



# Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace  
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

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*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*March 5, 2023*

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
*“Shaped by New Birth”*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement /Announcements**

**Gathering Hymns: VT #545**  
**VT #419**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**  
**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Call to Worship** *based on Psalm 121*

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

*All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.*

**Confession**

Leader: Sometimes our lives are a mess, Lord and we hunker around fearful. Like Nicodemus, we need new birth.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

**People: Break in by your creating Spirit. Send forth your fresh wind. And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.**

**Children’s Gathering Song: VT #282 “Come and See”**

Children’s Time: Lynette

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

*Prayers* – Condolence to Scott & Candice Buhler & family on the death of Candice’s sister Amber Tkachuk on Feb 25. A Celebration of Life will be held March 12 @ the Senior Centre

*Please raise your hand for the microphone as we would like to hear prayer concerns/joys directly from you.*

**Hymn: VT #551      “Beautiful Things”**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *from The Inclusive Bible*

**1-5** What will we say about Sarah and Abraham, our ancestors according to the flesh? Certainly, if they were justified by their deeds they had grounds for boasting—but not in God’s view. For what does scripture say? “Sarah and Abraham believed God, and it was credited to them as righteousness.”

**13-17** The promise made to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants—that they would inherit the world—did not depend on the Law; it was made in view of the righteousness that comes from faith. For if those who live by the Law are heirs, then faith is pointless and the promise is worthless. The Law forever holds the potential for punishment. Only when there is no Law can there be no violation.

Hence everything depends on faith; everything is grace. Thus the promise holds true for all of Sarah’s and Abraham’s descendants, not only for those who have the Law, but for all who have their faith. They are the mother and the father of us all, which is why scripture says, “I will make you the parents of many nations”—all of which is done in the sight of the God in whom they believed, the God who restores the dead to life and calls into being things that don’t exist.

**Scripture Response:**

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn: VT #737      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

**Biblical Storytelling:      “Nicodemus”**

**Camp Song:      “This Pretty Planet”**

**Benediction:** The Lord watch over you—the Lord bless you and make you a blessing; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.

*\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP      March 5**

Speaker: Patty Friesen      Worship Leader: Luke Bushman  
Song Leaders: Dayna, Michelle      Accompanist: Lynette  
Children's Time: Lynette      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Anne/Bill  
*Kid's S.S. – Lynette Janzen, Youth S.S. – Stephanie Siemens*

**Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday**

**Patty's Week:** Tues. sermon; Weds. office, pickle ball; Thurs. grief group; Fri. Office, MC SK; Sat. MC SK

**Luke's Week:** Wed. work from home; Thurs. split time between NPMC and OMC; Fri. & Sat - ADS Sessions and Mega Menno Event

**Birthday:** 5 – John Gascho, 6 – Erna Funk, 10 – Micah Guenther

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:**

**CALENDAR**

- Mar 5    10:00 am Patty Friesen *Nicodemus***  
Noon Fundraising lunch
- Mar 8    1:00 pm Pickleball – *all welcome*
- Mar 9    11:00 am Grief Group in Patty's office – *all welcome*
- Mar 12   10:00 am Reynold Friesen *CMU Director of Church Relations***  
11:00 am Mosaic Sunday School  
12:00 Lunch Bunch @ Osler Cafe
- Mar 13    6:00 pm Executive mtg  
7:30 pm Council mtg
- Mar 15    1:00 pm Pickleball – *all welcome*
- Mar 16    11:00 am Grief Group in Patty's office – *all welcome*
- Mar 19   10:00 am Luke Bushman *Samaritan Woman***
- Mar 19    7:00 pm Westgate Collegiate Institute Band & Choir @OMC
- Mar 26   10:00 am Patty Friesen *Grieving Well***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY**

**11:00 Youth Class** – Intergenerational *For Love of Creation* Sunday School with Erika from MCC

**12:00 Green Fundraiser Lunch** - please stay for *the Best Chili Ever* by Torben Sjoelin and *desserts* by the youth. There will also be a short program and EV rides.

**Monday, March 13:** Executive meeting 6:00 pm, Council mtg 7:30 pm  
\*Committees-please have your organizational meeting to determine your chairperson before the March 13th Council meeting.

**Weds. Mar. 15,** 5:30 p.m. *Ides of March Faspa*, featuring conversation with Theresa. “Sometimes the greatest adventure is simply a conversation.” - Amadeus Wolfe. Please bring bread, cheese, chips, fruit, etc.

