

***MCC Connects:** *Uprooted: finding roots in new places.*
Uprooted is a 3 week learning tour for young adults ages 18-25 looking for meaningful adventure. Travel as a team along the Northern & Southern borders of Mexico to learn about migration and peacebuilding. This 3 week tour happens in May 2014 - sign up today! Find more details at mccsk.ca/uprooted.

***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction** - Sunday, March 2, 7:00 pm at RJC. An evening of great music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (an all-male choir from Saskatoon directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir directed by Richard Janzen. Included in the evening will be a **dessert auction** Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

***March 7-9 “Why do God’s people...?”** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Pray, Sing, Read Scripture and Worship together at a Prairie Winds Worship Retreat. See the bulletin board poster & registration forms or for more information, call MC Sask at 306-249-4844 or www.prairiewindsretreat.com. Space is limited - register soon.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
 Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
 Accompanist: Diana Buhler
 Scripture reader: Sarah Buhler
 This week’s Nursery Care: Jennifer Rowan
 Next week’s Nursery Care: Adeline Cox
 Sound: Chris Buhler
 Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 February 16, 2014

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to worship (a precis of Psalm 119:1-8)

One: Blessed are those who follow God’s ways.

All: Blessed are those who earnestly seek God, and who do not wrong people.

One: O that we all would follow God’s way and not be ashamed of God’s commandments.

All: When we have learned God’s ways and commandments, we will praise God with a clean heart. Amen.

Invocation

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #87 “Great is the Lord”**
Purple/SS #55 “Love the Lord your God”

Sharing
 Discipline of silence and Prayer of the Church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Jake Buhler

Hymn: Green/SJ #106 “Just a closer walk with thee”

Offering and Offertory music
 Offertory Prayer

The Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, Saskatchewan S0K 3A0

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Old Testament lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Gospel lesson: Matthew 5:21-37

Hymn: Green/SJ #96 "I'm pressing on the upward way"

Sermon: "Consider a better way" Gordon Allaby

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #553** "I am weak and I need thy strength"

*Benediction

**Please rise*

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.

***TODAY**

- **Beverages and snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15am.
- **Open gym** tonight at 7:00pm – Basketball or hockey

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30pm – Deacons Meeting**
- **Thursday, Feb. 20, 7:30pm – Education Committee Meeting**
- **Friday, Feb. 21, 7pm – Deacons Games Night** for the adults

***Congratulations** to Jenny Boldt and Brian Madsen on the birth of daughter Edith Ellen on January 31! Congrats as well to happy grandparents Robin and Garry Boldt and Great-grandma Kathy Boldt.

Remember in your Prayers

Linda Doell, recovering from surgery.

Sarah Hiebert

Abe Braun

Haylee Wall, a 13 year old with cancer.

Edna and Art Zacharias, as they serve with MDS.

Also, please continue to pray diligently for our Youth Ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gordon's day off will be Tuesday this week.

***Congregational surveys** were placed in each church mailbox. Please give these your attention as soon as possible. Completed surveys should be placed in George Janzen's church mailbox.

* **Custodian** - As we are all aware Sarah is now fully involved with treatments for her illness. She has indicated to us that she will be away at least until June and maybe longer. The church is in need of a custodian from now until Sarah is able to return. We ask you to please consider taking on this work for the church. The current monthly remuneration and list of duties is available at the office for those interested in applying for the position. We are also open to a group of people doing the work, but in that case, they must insure that all they have a schedule so we know who is doing the work at any time. Thanks for taking the time to consider this. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact one of the Trustee committee members (Dick, Glen, Lyle, Bill, or Doug). We hope to hear from you soon. Trustee Committee

*Friday, **Feb. 21 – Deacons Game Night** for Adults. Please bring crokinole boards, board games and snacks to share. Beverages will be provided.

*Due to inclement weather, the Wednesday meeting for the **Heart to Heart** women's group was postponed. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 25.

***March 14-15: MC Sask's 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions** are in Regina this year. One delegate per 25 members plus a Youth delegate are invited. *Registration forms are on the bulletin board and report books are now in the church office.* Please speak to Christy if you are able to serve as a delegate.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre "Winter Fun Day" Feb. 17, 10am-6pm:** See the bulletin board poster or www.shekniahretreatcentre.org

***MHSS** will hold its **Annual Meeting** at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon on **Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30pm**, with speaker Bob Goodnough – Church of God and Christ, Mennonite/Holdamann Church, Music by Holdamann Choir **Saturday, March 1: 9:30am** – AGM and at 11:00am and 1:30pm – Richard Thiessen – Genealogy

***Choir Concert, March 6, 7:30 pm - RJC Chorale** will be guest performers at a concert at Rosthern Mennonite Church, along with Pembina Trails Voices from Winnipeg. Tickets at the door: \$5 See the bulletin board poster for more detail.s

*Note: date change: **Tuesday, March 18 - 5:00-7:00** - Youth Farm Bible Camp's annual Vereniki and Sausage Supper at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by Donation.

***CMU Open House / February 20 / 11:00 - 3:00 PM / 500 Shaftesbury Blvd ?** Investigating universities? Attend CMU Campus Open House **February 20**. The day will include a campus tour, interaction with faculty, students and staff and various program options. **Travel assistance is available.** For more details visit cmu.ca

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways, and observing God's commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve

them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying God, and holding fast to the Lord; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.