

**OMC Calendar
November 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am starting Sept 8					1 Free Friday 7:30pm	2
3 Potluck Lunch & Baby shower for Novinya D.	4 OMC Book Club meets 7:00pm	5 Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	6	7 Council meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10 Peace Sunday	11	12	13	14 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	15 Free Friday 7:30pm	16
17 Loose Change Sunday	18	19	20	21 Worship Committee & Education Committee meetings 7:30pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Missions & Service Committee Meeting 7:00pm	29 Hanging Greens 7pm	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, November 3rd, we will have a **Potluck lunch** at noon, after Sunday School. Willard Metzger, executive director of Mennonite Church Canada, will be our guest speaker this Sunday.

*The Deacons invite everyone to a **Baby Shower for Novinya**, daughter of Erica and Robin Doucette, **Sunday, November 3**, immediately following the potluck lunch.

***OMC book club** will meet on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm

*"**Heart to Heart**" Ladies group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7:30 pm. All ladies are welcome!

***LADIES:** The deacons sponsored **annual OMC Ladies Luncheon** is being planned for **Saturday, November 30th**. Watch for details on the bulletin board Sign-up sheet next Sunday. Save the date!



***HANGING OF THE GREENS
Friday, November 29th at 7:00pm**

No, this is not a lynching announcement. "Hanging of the Greens" is a familiar tradition in many churches. The service in song, ceremony and fellowship prepares our church and us for the Advent season. We will sing Christmas songs, ceremonially participate in the sanctuary décor, hang ornaments on the foyer Christmas tree and enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate afterwards. All ages will enjoy this festive service that launches Advent.

Pastor's Note:

Note: Sunday, November 10 is Peace Sunday.

Two Parts

Part One: November 11

Remembrance Day no longer carries the grave message, "Never Again."

Instead, we are pushed to honour and elevate soldiers and the military. Now days, we are being fed the propaganda myth that soldiers killed and died for our freedom, and that is just not true. November 11th is a time for tears over the death and destruction, and it is a time for resolve—to stand up for truth and Christ's way of peace.

Part Two: Youth Ministry

We are blessed with a significant size and growing youth group, consisting of both senior and junior youth. With expanding reach, exposure and freedom, teenagers are confronted with numerous choices and pressures, and many are not healthy or life-giving. They not only need support and insight, but they also need positive, constructive opportunities. Adolescence is a pivotal time, and it can be a time for growth instead of regret. Parents need help; parents and teenagers need an intentional community committed to youth ministry to enable teens to thrive. To be sure, youth ministry is also about helping teenagers on the fringe; it is outreach, salvation ministry. Chances are the children of church members will get through these teen years okay, but some of their friends who are part of the youth group, may not. The challenge and size of our youth group is more than a volunteer can handle. We must give serious, prayerful consideration to how we can respond to this essential ministry. I believe we need a part time youth pastor, and God knows how that will happen. Let's find out what God knows.

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

The first casualty when war comes is truth."

- Hiram Johnson, 1917

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Robert was leaving the morning service on Sunday morning. At the door, the pastor reached out and shook Robert's hand. "By the way, Robert, you need to join the army of the Lord."

"I'm already in the army of the Lord, Pastor"

"Then why do I only see you at Christmas and Easter?"

Robert whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy street. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted and photographed, and then placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached her cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "Choose Life' license plate holder, the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!

God made us all perfect.

He's just not done with most of us yet!

-humor submitted by Adeline

**Rosthern Junior College/
Canadian Mennonite University Announcements**

***RJC Corporation AGM, November 16, 2013.** Rosthern Junior College Annual General Meeting will be held in the RJC Chapel at **5:00 pm** on Saturday, November 16th. All supporters of the school are encouraged to attend. Report booklets will be available Nov. 1.

