

***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-resources for more information, or call the Saskatoon office and ask for Del Lennea at 306.665.2555.

***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

***Sonrisa Choir of Young Women** Kick off Barbecue on Sunday September 7th, 7:00 p.m., at the Driedger Enns Farm at Osler. All singers over the age of 18 and interested in singing in the choir are welcome. Rehearsals begin Sunday September 14th, 7:00 p.m. at Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. For more information please Facebook or call Lynne Driedger-Enns at 306-220-1194 or email her at gord.lynne@sasktel.net

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 31, 2014

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd.

Community: For this and more, we are comforted.

Leader: Steadfast love and knowledge of God are better than sacrifice and burnt offerings.

Community: For this and more, we are taught by Scripture.

Leader: A very small mustard seed can sprout and grow into a very large plant.

Community: For this wonder and more, we have faith that God can do miracles!

Leader: Don't fret and worry, but believe in Jesus, even as he believed in God.

Community: For this and more, we believe God is building a suitable place for us.

Invocation

On this, the last Sunday of Gordon's sojourn with us, we ask you to come into our midst as we grieve the loss of his ministry and the grief of losing the Allaby family. Come into our midst to comfort us. But also come into our midst to show us that your mysterious Spirit can comfort us and show us things we never imagined possible.

You, O God, are a god of surprises. Walk with us, O God, as we go into the future and do not dwell too long in the past. Amen.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #51** “Let the whole creation cry”
Green/SJ #5 “Come and be light for our eyes”

Sharing

Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time

Adeline Cox

Hymn: Blue/HWB #86 “Now thank we all our God”

Offering and Offertory music

Offertory Prayer

Psalter lesson: Psalm 23:1

Old Testament lesson: Hosea 6:6

Gospel lessons: Mark 4:30-32, John 14:1, 2

Hymn: Green/SJ #52 “Jesus, help us live in peace”

Sermon

“Common Time”

Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn Blue/HWB #154** “This is my father's world”

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*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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

- **Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:30pm – Church Council Meeting**
- **Next Sunday, Sept 7: Sunday school resumes at 11:15am**

Remember in your Prayers

Abe Braun and Rita Guenther.

Dan Schellenberg and family, following the death of Dan’s grandfather last week.

Announcements

*Congratulations to Mitch Braun and his new bride Michelle, and parents, Abe and Mary Ann Braun. Mitch and Michelle are being married today in Watrous.

***Next Sunday, September 7th, Sunday School begins again!** The deacons invite everyone to a *“Welcome Back Fantastic Fall Fiesta”* at noon on the 7th. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor taco picnic with all the fixings for beef and bean tacos, followed by piñata fun for the kids after lunch. Tacos and Beverages will be provided. **Everyone is invited to bring salads or desserts to share**, and bring your lawn chairs, too.

***Sunday School and after-worship Coffee time in the Gathering Room** will start again next Sunday. **Volunteers are needed** to bring snacks for the Sunday School kids and for the Gathering Time, and for taking a turn making coffee and cleaning up after the coffee time. Please sign up on the bulletin board to take a turn!

*The Worship committee is looking for help with the decor for the church and sanctuary. If you can help, please contact Melanie or any Worship Committee person to volunteer.

***Church yard maintenance:** Thanks to Steve G. for looking after the church yard this week.

*Vern Ratzlaff will present a course entitled “Empire” on Thursday afternoons Oct 2 – Oct 30th. For more information see the bulletin board poster or website: <http://academyofdiscipleship.org>

***Shekinah annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** – Details are now on the bulletin board for this retreat to be held September 26-28. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline is Sept. 5th. See brochure for details and registration forms.

*Saskatchewan Women in Mission will hold its **annual fall retreat** at **Shekinah** Retreat Center on October 17 & 18. The theme this year is “Women’s Voices from the Global Church”. See the Bulletin board poster for registration information and more details.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for an Executive Director. Kristy Letkeman has provided wonderful leadership to Shekinah over the past years, however she has decided to find a different and new experience! We wish Kristy all the best and thank her for all of the energy and love she shared with Shekinah. –Shekinah Board



The National Church Bikeathon is coming soon! On October 4, join other Mennonite Church Canada congregations from across Canada on the Ride for Refuge – a first ever national church bikeathon. Join riders in every major city across this country to ride in support of Witness workers Nathan and Taryn Dirks (Niagara United Mennonite Church) to help build a soccer play space for at-risk youth in Botswana. A Mennonite Church Canada Team page has been set up at www.rideforrefuge.org. For more info, contact Daniel Horne at dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca, 1-866-888-6785 ext. 107.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Hosea 6:6

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Mark 4:30-32

30 He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

John 14:1, 2

14 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?’