

**\*MCC Connects:** School kits are MCC's most requested item. MCC sends school kits to places including Iraq, Nicaragua and DPRK. Bring joy to more children by donating kit supplies. Visit [mccsk.ca/material](http://mccsk.ca/material) resources for more information, or call the Saskatoon office and ask for Del Lennea at 306.665.2555.

\*The **MDS Update** for July 31<sup>st</sup> is now posted on the bulletin board.

**\*Tim & the Glory Boys** is an upbeat, bluegrass worship band that Kirsten saw while attending YC in Edmonton, AB. After hearing they were doing a Western Canada tour and didn't have a location in the Saskatoon area yet, it didn't take long before she had them booked and had found a co-sponsor to help cover the costs of the event. This is going a great evening, they call it a 'worship hoedown', and if you are a fan of banjos, a wearer of plaid, grow a beard, or just enjoy quality music and worship, you are going to love these guys! **The November 8<sup>th</sup> concert** at the Legends Center in Warman is **free, but tickets must be reserved** at [www.gracesask.com/concert](http://www.gracesask.com/concert) and we would recommend reserving them soon, as almost half of the available 400 are gone already! More information is available on the SMYO website and Facebook page, feel free to contact Kirsten at [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or (306) 249- 4844 ext. 2, if you have any questions.

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick  
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Accompanist: Melanie Boldt  
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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
August 3, 2014

*The Early Church, Our Church – a seven week worship series  
Week Two: Colossae*

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Our Story: Gordon Allaby

### GATHERING

#### Call to Worship

**Many: Lord Jesus Christ, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

One: In you the fullness of God dwells.

**Many: You are the head of every ruler and authority.**

**All: Through your life, death, and resurrection, all rulers and authorities are disarmed; all legal demands are erased; and all trespasses are forgiven!**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Green/SJ #27 “God of the Bible”  
Blue/HWB #71 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”**

**Prayer of Confession: God, we confess that we seek guidance from people near at hand, rather than looking to Christ's wisdom. Lord, have mercy. We confess that we seek to earn your favor by following more and more rules, rather than looking to Christ's grace. Lord, have mercy. We confess that we seek to impose our demands on the world, rather than looking to Christ's cross. Lord have mercy. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

Hear the good news from Colossians 2! People of God, when we were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our sins, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross. Thanks be to God!

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time

Lacey Braun

**Hymn: Green/SJ #18**

**“Over my head”**

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 2:6-10

Gospel Lesson: John 14:5-11

**Hymn: Green/SJ #61**

**“How can we be silent”**

Sermon

“One Way”

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn Green/SJ #73**

**“The Lord lift you up”**

\*Benediction

*\*Please rise.*

*Focus Statement: Making an exclusive claim for Christ is uncomfortable in our pluralistic world. Yet Christ is the truth.*

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

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

**The blank, coloured papers** in the pew are for **thank-you notes to God or someone in the church**. Place the note in the offering bag. Notes with names will be delivered to that person. The rest will be saved. Share your thankfulness as an offering.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Youth “Summer Tuesday”, July 29: 7:30-9:30pm**
- **Wednesday, August 6, 7:30pm – Worship Committee Meeting**

**Remember in your Prayers**

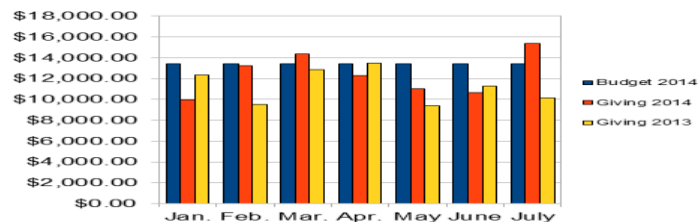
**Abe Braun**

**Announcements**

\* Thank you to Keith, Merel, Sandra and all the church volunteers who hosted last Wednesday's fundraiser concert. Approximately \$4200 was donated to the church---thank you for your generosity of time and money. It was a wonderful evening!

\*If you have old newspapers or boxes that you haven’t recycled yet, Gordon would like to have them.

\* General fund receipts for the month of July were \$15,392.14. This includes \$4,016.40 received at the July 30th concert. Our total receipts for 2014 are now \$86,918.73. This is 54.0% of our approved budget for the year after 58.1% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church’s ministry.



\*Mennonite Church Canada **Featured prayer request:** <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/ResourceView/59/7507>): In August, Jeanette and Todd Hanson, Mennonite Church Canada workers in Chengdu, China, will give leadership to the “Summer Language Institute” a program that provides language learning and resources for Mennonite Partners in China workers. Pray for strong leadership and empowered learning.

\*Although Mennonite Church Canada does not have ministry partners in Gaza, we have been planning with Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) to send Palmer Becker (Waterloo North Mennonite Church, Ont.) on a short-term assignment to Gaza in September, 2014 to teach a course on pastoral care there. Given the uncertainties of the current conflict, we are consulting with BBC leaders about this assignment. Thank you for your prayers.

