

**2011 Calendar  
November**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Worship: 10am Sunday School @ 11:15am		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Gr 6 Bible Class  <b>Missions &amp; Service Committee Meeting 7:30pm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Touring Mission Fest Supper: 5:30pm &amp; program to follow</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Floor Hockey Starts again 7:00pm</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Book Club Mtg 7:00pm</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>	<b>10</b> Gr 6 Bible Class  <b>Deacons Meeting 7:30pm</b>	<b>11</b> 11am Rotary PeacePk 5pm Youth supper	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Peace Sunday</b>  <b>Floor Hockey 7:00-8:30pm</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Educa- tion Comm. Meeting 7:30pm</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Gr 6 Bible Class  <b>Worship Committee Meeting 7:00pm</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Memorial Sunday <b>-Potluck &amp; Talk About Session -Loose Change -Floor Hockey</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Gr 6 Bible Class  <b>Missions &amp; Service Comm.Mtg 7:30pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Youth Puppet Ministry Practice 7:30-10</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Ladies Lunch @ Willows</b>
<b>27</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>Floor Hockey</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</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)**

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

**ADVENT 2011**  
**HOPE**  
**PEACE**  
**JOY**  
**LOVE**  
**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS**



## Pastor's Note

Our October potluck lunch and "Talk about" on finances produced a feast of culinary delight and insightful discussions. We shared our food and our thoughts, and we all grew from that sharing (some may have gained a pound or two, also). Regardless of the challenges, we all desire to be the church that God calls us to be, and as we continue to strive to be a faithful church, let us also contemplate how God is calling us individually to be in the process. The nominating committee will soon be praying and then asking people to serve in different capacities in our church. May we all join them in prayer, praying that each of us will sense and respond to how God is leading us to serve. Moreover, let us pray that we will respond with confidence by not waiting to be asked to serve. Let's shock those on the nominating committee (Carl Martens-Funk is the chair) by contacting them first, and letting them know how God is leading us to serve. In addition, as we strive to follow God's will for our lives, let us include our finances, too. Ask God, "What percentage do you want me to give to the church." And, always pray for those on committees, those serving the church in other ways, such as the librarian, the nursery coordinator or as musicians; pray for the church council, the church chair, church staff and for me, your pastor.

We love to eat, and we love to share our opinions; however, may we also have a deep passion for engaging in prayer. We can't go wrong if we overindulge in prayer. Our future is very promising.....when we listen to God and allow God to lead us. If each of us were to add five or ten minutes each day to our prayer time, I believe we'd be amazed. The future is promising.

Gordon

### ☼ Pieces of Peace ☼

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." (Beverly Martin)

A "mistake" is something done unwittingly. In this journey together may we let go and release those mistakes that are not "art"; through our shared understanding let us identify the mistakes worth keeping.

## Points to Ponder From The Mennonite – October 2011 edition

### **\*Leaving church with no degree**

A new study shows that white Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher-educated counterparts. The study, by University of Virginia sociologist W. Bradford Wilcox, found that since the 1970's, white Americans with no more than a high school diploma left the pews twice as fast as other Americans.

*-Religion News Service*

\*What the United States spent on broadcasting per capita in 2008:

**\$3.75**

What the United Kingdom spent on broadcasting per capita in 2009:

**\$90.70.**

Australia spent **\$34** in 2008, and Canada spent **\$30** that same year.

*-Colombia Journalism Review*

### **3 myths about jobs**

#### **Myth No. 1: Economic growth produces jobs**

Fact: GDP has grown for seven consecutive quarters since the official end of the recession; no job growth in the same period.

#### **Myth No. 2: There are plenty of traditional jobs if you just look for them.**

Fact: In May, there were 4.7 unemployed people for every job opening.

#### **Myth No. 3: If we cut taxes on big corporations and the wealthy, they'll use the extra cash to create jobs.**

Fact: Corporations are sitting on a record pile of cash –more than \$80 billion. So are banks, with \$1.6 trillion in excess reserves that they're not lending. That's been the case for more than a year. But the unemployment rate is unchanged.

*-Yes! Magazine*

**"When the power of love overcomes the love of power,  
the world will know peace."**

*-Jimi Hendrix*

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**\*Sunday School Information Update.** The children are currently studying about 'The Early Anabaptists'. Jake, Buhler, Ruth Buhler, Steve Guenther, and Ben Buhler are involved in the teaching this rotation. The next rotation begins on November 13. It would really be appreciated if you would consider assisting with the teaching. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes.

