

MCC Connects: HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO:

Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global, Canadian and US based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcccanada.ca/congo-relief or by phone (1-888-622-6337). Mail cheques to your local MCC office. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

OMC CALENDAR

Aug 30	Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
Sept 4	Holy Hikers @ Wanuskewin
Sept 7	Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 10	Fall Fellowship Feast potluck. Lunch group D-L in charge.
Sept 12	Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 13	Sunday School begins
Sept 18	Wedding shower for Lacey Braun, 7:00 pm

Season of Prayer

Lord, what are you calling us to let go of?

When we've put in so much effort, and when we've held on for so long, we struggle to hear 'let it go'. Help us to hear you, Lord, and help us loosen our grip and place it all in Your hands.

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Song leader: Kevin Boldt
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Sound: Dan Schellenberg
Ushers: Susan Braun, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
August 27, 2017

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in
them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

**People: The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #145 “There's a wideness in God's mercy”**
Blue/HWB #166 “I'll praise my Maker”

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church
Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Jake Buhler

Hymn: Green/SJ #65 “Let justice roll like streams”

Scripture Lessons: Micah 6: 1-8

Hymn: Blue/HWB #409 “What does the Lord require”

Sermon: “What does the Lord require?” Dave Feick

***Hymn: Green/SJ #73 “The Lord lift you up”**

***Benediction**

Leader: Seek the Lord and live!

People: We seek God's presence in our lives and in our world.

Leader: Hold fast to love and justice; wait continually for your God.

People: We seek to be channels of peace and rivers flowing with God's truth and righteousness.

Leader: Go forth and live as God's goodness requires: do justly,
love mercy, walk humbly with God.

*(*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.

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, August 30, 1:00 pm, Deacons meeting**
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UPCOMING SERVICES

Sept 3 - Leadership is a Necessity - 1 Samuel 3:1-9, 15-21, Romans 12:9-21 by Patty Friesen and Ben Buhler

Sept 10 - Leadership is a Challenge by Patty Friesen

Sept 17 - Leadership is a Calling for All of Us by Patty Friesen and Glen Grismer

Sept 24 - Florence Driedger preaching

Next Sunday, Sept. 3: Patty Friesen and Ben Buhler preaching

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox Children's Time: Edna Zacharias

Sound: Doug McKinnell Ushers: Cornie Guenther, John Gascho

Remember in Prayer:

-Safe harvest. University, RJC and all students.

-Pray for MCC peace action in DR of Congo during violence there.

-thanks for Muskeg Cree Nation and MCC, Eigenheim Mennonite Church's first 125 years.

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, Wed: office, visits, Thurs: Community Garden BBQ, Fri: office, visits.

Terri Lynn's Week: Pastor's retreat at CRCO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congratulations to Terri Lynn** for being accepted into Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Paul's Hospital beginning Sept 19-April 11, 2018 for two days a week in class and in visitation. As a congregation, we are thankful for this opportunity and will be in prayerful support.

***Church yard maintenance: John and Deanna Reddekopp & Dave and Joanne Feick are scheduled for August 28-Sept 2.** It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.

***We need your voices! Youth are wanted at the 2017 Special Delegate Assembly**, held in Winnipeg from October 13-15. Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI) is partnering with Mennonite Church Canada to invite financial support available to any youth interested in attending the gathering, with no need to apply. EVI will also be providing youth programming related to the Future Directions process. For more information and to donate, visit <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>.

***Future Directions Update:** Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and Area Churches are now available at <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/documents/>

***Featured Prayer Requests from the wider church:**

-Urgent prayer request for the Kasai region of the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo)**, where unspeakable violence has killed thousands of people and displaced an estimated 1.4 million more. Mennonite Church Canada is collaborating with six partners in an Anabaptist response to the armed conflict by sending food, household items and shelter supplies to the region. To learn more, including how you can support these efforts, see news.mennonitechurch.ca/responding-violence-and-displacement-dr-congo. Please pray for those who are affected by the conflict and those who are responding to it. May the light and grace of Jesus soften hearts and sow peace.

