1-12

May 12, 2013 *Seventh Sunday of Easter - Youth Sunday*

Theme: Let the earth rejoice

Acts 16: 16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22: 12-14, 20-21, John 17:20-26
Or

Ascension (additional scriptures)

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24: 44-53

May 19, 2013 *Pentecost*

Theme: I will pour out my Spirit

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11: 1-9, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 14-17, John 14: -17, (25-27)

May 26, 2013 *Trinity Sunday*

Theme: We have peace with God

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15

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



OMC YOUTH GROUP MAY 2013 ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service - 10am YOUTH SUNDAY & Mother's Day Sunday School - 11 am	13	14	15	16	17	18
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* **MC Sask Continuing Education** presents a week long education event about learning skills for **conflict resolution** with Matthew Hartman, May 21-24 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. See the bulletin board for more details. Registration deadline: May 15th.

* 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 or csop@cmu.ca for more information.

Canadian Mennonite University 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. Apply now, and learn to see differently. www.cmu.ca



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

*ATTENTION FAMILIES: This summer MDS is building cabins at a church camp in Alberta and we are inviting FAMILIES to participate. The project is located at Camp Evergreen, a Mennonite Brethern facility near Sundre, AB. We need 6 families per week from July 21 – August 16, 2013. All you provide is your time, a positive work ethic and work clothes for the construction sites, including good work shoes with steel toes (if available). Sites are available with power for your RV. There are a few RV's available if you don't have one, but you must indicate this at the time of registration. MDS will provide supervision, cooks, tools and food for everyone on the project! There will be a nominal registration fee of \$5 per family. Please contact our office in Winnipeg at 866-261-1274 for registration and additional information.

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* **Saving Pennies?** Children of Osler Mennonite Church are asked to gather pennies and other coins to donate to the MCC Relief Sale in June through the *Penny Power Water Project*. This money will be used for its relief worldwide. **A jar has been placed in the foyer to 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!

*Mark your calendars: Sunday, May 19th is **Loose Change Sunday**.

* OMC Trustees we are again looking for several **volunteers** to look after the planted areas in front of the church building, and around the OMC sign by the street.

* In the last three months, \$4300.00 was raised during OMC fundraising for the MC Canada **Youth Assembly!** We are in excess of what we need for the Assembly, leaving approximately \$900.00 to be put back into the youth fund for next Fall's junior high and senior high SMYO retreats and activities. Hurray!! The youth and I are overwhelmed with your generosity and support. Thank you!!! We look forward to treating you to a night of gourmet desserts and coffee in September when we can share our stories and experiences from the July assembly. –Leslie Allaby

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Forgiveness is not always easy. At times, it feels more painful than the wound we suffered, to forgive the one that inflicted it. And yet, there is no peace without forgiveness.

-Marianne Williamson

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*Gordon will not have morning office hours the week of May 21-24. He will be attending a seminar that week.

* Can you take a turn and help with set up and clean up for the after worship **Gathering coffee time?** Please speak to Joanne for details and to volunteer.

* The Mission & Service Committee has set up Guidelines for the use of money that has been given to the church designated for **Camperships**. If you know of children from our church or community who are interested in going to camp, please review the Guidelines and submit an application. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions or suggested names, please contact Margaret Dyck at 306-239-2205.

* **Catechism** for Senior Youth will resume in the next SS year, as we now have senior youth. Also, contact Gordon if you're interested in attending a catechism class or new member class.

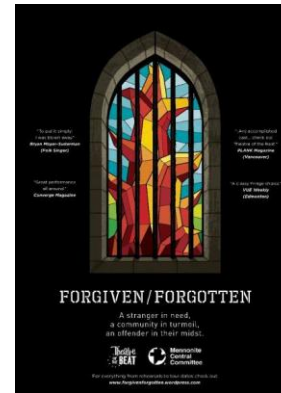
* OMC 2013 **Yard Maintenance sign-up sheet**: trustees are asking OMC members to consider helping out with 2013 church yard maintenance, and signing the list on the church bulletin board. We would be especially delighted and grateful, to those who could help out several times this summer!!!

***Youth**: Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25th for a Progressive Supper event.

*The **2013 MCC Relief Sale and Auction is June 14 & 15** at the Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. (Not June 13 & 14 as previously announced) Visit mccsk.ca for additional details.

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*Mennonite Central Committee and Theatre of the Beat present a play about restorative justice. **“Forgiven/Forgotten”** *A stranger in need, a community in turmoil, an offender in their midst.* Ontario-based



theatre troupe **Theatre of the Beat** is travelling across Canada performing their unique style of performance to dig deep into the issues of restorative justice; with a special emphasis on the themes of crime, punishment and faith. In addition to performances in Prince Albert and Regina, the troupe will present 3 Saskatoon dates:

*Tues., May 21, 7pm – Youth night @Nutana Park Mennonite Church

*Thurs., May 22, 7pm – St. Mary’s Wellness & Education Centre, 327 Ave N So. Saskatoon

*Sat., May 25, 7pm - St Anne’s Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon
(For more: www.forgivenforgotten.wordpress.com)

