

***MCC Connects:** Carlton High School in PA is offering a hockey class for some grade 5 – 8 indigenous students. They are in need of gently used hockey equipment. If you have any junior to adult hockey equipment you no longer need and would like to donate, contact Leonard Doell at MCC Saskatchewan, 306.665.2555 to make arrangements.

***Peace, Pies and Prophets** fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams at 7pm on Saturday November 8 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Ted and Company will be performing, auctioning pies and helping to support our CPT. Mark your calendars and watch for more news.

***RJC Kielke & Sausage Supper Fundraiser - Tuesday, October 21st at Bethany Manor.** There will be two seatings for supper - the first at 4:30 pm for Bethany residents and family/guests, and the second at 6:00 pm for everyone! Admission is by donation, and the RJC Chorale will be performing at each seating. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to dan@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222. *If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Dan Richert or the RJC Office (dan@rjc.sk.ca or office@rjc.sk.ca).*

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Song Leader: Ben Buhler
Accompanist: Diana Buhler
This week's Nursery care: Shelley Penner
Next week's Nursery care: Sarah Guenther
Sound: Dick Braun
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Anna Peters

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
October 12, 2014

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 106:5)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all God's praise?

**People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do
righteousness at all times.**

Leader: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favour to your
people.

All: We will rejoice in the gladness of the Lord!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #118 "Praise God from whom"
Blue/HWB #89 "For the beauty of the earth"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Prayer of the church
Introduction and Commissioning of Patty Friesen

LISTENING

Children's Time

Patty Friesen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #578 The Lord's my shepherd"

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 25: 1-9

Hymn: Blue/HWB #602 "Lift up your hearts"

Psalm 23

Meditation: "All the Days of My Life" Patty Friesen

RESPONDING

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #355 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"**

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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.

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.

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, October 15, 7:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting**
 - **Thursday, October 16, 7:30 pm - Education Committee Meeting**
 - **Saturday, October 18, 8:30am – Men's Breakfast and book study at Osler Cafe**
 - **Saturday, Oct. 18 – YOUTH: 3:30pm**
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**Remember in your Prayers:
Abe Braun**

Announcements

***Patty's office hours this week:**

Tuesday at Bethany Manor

Wed: RJC – Pastor's Day, Worship Committee Meeting

Friday: 8:30am – Noon

Please feel free to call me at home: (306) 955-2928

***Men's Breakfast, Saturday, October 18, 8:30 am at the Osler Restaurant.** We will begin study of the book by Gareth Brandt "Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality". Come for a good breakfast and a good discussion!

***YOUTH: October 18th – SMYO Extravaganza** – Meet at the Church at 3:30 pm to head off for an afternoon of outdoor games, a scavenger hunt, wiener roast supper and a movie. Be sure to dress warm! See poster at www.smyo.ca

***Heart to Heart for all ladies:** First meeting for the fall will be **Monday, Oct. 20, 7 pm.** Come and bring your sisters and friends.

***YOUTH: Friday October 31 - Corn Maze Stomp** at the Rosthern Youth Farm! It might get spooky! Meet at 6:30 at the church. If you are able to transport youth to this event or provide a snack at the church afterwards, please contact Kevin or Melanie.

***Saturday, November 29th....Save the Date!** Church Banquet and Silent Auction. More details to come!

***Equipping to Listen – October 25, 10 AM- 3:30 PM**, First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Discussion and information arising from the 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions. All members of all congregations of the area church are invited to attend – this is not an official delegate session, but rather an opportunity to listen and talk and understand each other. Please bring a sack lunch. See the bulletin poster or contact the MC Sask office for further information at 306-249-4844. *Patty requests that anyone from our congregation planning to go to this discussion day, please let her know.*

*We want to extend an invitation for you to attend the **MDS Saskatchewan fundraiser on October 17, 2014** at the Warman Bergthaler Mennonite Church, 206-2nd St W, Warman, SK. Supper will be served at 6:30 pm with a program to follow. Speakers Harold & Sandra Friesen from Calgary, AB will share about the MDS response to the June 2013 flooding in High River, AB. The music ministry will be by the Derksen family from Rosthern. There is **no cost** for the meal but seats must be reserved no later than October 14th at 306-342-4344.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre:** Do you have work gloves? A strong back and some muscles? A willing spirit?? Shekinah has some pre-winter work that needs to be done and we need a few more hands in order to get it all done before the snow flies!! We are looking to host 2 mini fall work days on October 18 and 25 (10am-3pm both of these days). Lunch will be provided and so please RSVP to the office (306-945-4929) or to admin@shekinahretreatcentre.org the Wednesday prior to the work day. Wood cutting and old climbing wall removal are at the top of the list....and it would be so good to have you here!