***RJC Annual Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet, Nov. 16** at 6:00 pm. Come hear what exciting things are happening at RJC, and support the mission of the school. Guest speaker is **Susan Schultz Huxman**, President of Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, ON. The evening includes music, a silent auction, and an offering will be taken for the programming of RJC. To reserve your complimentary tickets call 306.232.4222 or mail office@rjc.sk.ca by November 7th, so that we can prepare for the numbers expected.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca

***Campus Visit Day / November 22 / 8:45 - 3:00 PM / 500 Shaftesbury Blvd** - Know a high school student investigating universities? Invite them to attend CMU Campus Visit Day November 22. CMU has small classes and a welcoming, dynamic community. The day will include a School of Music and Science focus, scheduled and activities. Travel assistance is available. For more details visit cmu.ca or email info@cmu.ca to register

***Ancient Stones, Living Stones: The Holy Land in Perspective.** Join CMU Professor Gordon Matties on his eighth study tour to the Holy Land (**April 28-May 19, 2014**). This is not just any study tour: you will meet with thoughtful and engaged Israelis and Palestinians, hike into ancient sites, swim in the Dead Sea and eat the freshest falafel and baklava you can imagine. Register now; space is limited. For details, see cmu.ca/studytour

**OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

***Wed. November 6, 12:15 pm** at HMCS Unicorn - 405 24th St East, Gina and Jefferson will receive Canadian Citizenship. You are invited.



***O, THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S DWELLING is our Advent theme this year.** The first Sunday of Advent is December 1. Details about Advent will be in the December newsletter. We will also have available a take home booklet to enhance your Advent journey.

***The Worship Committee is planning a Yearend Celebration and Worship Service** to be held December 29th. If you have pictures of 2013 church activities, please share by sending to the church office.

*Nov 5-7 – Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents “Healing Gifts for Wounded Hands” **workshops** for the public and clergy. See the bulletin board poster for information.

***Nov. 8 & 9: MHSS Book promotion and Peace Stories Event** at Bethany Manor. **Fri., Nov. 8, 7:30pm Book promo** for Maureen Klassen's Memoir: “It Happened in Moscow”. **Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30am** –Hear 4 Stories of Peace at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Speakers include David Neufeld, Wilmer and Barb Froese, Don Regier & our Sarah Buhler. See the bulletin board poster for more.

***Saturday, Nov. 23: 10am – 4pm Bethany Manor Craft Sale and Tea** – Come for lunch, great shopping and door prizes.

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*The Hispanic congregations from Massey Place Community and Mount Royal Mennonite Churches invite you to an **evening of song and storytelling** on Sunday, **November 3** at 7:00pm at Massey Place Community Church, 920 Northumberland Avenue, Saskatoon. Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg will perform songs from their new album, "Even in the Smallest Places", recorded with partners in Guatemala and El Salvador. CD's will be available for \$20. All proceeds from the evening support MCC's Generations Program. Dessert and coffee to follow the program.

***MCC Relief Sale and Auction Committee** invites you to an evening with **Leland Klassen, Canada's premier clean comedian** on November 14, 2013, 7:00pm, Lakeview Church, Saskatoon. All proceeds help offset MCC's annual Relief Sale expenses. Tickets: \$15.00, available at McNally Robinson, Scott Parables, all volunteer committee members and the MCC office – 600-45th St W Saskatoon. Details found at: mccsk.ca or call 306-665-2555 or Armin & Edith at 306-384-1206

***Friday, Nov. 15**, 11am luncheon with guest speaker, **Canadian Foodgrains Bank executive director, Jim Cornelius** will be speaking at Osler Community Church. RSVP to Dave Meier: 306-921-6313 or d.emeier@sasktel.net. See the bulletin board for details of a second supper CFGB event at Weyburn Sat. Nov. 16th, 6pm.

*The **MDS Annual Fundraiser Banquet** will be held at Cornerstone Mennonite Church on **Nov. 16**. Come and hear the stories of MDS at work this year! Cost is by donation, but please reserve your seats by contacting Ida Buhler at 306-253-4604 at ibuhlermds@gmail.com.