-Pray for congregational study groups who are engaging discussions about **Truth and Reconciliation** in Canada. May the Mennonite Church Canada trilogy of special *Intotemak* issues and the newly released *Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry* help the conversation. Find them here: www.commonword.ca/go/1204 and www.commonword.ca/go/1211 respectively.

***Vegetable Hampers:** Harvesting vegetables in our gardens is happening these days and here is an opportunity for you to share your produce. M & S Committee would like to make 5 vegetable hampers to hand out to families in the community who would benefit from fresh vegetables. If you have vegetables you would like to donate please bring them to church on Wednesday, September 6th by 10:00am. If you have any questions please talk to Margaret Dyck.

*Osler Community Garden looking for **Burlap Sacks** for Food Bank potatoes. If you have any sacks to spare, please speak to Patty or Terri Lynn before our digging party on **Thursday, August 31st**.

***Friendship Inn Opportunities:** Please sign up for **September 16**.

***“Love Soup” Making:** Tentative new soup date: Monday, Oct. 2. Please save your ugly vegetables for soup. Details to follow soon.

*Congratulations to **Lacey Braun and Brennden MacKenzie** on their engagement. A November 12th wedding is planned in Manitoba. Their new address is 328 Ave M North S7L 2S5. **There will be a wedding shower here on Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm.**

***Osler Fit Over 50/Forever in Motion** exercise group leaders needed to train in the city in September to help sub in. Don't actually have to be fit to begin! Please contact Susan Braun or Patty Friesen.

***Holy Hikers at Wanuskewin, Sept 4, Labour Day Monday 11:00 am.** Bring hat, water, hiking shoes, and a picnic lunch or you can buy an expensive lunch there. Park entrance fee: Adults \$8.50, Seniors 7.50, etc. We'll watch the film, hike the hills and eat lunch.

***Ride for Refuge: September 30th**, the Prairie Goats will be riding to support The Bridge Fellowship Centre. To support the Prairie Goats, there are donation sheets on the bulletin board or give directly through the Ride for Refuge website. If you would like to join the ride, just check in with team members; Keri, Kathryn or James. The more the merrier! Cash or cheque donations can be given to Keri or Kathryn for safe keeping 'til ride day.

TODAYS' SCRIPTURES: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

***Warman Mennonite Art Show and Pig Roast**, Sat. Sept. 9, Art Show Display 1-4 pm, Pork Roast Supper at 5 pm. Tickets for supper are \$15 adults, children under 12—\$10, kids under 5 free. Tickets available from Ron Harms, Sam Dyck or Wayne Reddekopp.

***Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini Retreat, Sept 15 & 16** at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon.

***RJC NEWS: *RJC Registration Day: Monday, September 4, 2017:** Applications are still being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year at Rosthern Junior College. Please contact Valerie White in Admissions (306 232-4222 or admissions@rjc.sk.ca) if you would like more information. Classes begin Tuesday, September 5.

***RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium.

***Station Singers will begin rehearsals** Sept 11, 7:30 pm at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. New singers are welcome. Our Christmas concert will consist mainly of music by John Rutter.

***Sonrisa Women's Choir** invites new and returning singers to join us for another inspiring season. Rehearsals will be from **6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings at Nutana Park Mennonite Church, beginning Sept 13th.** To indicate your interest and for more information contact Lynne at gord.lynne@sasktel.net.

***Refresh, Refocus, Renew Mini Retreat**, Sept 15 & 16 at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Join us as Betty Pries leads us through the next step in the Refresh, Refocus, Renew process. Registration available at <http://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/> or call the office at 306-249-4844.

***September 22-24:** Come join us for a weekend of crafting at **Shekinah's (not just a) Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat.** All the information and registration is online at shekinahretreatcentre.org or you can call 306-945-4929.

***Special Assembly 2017:** *The welcome mat is out! A shareable, downloadable, and printable poster inviting one and all to MC Canada's Special Assembly in Winnipeg on Oct. 13-15, is available at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.*

***MC Sask has moved!** We are now located in the MCC Saskatchewan building at 600 – 45th Street West in Saskatoon on the second floor. Our phone number and email remain the same.

***How is our congregation adapting to changes in society?** Culture shifts are opportunities for congregations to transform themselves and adjust to new realities. Download the short Covenant New Conversation Starter to stimulate your thinking: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>