

***MCC Connects:**

***July 24-26 at Shekinah Retreat Centre presents Grand Camp!**

Join us in the Timber Lodge for a **fun-filled weekend** where you can share the glory and presence of God **with your grandchild**.

Grandparents: \$155 Grandkids under 12 \$95 Includes accommodation, all meals, drinks and snacks, additional child-care support, flying fox (for everyone!) and specific kid only and grandparent only activities so everyone will be blessed. Call 306-945-4929 or email office@shekinahretreatcentre.org for more info

***SAVE the DATE: Spruce River Folk Fest, August 22, Spruce River Farm** – See the bulletin board poster for details.

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler
Song Leader: Kevin Boldt
Accompanist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Carl Martens-Funk, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 12, 2015

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship:

Jesus, son of a carpenter,
you have left us the tools
to be builders of peace in our communities.

Tools that craft peace built on love and justice.
Tools that shape communities built on human rights and respect.
Tools that build understanding and compassion for others.
Tools that create a world that delights in laughter and joy.

We are inspired by your example
to use our creativity, our ingenuity, our love of beauty
in the great work of building communities of love and hope.

Your tools, worn smooth by love, await us.
Guide us to embrace them in our hands
as we continue your ministry of building peace in our world.

(Jennifer Watts)

Invocation

***Hymns:**

Mennonite World Conference blessing
Sharing joys and concerns
Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children's Time

Kathy Braun

Hymn:

Offering and Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer: (in unison) **Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community of salvation and peace. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: John 15: 1-13

Hymn:

Sermon:

“The True Vine”

Patty Friesen

RESPONDING

***Hymn:**

*Benediction

**Please rise.*

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

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

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

- **After worship: Intergenerational Project assembling School and Hygiene Kits and Esso Pizza lunch.**

Next Sunday, July 19: John 15: 14-27 “Abide In My Love”

Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Jake Buhler

Song leader: Kevin Boldt

Accompanist: Melanie Boldt

Children's time: Adeline Cox

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Carl MartensFunk and Cornie Guenther

Remember in Prayer

Joys: Thanks to all our VBS students, helpers, snack and lunch providers for a GREAT week of VBS - \$87 was raised for Mennonite Mission Network. Alstadt's move to Camwood. Simon's friend Tom's move back to Saskatoon.

Concerns: Jake's friend Harley. Helen Peter's in City Hospital. Farms suffering from drought.

Announcements

***Patty's Week :** Tuesday – sermon and prayer; Wednesday – office 8:30-12:30; Friday – office 8:30-12:30

To reach Patty at home: 306-955-2928

***TODAY:** School Kits will be assembled after worship, as a part of an intergenerational service project. Pizza lunch provided.

***Upcoming Services:**

July 19 - Abide in My Love, John 15:14-27 Sermon: Patty Friesen

July 26 - I am the Way, John 14:1-14 Sermon: Melody Neufeld

***HELP!:** Sunday, July 26 OMC Service in Rosthern - someone is needed to read a short devotional while Schellenbergs lead singing at Rosthern Home for the Aged 9:45 and the Mennonite Nursing Home 10:45 or to lead worship at OMC while Patty goes to Rosthern.

Please talk to Patty if you can help out.

***Help is needed for evacuees from the north.** Salvation Army is urgently seeking the following donations for evacuees from the forest fires: clothing and underwear (men's/women's/children's, all sizes), blankets, toiletries, and towels. Tents have been set up outside the Soccer Centre on Primrose Drive in Saskatoon, and volunteers will be there Monday- Saturday 9:00-6:00 and Sunday 1:00-4:00. **No food please, thank you for your generosity and help.*

***SAVE the DATE: The Ride for Refuge, October 3, 2015**

We Believe Riding Our Bikes (or Walking), Can Change The World

Ride with us on **October 3, 2015** in the Saskatoon Ride for Refuge, generously hosted and operated by The Bridge Fellowship Centre in support of charities benefitting the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Check out: <https://rideforrefuge.org/location/saskatoon> to register and for more information . Note: Kirsten Hamm-Epp is captaining a SMYO team – check out the link above to register and join!

***YOUTH: SAVE the DATE: Jr. High Retreat, October 3-4 at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 15: 1-13

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become* my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.



Mennonite Church Canada

Please hold Mennonite Church Canada's General Board in your prayers as they meet on July 8. Mennonite Church Canada's Annual General Meeting will be live streamed from 12:30 – 1:15 pm Central Daylight Savings Time (Manitoba) on Wednesday, July 8, via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVrE937Nt8U>. To attend in person, contact Coreena von Kampen at cvonkampen@mennonitechurch.ca or call 1-866-888-6785.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE BLESSING:

Leader: Our God, walking with you and giving you our attention throughout each day empties us and creates space for love. No matter where we are or what we are doing, we are known and loved by you. Because of your love, we find the will to forget ourselves and live in communion with you, others, and creation. On life's journey, as we lose ourselves, we create "heart space" so that you can fill and refill us again and again.

We thank you for the many times on our faith journey that we discover the spirit of Christ alive within us. We are grateful, too, that walking in your presence runs contrary to simply getting through the day.

**Congregation: Life is often like our journey with you, God.
When we step out in trust, we commit to traveling through life
with you -- even when we do not know where we may go.
Forgive us when we center reality on our own desires, forgetting
that our lives are grounded in you.**

Youth: You have been planning our itinerary from the beginning of time. We wait on you to see where you will take us. We pack our bags of faith and set out into the journey, which feels risky, uncertain, turbulent, and challenging, knowing that it may take us to familiar places or foreign territory. We acknowledge you as our God and all-knowing Guide.

All: *We trust you for the journey, God. Amen*

***News from MC USA:** More than 4,000 members of the Mennonite Church USA gathered in downtown Kansas City July 2 to meet, worship and pass church-wide resolutions together at their biennial convention. But congregations are bitterly divided over two resolutions passed dealing with same-sex marriage. The first resolution passed by nearly 1,000 delegates from congregations all over the country allows same-sex marriage if that congregation is within a regional conference that allows it. It calls for "Christian forbearance" and tolerance. The second resolution reaffirmed the church's membership guidelines, which clearly state that same-sex marriage is a sin. Church officials say the resolutions were passed together to keep the church from falling into schism.