***Mennonite Disaster Service Fundraising Banquet on Sat., Nov. 16**, 2013 to celebrate the work of MDS volunteers in Canada and the USA. The supper and program, with speaker Janet Plenert, MDS Director of Canadian Operations, begins at 6 pm at the Cornerstone Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Cost is by donation - to reserve a seat call Ida Buhler at 306-253-4604 or ibuhlermds@gmail.com

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***Mennonite Disaster Service Workshop** on "Investigating Disasters." Learn how to respond to disasters with MDS resource people Janet Plenert, Director of MDS Canadian Operations, and Jeff Koller, Disaster Response Coordinator (West USA). This workshop takes place on **Sat., Nov. 16** at 1 pm at Cornerstone Mennonite Church, 315 Lenore St, Saskatoon. No registration required.

***Youth Extravaganza** – A province-wide night of games & Bible study @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church, **Saturday, Nov. 16** at 7:00 pm. Youth grades 7-12 are invited, and are encouraged to bring friends, it's gonna be a fun night! For more details on how to get your youth or youth group involved email/call Kirsten at the MC Sask office (youthminister@mcsask.ca, 306-249-4844) or check out the SMYO Facebook and Twitter pages ([#MennoMayhem](https://www.facebook.com/SMYO)).

*Everyone is invited to a "**Classical Music Concert**" at Nutana Park Mennonite Church on **November 17** at 2:30 pm. Refreshments and fellowship will follow – there will be an offering for RJC.

***MEDA supper event Nov.19th**. Wally Kroeker, Director of publications and editor of MEDA's *The marketplace magazine* will be the keynote speaker. He will share MEDA's history as it celebrates 60 years of innovative, sustainable, business solutions to poverty around the world. 1953 – 2013. Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre. Cost \$22.00. RSVP by Nov. 15th to the Bethany office @ 306-242-9019 or email smcsi@sasktel.net

*The Station Singers will be presenting **the Messiah by Handel** with full orchestra on December 8 at 2:30 pm at the Rosthern Mennonite Church, with conductor Duff Warkentin. Guest soloists are Robert Dick, Lisa Hornung, Barbara Milner and Matt Pauls. Get your tickets from choir members or at the door or by calling the Station Arts centre at 232-5332. Tickets: Adults \$20 Students \$10 and Children 12 and under \$5.

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

November 3, 2013 Mission Month

You surround me with songs

Isaiah 1: 10-18, Psalm 32: 1-7,
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19: 1-10

November 10, 2013

Good Hope

Job 19: 23-27a, Psalm 17: 1-9,
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17, Luke 20: 27-38

November 17, 2013

The sun of righteousness shall rise

Malachi 4: 1-2a, Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 5-19

November 24, 2013

*All things were created by
him*

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20 (16)
Luke 23:33-43

December 1, 2013 – Advent 1

We may walk in God's paths

Isaiah 2:1-5 (3)
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Mennonite Church Canada

Prayers: Please pray for and with the Church - Peace Sunday (Canada)

Along the Road to Freedom is an exhibit of 26 paintings honouring Mennonite mothers who brought their children to safety in Canada from Russia. Pray that this collection by artist Ray Dirks, Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery Curator, will travel safely across the country in 2014 and beyond, and inspire others to serve God unreservedly.

Ministry Notes: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada is ministering...from across the street to around the world.

Your support is helping Mennonite Church Canada build bridges with Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry. Edited by Steve Heinrichs, Director, Indigenous Relations, this new book is a compilation of conversations between indigenous and settler people. Find the book and a free study guide at the Resource Centre. www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2097

Your story, our story, God's story is a new e-publication that profiles who Mennonite Church Canada is as a national family of congregations, and provides inspirational testimonies from members across the country. Download yours from:

What do your gifts to Mennonite Church Canada do? Watch this short video about your national church's ministry at you next congregational meeting: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2165