

MCC Connects: MCCS partners with restorative justice organizations throughout the province who work at breaking cycles of harm. These organizations are volunteer-based and are currently seeking new volunteers to meet the growing demands of their programs. If you are interested in being involved in this important work contact MCCS Restorative Justice Coordinator, Heather Peters at heatherpeters@mccsk.ca

*Saturday, August 12, 2017, **The 8th Annual Spruce River Folk Festival** take places at the Spruce River Farm (20 km north of Prince Albert on Highway 2). Event begins with pipe ceremony and stories at 10 a.m., and music from 1-6 p.m. Performers include Sparky and the Plugs, Joseph Naytowhow, and Well Sister. Food available on site. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Heather Driedger at 306.763.6224 or email parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com

Season of Prayer

Lord, what are You calling us to embrace?

We seek to be Your church, O God; help us to know Your will, help us to hear Your voice. Help us as we seek to hold fast to the things, and the people, You are calling us to love.

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Song leader: Ben Buhler
Pianist: Naomi Schelenberg Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 16, 2017

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Green/SJ #12 “O sing to the Lord”**
Green/SJ #1 “We sing to you, O God”

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time Lacey Braun

Hymn: “I have the joy”

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:1-23; Romans 8:1-11

Hymn: Blue/HWB #336 “When peace, like a river”

Sermon: Mark Bigland-Pritchard

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

*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.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Intergenerational Mennonite Olympics at 11:15 am**

Next Sunday, July 23: Zachary Stefaniuk preaching

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk Song leader: Kevin Boldt
Children's time: Terri Lynn Friesen Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Stephanie Siemens
Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 30 Chris Buhler preaching
Aug 6 Joint outdoor service with Warman and Aberdeen churches.
Aug 13 Patty Friesen preaching

Remember in Prayer:

-Ian's student -Joe Guenther -Leanne Friesen in hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Summer: Please pray for Patty as she is on her national park leave June 19-July 31.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon/Tues off; Wed: office (am), youth/mentor night (pm); Thurs: office (am), youth (pm); Fri: office/visit

***Bill Braun has moved to Oliver Place.** His address is 212 – 1020 Tiffin Crescent, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6H3. Phone number remains the same, 933-2181.

***Alnouri Update:** The family has an appointment at the embassy on July 28th. If all goes smoothly, we can expect them to be booked on a flight a couple of weeks after that.

***Intergenerational Sunday School events: After the service at 11:15am:** July 23rd: Mennonite Olympics!
August 20th: OMC Tree Stories with Jake

***Friendship Inn Opportunities:** There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the Friendship Inn for **July 15, August 19, and September 16.** Please consider joining other OMC folks in serving there this summer!

*MDS has completed 3 Fort McMurray homes at the Hague site. The volunteers at the Hague site have planned and organized a **sending ceremony for the houses** and would like to invite you to attend. On **Friday, July 21 at 4:30pm** at the Zak's Building Group compound they will lead a program sending the houses and praying for the safe arrival of the houses and for the 3 individuals who are waiting for the first glimpse of their new homes. See poster on the bulletin board.

***Summer Office Schedule and contact:** Terri Lynn will be increasing her office hours at the church this summer during Patty's leave. Terri Lynn will be in the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am-3 pm (will leave a note if away for a visit/meeting). Days off will be Mon/Tues. Please contact Terri Lynn on her cell phone for urgent matters at [306-715-5595](tel:306-715-5595).

***Church yard maintenance: Carl & Christy Martens-Funk and Rob & Brandee Borne are scheduled for July 17-22.** It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.

***Canadian Foodgrains Bank is hosting a BBQ** for supporters and others who are interested on July 19th in Langham at the Langham and District Heritage Museum, 302 Railway St). 4:30 – 7:30 pm. **Please RSVP by July 16** to saskatchewan@foodgrainsbank.ca For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.

***Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia.** People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274.

***VBS @ OMC. August 8-10. 6-8 pm.**

***Save the date reminders from MC Sask:**

September 15 & 16 *Refresh, Refocus, Renew Fall Mini Retreat at Wildwood Mennonite*

October 13-15 *MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg*

October 28 *MC Sask Equipping Day at Zoar Waldheim*

YOUTH:

VBS Casting Call: Youth, we need your mad acting and artistic skillllzzz for our VBS drama skits from August 8-10. You can volunteer to be an assistant leader too! We need your help to make VBS awesome. Talk to Terri Lynn to find the perfect way for you to plug in.

Youth and mentor night: Theatre in the Park & Ice Cream in Saskatoon! - July 19 @ Victoria Park. Youth & mentors invited to Sum Theatre's 'The Wood Cutter & the Lion' in Victoria Park (free) and to bring money for ice cream afterwards. Talk to Terri Lynn for details.

Thursday Night hang outs: the church is open Thursday nights from 7-9:30pm to hang out in the gym, or the youth room for art, games or a movie. Friends are more than welcome. Mentors welcome too.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13: 1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁰Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'¹¹He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.¹²For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.¹³The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand."¹⁴With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

"You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,

and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them."

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower.¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'