

***MCC Connects:** Please help MCC respond to victims of the earthquake in Nepal. At this point we know our initial response will include food and shelter support in remote areas. All of our staff are safe and our buildings are intact. MCC is now talking to our partners in Nepal to further assess the situation. We are accepting donations. **MCC Saskatchewan is responding to the needs of victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal – See the May newsletter for more information from Executive Director, Claire Ewert-Fisher.**

*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 unity for the West Tub room. Everyone welcome!

***TODAY:** Everyone is invited to a **Spring Jazz Coffee House** with the Warman Community Band and Diamond Jazz Band - Sunday, May 3, 2pm: Warman's Brian King Centre. Admission by donation.

Worship Leader: Tony Funk
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Accompanist: Naomi Schellenberg
Scripture reader: Matthew Stefaniuk
This week's Nursery care: Lucy Friesen
Next week's Nursery care: Jan Guenther
Sound: Chris Buhler
Ushers: Anna Peters, Russ Friesen

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
May 3, 2015

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Purple/SS # 150
Invocation

Scripture Lessons: John 3:1-16

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #102 “To God be the Glory”**

Sermon “Holy Darkness” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/SS #86 “Thank you for the night”

Children's Time Kathryn Janzen

Offering and Offertory Music
Offertory Prayer

Hymns: Blue/HWB #655 “Now, on land and sea descending”

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

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #653 “Abide with Me”**

*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, May 6, 7:30 – 9:00pm: Youth Discussion night with Stephanie**
 - **Thursday, May 7, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**
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Next Sunday, May 10 - 6th Sunday of Easter, John 4

Sermon: Patty Friesen - The Samaritan Woman

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's time: Edna Zacharias

Sound: Dick Braun

***The Presence of God: 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.

Remember in Prayer

Joys: Record snowfall – both beauty and hardship. Julie's grad from St. Andrew's College with a Masters of Theological studies and her new residency in spiritual care at St. Paul's Hospital on May 4.

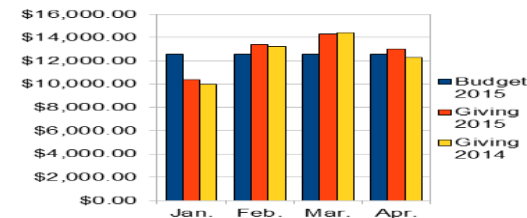
Concerns – Victims in Nepal, and their families; following the earthquake. The Israel-Palestinian conflict. Remember Sarah, Jake and Louise Buhler in Olds Alberta to attend Louise's oldest brother's (Peter Wiebe) memorial service.

Announcements

***Patty's Week** : Tuesday: sermon. Wednesday: office. Thursday: council. Friday: office. To call Patty at home: 306-955-2928.

***Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 – 9:00pm YOUTH: Discussion Nite with Stephanie:** The location of weekly discussions with Stephanie will change from week to week so check your email and Facebook for details.

***General fund receipts for April** were \$12,998.87 bringing our total for 2015 to \$51,115.90. This is 33.9% of our approved budget for the year after 32.9% of the year has passed. Thank you for your continuing support of our church's ministry.



***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.

***Scriptural Themes for Seniors and Friends by Rev. Dr. Vern Ratzlaff** at Queen's House of Retreats on Thursdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. (More information on the bulletin board or contact Queen's House of Retreats.)

*The **MDS Update** for April 30, 2015 is now on the bulletin board.



*Mennonite Church Canada invites you to ***Invest in the Church*** this Easter to Pentecost season. Each household will receive a letter inviting you to prayerfully consider your participation in extending the mission of the wider Church. Thank you!

***Save the Date!** On Oct. 3, 2015, cyclists across Canada will join together for a family friendly **Ride for Refuge** event in support of Mennonite Church Canada ministry. The technical and online details aren't in place yet, but it's not too soon to organize a team, join a team, or prepare to sponsor a rider or team. More details will follow in future announcements.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church:** Please pray for Shim Beack and Joon Park of Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Abbotsford, BC). The couple had planned to serve in a long term assignment in China with Mennonite Church Canada, but Shim was recently diagnosed with cancer. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions about the future, treatment plans, and implications for their potential assignment.

*Anabaptists from around the world are coming to the United States for **Global Assembly this July** ... but first, they need to get visas! Please join with Mennonite World Conference in praying for our Visa Task Force as they work with our global brothers and sisters on getting approval from the US government to travel to Pennsylvania this summer. More prayer requests at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015prayernetwork.

***Osler Mennonite Church Worship In May:**

- May 3 - Nicodemus, John 3 by Patty Friesen
- May 10 - The Samaritan Woman, John 4 by Patty Friesen
- May 17 - Person to Person Ministry by Ryan Siemens, Grace Mennonite, Prince Albert
- May 24 – John 6, Jesus the Bread of Heaven - Pentecost Reflections and Communion
- May 31 - John 7, Jesus the Living Water by Patty Friesen

***Pentecost Photos** - in preparation for Pentecost, May 24, **please send a favourite photo to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net** with written or oral thoughts on *What is your eye drawn to in this photograph...Where do you notice the influence of a Creator...Where do you notice life and vibrancy in this photo...Where is the Spirit of God in the ordinary acts of the day...* You may also consider the photos on www.leaderonline.org on Pentecost resources, username: Easter15 and password: rhe7534.

***Camperships are available** for youth and children to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. If you know of children from our congregation or community who are interested in going to camp, please review the Guidelines and submit an application. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Mission and Service Committee(Mark, John G, Sandra G, Wilf, Margaret D)

A new article from John Neufeld** has been shared on our church website (www.omchurch.org) under the Sermons - 2015 tab. It is entitled: ***"The Church, the Bible and Same-sex issues - Disagreement, Unity and Process"

***The Mission and Service Committee** has extended OMC's commitment to **servicing Friendship Inn** clients till August. Please consider helping by serving lunch and providing friendship on: May 16, June 20, July 18 and/or August 15. **Please sign up today to serve on May 16th**. And donations of cash/food for Friendship Inn are always needed and appreciated.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

John 3:1-16

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

***Dear Level Ground coffee purchasers,** Due to increases in input costs and the lower exchange rate of the Canadian Dollar, Level Ground has needed to raise their prices, which in turn has led to an increase in SMYO prices as well. 300g bags are now \$12, 5 lb. eco cubes are now \$65, and dried fruit is now \$6 (tea has remained at \$6). New revised Order forms are on the bulletin board. Thank you for your support of this ongoing SMYO Level Ground fundraiser.

***Thank you** to all the soup/salad makers, lunch committee, and host homes for the CMU choir last Tuesday. They love coming to Osler Mennonite and are looking forward to next year's concert already.

*MCSask Ministries Commission invites you to join the **Touring Mission Fest 2015** on **Saturday, May 9, 2015**. The *Tour* this year will take you to Warman Mennonite Church and 4 sites in Rosthern – including the Youth Farm Bible Camp – Mennonite Nursing Home – Home for the Aged in Rosthern – and Rosthern Mennonite Church. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes bus fare as well as all *full-course meals*. Registration forms and more information are posted on the bulletin board. Come join us and see what God is doing – through whom – for whom and how – in Warman and Rosthern.

***Parkland Restorative Justice (P2P & CoSA Prince Albert)** is excited to announce that Heather Driedger of Saskatoon, is the new director of PRJ. Heather is currently serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in Colorado, working with a restorative justice organization there. While familiar to many in the Saskatchewan Mennonite community, Heather is passionate about restorative programming and we are looking forward to her moving to Prince Albert and getting started with us in mid August.

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