**\*Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm : OMC Book Club meeting**

**\*November 11, 2011 11:00am at Rotary Peace Park in Saskatoon:** An outdoor Remembrance Day memorial service to remember all the losses from war will be held at the Rotary Peace Park (South side, near the Traffic bridge) on November 11 at 11:00 am. This event is open to the public, and is sponsored by the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.

**\*Sunday, November 13 is Peace Sunday.**

**\*Sunday, November 20 is Memorial Sunday.**

**\*The next Children's Loose Change Collection is November 20th.** All change collected goes to helping children. We are helping Colombia children, but your gifts also help other children in need. Thanks for generously saving your loose change that our children collect to help other children.

**\*Sunday, November 20** – Potluck, followed by a “talk about” session. Topics for church membership discussion: reviewing a proposed by-law change; the MC Saskatchewan document on membership (will be dispersed in advance), and how to do church family in the 21 century.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*On August 6, members of the **7000 Generations Walk Against Nuclear Waste** stopped at our church for supper and an evening of sharing. They were on their way to Regina to present a petition against a proposed nuclear waste storage site in northern Saskatchewan. This group now is inviting us to a [Northern Thank You Feast](#) on Saturday, December 3, 5 p.m. at the Bernice Sayese Centre in Prince Albert (1350 - 15th Avenue West). **RSVP by November 15** to 288-2079 (Candace) or [committeeforfuturegenerations@gmail.com](mailto:committeeforfuturegenerations@gmail.com).

**\*Bethany Manor Pie Social** will be held on Nov. 5 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

\*You are invited to attend the Mennonite Historical Society of Sask. Genealogy Day **“Remembering the Peacemakers” on November 11 and 12 at Bethany Manor**, 110 LaRonge Road, in the Fellowship Centre. On Friday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m, Leonard Doell will lead a short Remembrance Day Service with Conrad Stoesz of Winnipeg as the keynote speaker. Entertainment: Shelly Lavertie. Saturday, 10am to noon: Conrad Stoesz. Lunch \$8.00 Various speakers from 1-3:00 pm .

**\*Sunday, November 13, 2:30pm** at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, an Afternoon of Classical Music. An offering will be taken that will go towards African relief. All are welcome.

**\*Canadian Mennonite University [www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)**  
Come this summer to learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – at the fourth annual **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**. More information is available at <http://www.csop.cmu.ca> or by e-mailing [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).

## EVEN MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\***RJC Corporation Annual General Meeting**, Saturday, November 19, 5:00-6:00 pm in the chapel. This meeting is an important time for acknowledging the past year, but just as importantly, planning for the current fiscal year. Everyone welcome.

\***RJC Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet**, Saturday, November 19 beginning at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. Guest speakers are Irma & Antony Sanchez Solano and Adriana Koehn, who provide leadership for RJC groups that travel to Latin America as part of the Alternative Service and Learning Program. Sonrisa will be the musical guests. A Silent Auction and offering will be part of the evening. Tickets are complimentary, but must be reserved by contacting RJC by November 10th (306 232-4222 or [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)).

\***RJC On Stage - Fall Theatre, November 20 & 21, 7:30 pm** - The RJC Theatre Arts class is preparing two one-act plays by playwright Christian Kiley entitled "The Art of Rejection". The Musical Theatre class will present excerpts from various musicals such as "Children of Eden", "High School Musical 3", "Bye Bye Birdie", "The Prince of Egypt", "Wicked", and an "Andrews Sisters" impersonation. Join us Sunday or Monday evening. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale now (reserved seating only). Call RJC at 306 232-4222 to purchase your tickets.

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

\***Mar. 9-11, 2012** – CMU invites high school students to attend **PIT**. **PIT** offers a special peace conference, where youth can connect, play, and engage in worship and workshops with youth from across Canada.

\*Canadian Mennonite University invites applications for two full time, tenure-track faculty positions: **Conflict Resolution** (Menno Simons College) and **Social Science** (Canadian Mennonite University). For details, visit [www.cmu.ca/employment.html](http://www.cmu.ca/employment.html).

