

**\*MCC Connects:** Restorative Justice has been a strong program within MCCS for many years. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary we invite you to **Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert on Sunday, May 4th** to honour the journey that our work in restorative justice has taken. A program will begin at **3pm** followed by fasp.

**\*RJC Spring Classic Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, May 24** at the Valley Regional Park, Rosthern, for a Texas Scramble. Sign up individually or as a team (\$125/person or \$500/team) for on-course contests and challenges, a banquet and silent auction after the tourney. Info/Reg. forms at [www.rjc.sk.ca](http://www.rjc.sk.ca) or [rijcgolf@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:rijcgolf@rjc.sk.ca). To be a corporate sponsor, donate team prizes or silent auction items, please contact Dan Richert at [dan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:dan@rjc.sk.ca).

\*The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is holding a **May Day Tea and Cake Walk on Thursday, May 8** from 2-4pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation. Proceeds from the Tea will go towards purchasing a new wall unit for the Nursing Home Auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

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Worship Leader: Gordon Allaby  
 Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
 Accompanists: Diana Buhler  
 Scripture readers: John Gascho and Margaret Dyck  
 This week's Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan  
 Next week's Nursery Care: Jan Guenther  
 Sound: Chris Buhler  
 Ushers: Steve Rowan, Susan Braun

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 April 27, 2014

### *Creation Care Sunday*

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship (Psalm 19: 1-4)

**Invocation: Green/ SJ #141 (Unison)**

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #53 “God of the earth, the sky, the sea”**

Scripture: Ezekiel 3:12-21

Sermon, Part One: “O Earth, We Stand on Guard for Thee”  
 Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Sharing and Prayer of the church

Children's time Kathy Braun

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #511 “God, who touches earth”**

Sermon, Part Two: “Emotional Health for Sentinels”

Offering and Offertory music  
 Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Romans 8:18-27

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #89 “For the beauty of the earth”**

Sermon, Part Three: “Where is the Hope? ; or Jesus is Coming – Plant a Tree!”

Scripture: Psalm 121

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #648 “Morning has broken”**

Scripture: Revelation 21:5-7a

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

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**We welcome all who are worshipping with us today.**

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years should be accompanied by an adult.)

**Children’s Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

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**\*TODAY**

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Thursday, May 1, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**
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**Remember in your Prayers**

**Please remember those with health concerns, including Abe Braun, Sarah Hiebert and Haylee Wall.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Congratulations to Scott Feick on his graduation from CMU this weekend.

\*Please provide all submissions for the OMC **May newsletter** to the church office by 9am, Wednesday, April 30.

**\*Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm – Seniors Banquet** - Invitations have just been sent out to those born in 1944 or earlier. Any seniors who have not yet replied are asked to RSVP to any of the deacons or to the church office as soon as possible.

**\*Friday, May 9 - Youth Group Event - Bigger & Better Night!**  
Meet at the church at 7 p.m. for a town-wide activity followed by snacks and worship time at church. The Youth have been asked to help with the May 11th worship service so we'll prepare together for that, too. Hope to see you there!

\*For the next 3 weeks, **children’s Sunday School** will learning about The Holy Spirit, with Leslie and the Senior Youth leading the Sunday School sessions for the elementary school children.

\***Camperships** are available for youth and children to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. If you know of children from our congregation 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 please contact any member of the Mission & Service Committee (Mark, John G, Jan, Wilf, Margaret D).

\*All are welcome to join **Rosthern Mennonite Church** in celebrating the ordination of their pastor Craig Neufeld **today at 3pm**. A light faspas will be served after the service.

\***Tuesday, May 6, 2014 - 7:00 pm at RJC** - Eigenheim Mennonite Church and RJC will be hosting the **Recycled Orchestra** (from Paraguay) – No admission. An offering will be received (tax receiptable) to be used for building a community education centre in the Cateura neighbourhood, the home of the Orchestra. For reserved rush-seating, send your request along with name and phone number to [recycled.rosthern@gmail.com](mailto:recycled.rosthern@gmail.com) or phone 306-232-9117 (9am-9pm)

**\*RJC Spring Concert** - Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm at RJC - Season finale performances by Concert Choir, the Man Choir and Chorale will highlight the evening. Admission is free; Offering received.

