

**\*MCC Connects:** Have you ever considered hosting an international young adult in your home? International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) Saskatchewan is seeking hosts for 2015-2016. This is an amazing way to welcome the world into your own home. We are looking for hosts in Warman/Martensville, Saskatoon and Regina. Please contact Kaytee Edwards at 306-665-2555, ext. 237 or [kayteeedwards@mccsk.ca](mailto:kayteeedwards@mccsk.ca)

**\*Sask. Women in Mission Enrichment Day:** Saturday, April 25, 10:00am – 4pm at Waldheim Zoar Mennonite Church. Patty will be speaking on the theme: *Voices of Change: Navigating Life's Transitions*. Bring a sack lunch. Faspas & beverages provided. See the bulletin board poster for details.

\*Rosthern Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is holding a **May Day Tea and Cake Walk on Thursday, May 7, 2014** from 2-4pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation. Proceeds from the Tea go towards purchasing a new cupboard unit for the West Tub room. Everyone welcome!

**\*Canadian Mennonite University [cmu.ca](http://cmu.ca)** <<http://cmu.ca>>  
It's not too late to come and learn about youth activism, human rights, women and peacebuilding, train the trainer, indigenous peacebuilding, peace psychology, and theological questions regarding justice at the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 15 – 19 and 22 – 26, 2015. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or by e-mailing [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).

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Worship Leader: Adeline Cox  
Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Accompanist: Mark BiglandPritchard  
This week's Nursery care: Sarah Guenther Next week: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Dan Schellenberg  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Lloyd Sawatzky

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
April 19, 2015

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

**Call to Worship: Green/SJ #177**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #51 “Let the whole creation cry”**  
**Blue/HWB #299 “New earth, heavens new”**

Sharing on the presence of God  
Sharing joys and concerns  
Prayer of the church

### LISTENING

Children's Time

Adeline Cox

**Hymns: Purple/SS #116 “I saw a tree by the riverside”**

Offering and Offertory Music  
**Offertory Prayer: Green/SJ #148**

Scripture Lessons: John 1:1-4, Romans 8:18-25, Psalms 104

**\*Hymns: Green/SJ #40 “As rain from the clouds”**

Sermon: “Anabaptist Ethics and the Environment” Ric Driediger

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn: Blue/HWB # 592 “Love divine all loves excelling”

\*Benediction

\**Please rise.*

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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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**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.

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## TODAY

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

## THIS WEEK

- **Monday, April 20, 7:00pm – Ladies Heart to Heart**
  - **Tuesday, April 21, 7:00pm – Worship Comm. Meeting (Isabella St)**
  - **Saturday: Women’s Enrichment Day, Waldheim**
  - **Saturday, Apr 25, 7:10pm Youth: Apex Trampoline**
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## Next Sunday, April 26, 4th Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Stephanie Epp (Christian Peacemaker Teams)

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler

Song leader: Michelle McKinnell    Pianist: Mark Bigland/Pritchard

Children's time: Kathy Braun        Sound: Chris Buhler

## Remember in Prayer

**Joys:** MC Sask Women's Equipping Day April 25, SMYO Honouring the Earth event in Waldheim and Mega Menno Youth Group discussion, Easter break, John Bueckert's 100th birthday party, OMC council meeting with WMC council.

**Concerns** – Ken Siemen's bike accident, Warman Mennonite's need for pianists and WMC discernment with MC Sask .

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## Announcements

\***Patty's Week** : Tuesday: sermon, Worship meeting. Wednesday: office. Thursday: Mission and Service. Saturday: MC Sask Women, Sunday: Nutana's 50th. Patty at home: 306-955-2928.

\***Today: As part of sharing joys and concerns** each Sunday during the Easter season, you are invited to briefly share with the church where you have seen, or perhaps not seen God recently.

\*On Monday, **Philip Bergen** (age 62) died suddenly and unexpectedly in Guatemala, where he and his wife Judy were involved in church ministry. Philip’s wife, Judy Boldt, grew up in this church: Judy is Kathy Boldt’s niece and cousin to Linda Stucky. A memorial service for Philip is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup> at our church.

**Today: Brahm's Requiem**, Rosthern Mennonite Church, 2:30 p.m. Singers: Wilf Buhler, Ric Driediger, Lynette Janzen.

\***Tonight: A Buncha Guys sing for Guatemala – 7:30pm** at Grace Westminster United Church – 555 10<sup>th</sup> St. East, Saskatoon Tickets \$5.00. See the bulletin board poster for details.