***MEDA Supper Event** at Bethany Manor. **Business Solutions to Poverty: Lasting Impact.** May 28th Reception at 5:30pm, Supper at 6:00 pm. Guest speaker: Katie Turner, MEDA Agricultural Project Manager, will share insight on current agricultural projects in Zambia, Nicaragua and Peru that link clients with innovative financial services and new technologies in agriculture. RSVP attendance to Bethany Manor by May 23 (\$20/person), 306-242-9019 or email smcsi@sasktel.net

*The MC Sask **VBS Troupe** is still looking for a Leader for this summer’s season. If you are interested or know of someone we could encourage, please contact the MC Sask office. Application forms are found on the MC Sask website at www.mcsask.ca

Mennonite Church Canada – Ministry Highlights

In the last two months' 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 some 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. Your support of Indigenous Relations (formerly known as "Native Ministry") is helping to build relationships and provide healing across the country. In 2012, delegates to the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly committed to learn about residential school history and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) process. Thank you for helping us to walk with our indigenous brothers and sisters on this journey toward healing and hope.
2. Over 1/3 of volunteers at the three day Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) event in Saskatoon last June were Mennonites, reports Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations Director, "and many more from our congregations attended." Thank you for showing your support for our indigenous brothers and sisters.
3. Your support allowed Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations to participate in a 4-day event hosted by Mennonite Central Committee Ontario's Aboriginal program to build relationships with Anishinaabe communities impacted by the Mennonite residential schools in north-western Ontario. Thank-you!
4. Mennonite Church Canada was able to facilitate 52 pastor transitions for congregations in 2012. Your contributions allow us to build and maintain the data base that makes this kind of pairing possible. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1900
5. In 2012, Mennonite Church Canada entered partnerships with Canadian Mennonite University and Conrad Grebel University College to help students explore pastoral ministry as a vocation and allowed them to work in a congregation for a summer. Thank you!
6. "I want to go from here and live and teach a life of reconciliation," said one pastor in response to Palmer Becker's intensive short course on Anabaptism. During September 2012, Palmer served as Mennonite Church Canada Resource Worker inspiring church leaders in Indian and Vietnam. Thank you for your support!
7. Mennonite Church Canada helps support the North American Indigenous Institute for Theological Studies (MAITS), where Christian leaders interpret and practice Scripture and Church mission with an indigenous worldview. Your support has helped overcome walls between cultures and faith.
8. Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder, Mennonite Church Canada Witness Workers have moved from Benin to Burkina Faso to continue their ministry as Formation Resource Workers and grow church leaders. They also work on the pastoral team with the Ouagadougou (capital city) Mennonite congregation.
9. In 2012, through the Company of 1000, MC Canada helped support 12 individuals who are considering or studying for ministry. With your donation dollars, we have also been able to establish a partnership with Columbia Bible College to offer two student bursaries for Ministry Inquiry Program internships in the future. Thank you for helping to grow future church leaders!

I do not want the peace that passeth understanding. I want the understanding which bringeth peace.

- Helen Keller

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*News from Shekinah....

1. Campers, have you registered for camp yet? On-line registration & on-paper registration are both ready to welcome you:) Remember, you get \$20 off your registration fee if you pay in full before May 1, 2013! Yay!
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)...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!)

***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 Sponsored by Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. Inquiries: info@pcecumenism.ca

*The Board of Rosthern Junior College is pleased to announce the **appointment of Jim Epp to the position of principal**. Jim's commitment to RJC is long standing having worked as a dean, teacher, and vice principal. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Richert as Development Officer. Dan is an alumnus of RJC and previously worked as a dean.

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***RJC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** - RJC invites staff applications for the 2013/14 school year. Anticipated openings include: 1. Full and/or part-time teaching positions in Senior English Language Arts; Physical Education; Christian Ethics, History, Art. 2. Full and/or part-time positions for male and female Residence staff. Visit www.rjc.sk.ca for more information about the school. Please forward a resume and direct inquiries to: Jim Epp, Principal Rosthern Junior College, Box 5020, Rosthern, SK S0K 3R0 Email: jimepp@rjc.sk.ca

***RJC Open Campus Day, May 11th:** Everyone is invited to come celebrate spring with RJC students and staff. Families and individuals are welcome to attend any or all activities scheduled, including Peace & Justice Kids' Carnival, Gen-Next choir workshop, school and dorm tours, youth activities, community evening meal, and the Spring Choir Concert at 7:00 pm. For more information or specific event times, check the poster in your church or the RJC website (www.rjc.sk.ca).

***RJC Spring Concert - Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm** in the RJC gymnasium. We would be delighted to have you join us for an evening of wonderful music. Season finale performances by Concert Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; a collection in support of RJC will be taken during the concert. We look forward to having you join us.

***RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 25** - Join us at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble Golf Tournament. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team). This event includes on-course contests and challenges, and a banquet and silent auction at RJC following the tournament. Information and registration forms will be available on the RJC website at www.rjc.sk.ca or contact rjcgolf@rjc.sk.ca. Registration deadline is May 13. *If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, or donating team prizes or silent auction items, please contact RJC.*