*You are invited to **The Micah Mission** Corporation Meeting, Monday, November 3, 7:00 pm. at 226 Avenue V South Saskatoon. This will be a brief meeting to share about the work of TMM. For more information please call Dave at 306-653-3099 or email.

***The Warman MCC thrift shop is looking for volunteers** to help with: cash, sorting and pricing items, or organizing (decor). For more information please stop in at the shop or call [\(306\)933-3293](tel:3069333293)

Mennonite Church Canada Leadership Assembly, November 10-14. Billets are required. Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon is hosting the Assembly meetings this November. Up to 20 billets have been requested for this event. Volunteers would be required to provide breakfast and also transportation to and from Wildwood each day. If you are able to help us out, please contact Linda Martens (306-384-4786) or Phyllis Penner (306-955-1009) or email us at wildwoodhosting@gmail.com Thank you.



*“Thanking God With Integrity: Table Graces and Scripture for a World of Need” is the title of a new book by Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada, inspired while he was in Haiti during the earthquake of 2010. With the Thanksgiving season coming, it’s timely to think about how we can be honestly grateful while avoiding clichéd prayers:www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2432.

*Oct. 14: A webinar panel on the topic of restorative justice focused on Native Justice and Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be hosted by American theologian Ched Meyers. Ched has been challenging and supporting Christians to engage in peace and justice work and radical discipleship for 35 years. Join the conversation via <http://www.chedmeyers.org/101414WebinarMarkMacDonald>.

* Beginning on Oct. 21, the Anabaptist Network in the U.K. will be presenting a series of webinars on The Opportunities and Challenges of Post-Christendom. Stuart Murray and five other thinkers and authors will engage the topic of the future of the church. The first in the series is entitled “The Fading Brilliance of Christendom” (Oct. 21). Details at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2411.

* **Featured prayer request from the wider church:** We invite urgent prayer for the Indigenous people of the Guajira region in Colombia where there has been no rain for more than nine months. Thousands of animals are dying for lack of water and appropriate feed. Please pray for those who are suffering from the drought, especially children, seniors and farmers. May God grant wisdom, energy and leadership to Maria Melo, pastor of the region's Mennonite Church. Pray also for Amanda and Gamaliel Falla, MCC workers who are developing pastoral leadership in Colombia.

*November 28 & 29: **Truth . . . and Reconciliation – What's next?** The Ministries Commission of MC Saskatchewan is planning a Friday evening, Saturday event at the Youth Farm Bible Camp that will tackle the question of Mennonite Churches' response to the recent Truth and Reconciliation process. How do the Gospel and the witness of residential school survivors inspire us to be instruments of reconciliation? More info is coming, but mark your calendars!

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The J.J. Thiessen Lectures | October 14-15, 2014 | CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg - *Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness and Gentle Discipleship featuring Dr. John Swinton, Professor and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen. Dr. Swinton is an ordained pastor, a practical theologian and former psychiatric nurse, whose work is on the area of spirituality, a theology of disability, particularly mental illness and dementia. The lectures will interest health care professionals, pastors, and anybody who is living with or walking alongside people with disabilities. Please visit cmu.ca/jjt.

***Campus Visit Day | October 24, 2014 | 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM**

Is CMU the right University for you? A day on campus will help answer questions about financial aid, student life and residence, athletic opportunities, Outtown and more during scheduled information sessions. You will also be able to attend a class, eat lunch with current students in our dining hall, tour campus, and meet faculty in our student-run coffee shop. Sign up for a campus visit day now at cmu.ca/campusvisit.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

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

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Isaiah 25: 1-9

¹O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; the Lord will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of God's people God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord God has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for the Lord, so that the Lord might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the Lord's salvation.