## Advent 2011

This year we will follow the traditional themes for Advent. The first Sunday of Advent theme will be Hope. The second Sunday's theme will be Peace. The third will be Joy, and the fourth is love. Our Christmas choir program will also be on the fourth Sunday which is December 18th.

Our decor will be traditional, too, except for the Advent wreath. The sanctuary will be the wreath, with the four Advent candles around the perimeter. During the Christmas eve service, the congregation will form the Christ candle with each person having a candle.

Each Sunday of Advent, starting on November 27, we will have carol singing as the prelude, beginning at 9:50 am each of the four Advent Sundays. All are invited to come a bit early and join in if you wish to sing carols.

The children's time will be presented by the youth featuring their puppet ministry.

**The Christmas Eve Children's pageant and Candlelight service** starts at 7:00 pm on the 24th.

This year the 25th is on a Sunday, so we'll have a special service to celebrate Christmas.

**An Afghan Blanket and Hot Chocolate Christmas Day service of carol singing and stories.**

Same time, different place: we'll worship in the gathering room, and the dress is "comfortable". You may find a worship committee member in pjs. Cozy blankets are welcome, too. We'll have hot chocolate and snacks as we celebrate Christmas together. There will not be Sunday School on the 25th.

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☺ Humour ~ The Isaac Section ☺

**Why men need things spelled out clearly**

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one gallon of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6."

A short time later the husband returns home with 6 gallons of milk.

The wife asked him, "Why did you buy 6 gallons of milk?"

He replied, "They had eggs."

**Children's Letters to God**

Dear God

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Larry

Dear God,

If you give me a genie lamp like Alladin, I will give you anything you want except my money and my chess set.

Raphael

We read Thos.Edison made light. but in Sun.School they said you did it. So I bet he stoled your idea.

Sincerely, Donna

Dear God

If you had not let the dinosaur extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Dear God

Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce

-humor submitted by Adeline

**The more you doubt your beliefs, the harder you preach them to others.** Classic research has suggested that the more people doubt their own beliefs the more, paradoxically, they are inclined to proselytize in favor of them. David Gal and Derek Rucker published a study in Psychological Science in which they presented some research subjects with evidence that undermined their core convictions. The subjects who were forced to confront the counterevidence went on to more forcefully advocate their original beliefs, thus confirming the earlier findings.

-New York Times (as cited in The Mennonite)



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<b>NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR</b>		1	2	3	4	5
6 11 – noon <b>Sunday School</b> 	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Progressive Dinner</b> Meet at the church at 5pm 	12
13 11 - noon <b>Sunday School</b> 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 11 - noon <b>Sunday School</b> 	21	22	23	24	25 7:30 – 10:00 at the church <b>Puppet Ministry Practice</b> 	26
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\***Bethany Manor Annual Craft Sale** will be held on **Saturday, November 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** in the Fellowship Centre. There will also be a Concession Booth selling sandwiches, dessert, coffee & tea. Everyone Welcome!

\***MEDA Dinner and Speaker Event - Thursday, November 24.** Everyone is welcome! Tickets are \$20. Contact Bethany Manor at 242-9019 or email [smcsi@sasktel.net](mailto:smcsi@sasktel.net)

\***Friday, Nov 18: Person-to-Person Fundraising Supper,** 6pm at Calvary United Church, 114 25th Street, Prince Albert. Dinner by donation and donations over \$20 will be accepted. Keynote speaker will be Dale Schiele and music will be presented by local groups.

\***MDS Service Opportunities:** Are you looking for a new experience or a fresh challenge? Consider volunteering with MDS. Check out the latest service opportunities on the bulletin board, or browse the Net: [www.mds.mennonite.net](http://www.mds.mennonite.net)

\***Canadian Mennonite University: Portable CMU** offers you the benefits of university instruction in your own local setting! The 2011 brochure features 17 short courses on a wide range of topics our faculty members have prepared to deliver in a variety of contexts away from CMU. <http://www.cmu.ca/portable.html>

As we reflect on peace issues this month, join Mennonite Church Canada in prayer that God's Shalom will continue to envelop individuals and communities through the efforts of Mennonite Church Canada workers like Daniel and Joji Pantoja, who are using a variety of means to share God's message in the Phillipines through their ministry, Peacebuilders Community Inc.