\***Thank you** to the deacons, Pastor Patty, the lunch committee, Dick & Kathy Braun, Anna & Bill Peters, Jake Buhler and everyone who helped with all the work on the wonderful birthday fasha that honored John and all our seniors. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially our wonderful seniors. /And a note from some seniors: “A big thank-you. It was great and we feel blessed.”

\*Is repentance an awkward thing? Tune in to the Church Matters podcast to hear Mark MacDonald, National Anglican Indigenous Bishop share some fresh insights about repentance:

[www.commonword.ca/go/133](http://www.commonword.ca/go/133).

\***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** Todd and Jeanette Hanson are long-term Mennonite Church Canada workers in China with their daughters Claire and Kate. In addition to Todd's English teaching ministry, and Jeanette's networking with Chinese church leaders, the Hansons conduct much of the in-country administration for Mennonite ministry through our partner Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for energy&wisdom for this work.

\***New in 2015: Mennonite World Conference's Assembly** (July 21-26, 2015, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA) will feature small groups! These multicultural groups will meet daily for conversation and prayer as we get to know our Mennonite brothers and sisters around the world. Find out more or give to the world scholarship fund at [mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).

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\***The Mission and Service Committee** has extended OMC's commitment to **servicing Friendship Inn** clients for an additional six months. Please consider helping by:

- **Serving lunch and providing friendship on any (or all!) of April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18 or August 15.** Please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board for details
- Contributing stock items such as diapers (sizes 3/4/5), baby formula, peanut butter, jam, pancake mix. A collection box is in the foyer
- Making a donation. Items such as fresh fruit, vegetables or needed products will be purchased and delivered to the Inn on OMC volunteer days. Please clearly designate your gift for Friendship Inn use; tax receipts will be issued. Assigned funds can be placed with your offering, left in the Friendship Inn container in the foyer or dropped off at the church office. Questions? Call Sandra: 239-4999.

\***Upcoming services:** During these next weeks of Easter and Pentecost - we will be going through the Gospel of John chapter by chapter until Labour Day. Please join us in reading a chapter a week. **April 26** - John 2 - Stephanie Epp, Christian Peacemaker Teams

\***Monday, April 20, 7:00pm "Heart to Heart": Ladies, come have some fun with Cheryl Haas and make a live ivy topiary.** *If you haven't already signed up, please let Loretta or Adeline know today if you are coming.* The cost is \$10/person. If the cost is prohibitive, please come anyway – all will be well. All ladies invited.

\***Youth: Saturday, April 25- Apex Trampoline fun** – leaving the church at 7:10pm – See the bulletin board for details about going online to book tickets and get a waiver for parents to sign.

\***On Tuesday, April 28, 7:30pm: CMU Chamber Choir** will be singing at OMC. We will be serving a soup/salad/bread supper to the CMU choir at 5:30 p.m., Tues. April 28. **Volunteers are needed for making 4 crockpots of soup - vegetarian included, 4 salads and helping the lunch committee.** Please sign-up on bulletin board or contact Steve G on the lunch committee.

\***Do you enjoy coloring? Our MCC Witness partners in Ministry Botswana, Nate & Taryn Dirks,** have a coloring sheet sketch of their dream for "*Futsal Park*" in Botswana. Their dream has already got a kickstart by bicycle riders last year, including our Stephanie and Art. Now they want the children (of all ages) to color that sketch of Futsal Park. You will find copies on the table in the foyer and in today's children's binder, along with more information on the bulletin board. Completed coloring sheets can be left in the church office and will be mailed to Nate & Taryn. Get your crayons started!

\***Please have a look at all the Sign Up Sheets** on the bulletin board. Your opportunities to volunteer include: **1.** Food for the April 28 CMU concert **2.** Ongoing Snacks for Sunday School & Gathering and **3.** Making coffee for Sunday and cleanup **4.** Cutting grass and **5.** Maintaining flower beds this summer. Thanks for helping!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

### John 1:1-4

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life,\* and the life was the light of all people.

### Romans 8:18-25

18 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.

### Psalms 104

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, <sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, <sup>3</sup> you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, <sup>4</sup> you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. <sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. <sup>6</sup> You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. <sup>8</sup> They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. <sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, <sup>11</sup> giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. <sup>12</sup> By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

<sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, <sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. <sup>16</sup> The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. <sup>17</sup> In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. <sup>18</sup> The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

<sup>19</sup> You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. <sup>20</sup> You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. <sup>21</sup> The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. <sup>22</sup> When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. <sup>23</sup> People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening. <sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in God's works—

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to God for I rejoice in the Lord. <sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!