\*The faces, facts and figures of Mennonite Church Canada ministry and activity during 2013 are available in an uplifting 4 minute video at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2379](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2379). Thanks to everyone who helped make this work possible!

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

\***CMU's CONNECT: Building for Learning and Service campaign** is well underway. View the building progress through photos and the live web cam on our website, [cmu.ca/connect](http://cmu.ca/connect). This new facility will host a Library and Learning Commons and a vibrant cafe, providing the broader community with a fine array of materials and a forum for engaging dialogue and a variety of events and community functions.

\***Academy of Discipleship** presents: “*Engaging Spirituality: Belonging*” on Monday evenings beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon. Are you wanting to engage in a structured small group process which looks to Jesus as the model for integrating faith and life? Does the invitation to live more deeply and broadly spark the flame within you? For more information see the bulletin board poster or <http://academyofdiscipleship.org>  
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\*We are delighted to have Sarah return to good health and returned to her duties as church custodian. Thank you to Lacey for capably filling in while Sarah was away.

\*Congratulations to Theresa Loewen on the recent birth of a son, Morrison Bird. **The Deacons invite members of the congregation to help Theresa and her 4 sons by bringing meals** – either frozen or ready to eat. Please see the bulletin board for Theresa’s phone number and address and it is recommended you call ahead. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

\***Youth: Summer Tuesdays continue till August 19, 7:30-9:30 pm.** All youth are invited to weekly informal gathering time at the church on Tuesday evenings this summer. Bring your friends, drop in, hang out, play basketball, ping-pong or come for a chat & tea.

\***Church yard maintenance:** Thanks to Bruce and Garry for looking after the church yard this week. Lyle is signed up to look after the grass cutting and yard maintenance next week.

\***Exciting News from RJC: This fall RJC will be running a “shuttle” service** to the Warman/Martensville/Osler area for families that are interested in sending their students to RJC as day students. This helps families who may not be ready to have their sons/daughters board away from home yet and makes it more of a financial possibility as it cuts the cost by about \$5,000/year to attend as a day student instead of a resident. For more information, please contact Val White, RJC Admissions at 306-232-4222 or email [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca)

\***Taste of Bethany – Aug 12, 2:30 – 5:30 pm** in the Bethany Manor Courtyard. Sponsored by Bethany Staff, there will be Food, Food and more Food, Games, Music, and a Dunk Tank (the first dunk of **Glen Grismer**, Executive Director, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at 3 pm). Admission is by donation with proceeds to the **Bethany Manor Housing Assistance Fund**. Everyone welcome! See poster for more details.

\*The **August 10th MC Sask Day in the Park** is rapidly approaching! Plan to be there to enjoy warm visiting, the fun games, the wonderful Vietnamese food and the great music. Check the poster for details.

\***Applications for students** wanting to go to a Post Secondary Mennonite School (CMU, CBC or Conrad Grebel) should have their applications for this Mennonite Trust Scholarship for \$250 in to Kirsten Hamm **by July 31st!** Also the Mennonite Church Sask scholarships of \$500 for students going to RJC, CMU, CBC, AMBS and Conrad Grebel also need to have those applications in to Kirsten by July 31st. Application forms are on the bulletin board.

\*Come and join us for the **5th Spruce River Folk Festival, Saturday, August 16**, located at the Spruce River Farm, 20km North of PA on HWY 2. The day begins with a Pipe Ceremony at 10:00am, followed by stories of Landless Bands in Saskatchewan at 11:30am and music at 1. We have an exciting lineup including; Java Time, The Buhler Boys, Jake Felix, The Lost Keys, O'Kraut, Violet Naytowhow, All Mighty Voice, and back due to popular demand, Constant Reminder! Only \$10 to get in, \$20 for families. Food on site. Silent Auction. All proceeds will go toward MCC Sask's work with First Nations' partners in Saskatchewan. For more information, go to <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/5th-annual-spruce-river-folk-festival> or contact Leonard Doell at MCC 306.665.2555 or Ryan Siemens at Grace Mennonite Church, PA at 306-764-4342.



\* Seeking Team Captains for the National Church Bikeathon! On October 4, join other Mennonite Church Canada congregations from across Canada on the Ride for Refuge – a first ever national church bikeathon. Riders in every major city across this country will ride in support of Witness workers Nathan and Taryn Dirks to help fund their work with at-risk youth in Botswana. A Mennonite Church Canada Team page has been set up at [www.rideforrefuge.org](http://www.rideforrefuge.org). For more info, contact Daniel Horne at [dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca), 1-866-888-6785 ext. 107.

\***The 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions** of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan were held in Regina on March 14 & 15. It since came to the attention of the Council of Mennonite Church Sask. that some discussion issues were not well understood by some in our congregations. Some differences in theological thinking and understanding were highlighted; both within and between congregations. **Therefore the Council will hold a discussion, open to all members of all congregations of our Area church at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon on October 25, beginning at 10am till approximately 3:30pm.** Please plan to attend.

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

##### **Colossians 2:6-10**

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

##### **John 14:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know\* my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'  
<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.