**\*Steve Heinrichs, director of Indigenous Relations for Mennonite Church Canada**, will be at **Nutana Park Church** helping us think about paths for peacemaking with the host peoples around us. Everyone is welcome to an intra-Mennonite event, facilitated by Steve on **Saturday, May 10, 7:00pm**, which may simply do so in a question / answer mode. Adrian Jacobs, a pastor and Keeper of the Circle (at the United Church Indigenous Theological/Training Centre) will join in as a conversation partner, sharing his experience of building bridges/relationships. Adrian is Cayuga, Six Nations...a very good man with a tender heart and lots of good stuff to share... We will provide dessert and put the coffee on.

**\*Touring Missionfest** is fast approaching. Tour Shekinah Retreat Center, Zoar Mennonite Church in Waldheim, the Menno Home in Waldheim and Zoar Mennonite Church in Langham on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50 and includes transportation, lunch and supper. Registration forms are available from your church office or online at [mcsask.ca](http://mcsask.ca). The registration deadline is April 23.

**\*Saskatchewan Women in Mission** would again like you to consider the **opportunities to serve**--- as secretary, president elect, on the program committee, or on the nominating committee. SWM is open to all women in Mennonite Churches in Saskatchewan. Are you, or is there someone you know, who would have the gifts/talents or interests that would suit these positions? Contact: Denise Epp, Rosthern (306) 232-4801 [l.d.epp@sasktel.net](mailto:l.d.epp@sasktel.net) OR Glenis Koop, Saskatoon [gleniskoop@hotmail.ca](mailto:gleniskoop@hotmail.ca) (306) 665-8011

**\*Canadian Mennonite University [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)**  
CMU invites your prayers and blessings as 80 students graduate this afternoon. Service will feature Don Friesen, CMBC alumnus and retired pastor.



**\*Young adults** – a special invitation for you to Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season (July 3-6, Wpg.). There will be an evening event just for you on Friday. Throughout the weekend you can enjoy seminars on movies, social media and how the Christian peace stance can “disturb Empire and delight Creation.” Special rates for students and young adults, subsidies for under-resourced participants. Register online at: [home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014)

### **TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

#### **Ezekiel 3:12-21**

<sup>12</sup> Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord rose<sup>\*</sup> from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; <sup>13</sup> it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. <sup>14</sup> The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. <sup>15</sup> I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar.<sup>\*</sup> And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days. <sup>16</sup> At the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>17</sup> Mortal, I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>18</sup> If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die’, and you give them no warning, and do not speak to warn the wicked from their wicked way, in order to save their life, those wicked persons shall die for their iniquity; but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup> But if you warn the wicked, and they do not turn from their wickedness, or from their wicked way, they shall die for their iniquity; but you will have saved your life. <sup>20</sup> Again, if the righteous turn from their righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before them, they shall die; because you have not warned them, they shall die for their sin, and their righteous deeds that they have done shall not be remembered; but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> If, however, you warn the righteous not to sin, and they do not sin, they shall surely live, because they took warning; and you will have saved your life.

### **Jeremiah 32:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, ‘Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; <sup>4</sup>King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; <sup>5</sup>and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?’

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

### **Romans 8:18-27**

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of

God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in\* hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes\* for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes\* with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God,\* who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit\* intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.\*

**Psalm 121** <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

**Revelation 21:5-7a** <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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**\*VBS 2014** – MC Sask is once again putting together a Vacation Bible School troupe to provide churches with the opportunity to host this program in their communities. We are looking for 1 Troupe Leader, 3-4 Troupe Members, and 5-8 host congregations to help make this program happen. Check out the SMYO website ([www.smyo.ca/vbs](http://www.smyo.ca/vbs)) for more information and applications, or contact Kirsten Hamm in the ACYM Office.