**\*Sunday, March 19, 7:00 pm** – Come and enjoy a performance by the Westgate Concert Band/Concert Choir/Senior Jazz Band/Vocal Jazz Class in the OMC sanctuary.

### **Season of Lent**

**Lenten Pottery** – Shaped and Called by God by Naomi Schellenberg

*I started taking pottery classes about 17 years ago, loved it and bought a wheel a few years later. Then work, children and moving set it aside for several years. The pandemic gave me incentive and time, and so I bought a kiln and started again. These are all pieces from the last year or two and while there are things I like about them, it's hard not to point out all of the flaws I see as well.*

*However, I keep going back to pottery because I love it- the smell of clay, the calm that sinks in when the clay is (finally) centered, shaping it, reusing clay that didn't work out, and opening the kiln.*

**Grieving Well - Thursdays** 11:00 – 12:00 noon CST (February 23 – March 30) Grieving Well with Wilma Derksen *on Zoom only*. Meet in Patty's office. Recorded sessions available upon request.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross** in Sunday school wing rooms. Lenten Sunday Theme: Created by God, Shaped by Jesus. Devotional materials on the back table.

**Latest Bethany Manor** Newsletter on the Bulletin Board.

Lectionary Worship Resources for Children's Time in office and children's books on grief in church library.

Every Second Sunday of the month: 11:30ish-1:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch - back room at Osler restaurant reserved for anyone who wants to eat together. Sponsored but not paid for by deacons: ☺

**March 15 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Committee** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Gathering to be held at the Ramada Inn, Saskatoon. Lunch and refreshments provided. To register or for more info, contact: prrcommittee@gamil.com

**Poster on the bulletin board**

**Saturday, March 25 – 10:00-12:00 am Paska Party**

A Community Connection event of making Paska that will be for sale on the Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**\*MCC Connect:** On March 10 and 11, Burnt Thicket Theatre is presenting *New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation* at the Remai Arts Centre in Saskatoon. Through poetry, song, and dance this theatre production tells the inspiring true story of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman. Tickets are pay-what-you-choose, and there are also discounted matinees available for students and teachers.

**MC Sask Updates:**

March 5: Consider joining with others around the campfire as we explore the 2023 theme for Forest Church - Face to Face: Encountering God in the Wilderness. Ric Driediger will provide input this month, sharing from a wealth of experience on this topic. 3pm at Shekinah. All are welcome.

**MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon. A working copy of the report book is now available! This is a hybrid online and in person event, and registration is required to attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

**The MC Sask ADS report book** with budget information is now available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11233>

**March 11 6:30 pm** You are invited to a viewing of *Custodians: a Story of Ancient Echoes* documentary at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Indigenous peoples' ancestors left their marks on the land for millennia. Artifacts everywhere, many lost forever to agricultural and other development. Still some places remain untouched; beautiful natural settings with artifacts, all with stories to tell. Come watch the documentary about Ancient Echoes' work to protect this ancient Indigenous sacred site. Think about how you can contribute to protection of the marks of Indigenous history. There will be time to share your response following the documentary.

**RJC Choirs & Cakes** 7:00pm March 12, 2023. Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at RJC at Choirs & Cakes: A fundraising concert and cake auction. Featuring performances by RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, Prince Albert Children's Choir, RJC Singers, Bass & Treble Choirs. YOU are invited to participate in the RJC Alumni & Friends choir, directed by Duff Warkentin. Rehearsals will take place in the afternoon prior to the event at RJC. If you would like to sing in the Alumni & Friends choir, please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222.

**The 2022 edition of the Mennonite World Conference Transmission** video series reveals how young Mennonites in Latin America are dealing with and responding to climate change. Watch the 11 minute video at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3304> Donate to the project at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/transmission-films>

**Shekinah Retreat Centre** is looking to fill a number of positions, including a permanent Maintenance Manager (up to full time hours) to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for seasonal workers: spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a summer camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to [shekinah.ca/jobs](https://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information.

**Save the Date.** Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting of the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah. This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

**Experience CMU** – Our next campus visit day takes place on March 10 from 1:00–3:00 PM CST. Tour the campus, visit a class, meet professors and current students, learn about financial aid opportunities, and enjoy a treat from folio café! Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

**John and Margaret Friesen Lectures** – “The Neglected Role of Dutch Mennonite Innovators in the Scientific Revolution and Early Enlightenment” with Dr. Gary K. Waite, PhD, FRSC; Professor Emeritus, Dept. of History, University of New Brunswick. Watch in person or via livestream on Thursday, March 9 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM CST. Visit [cmu.ca/friesenlectures](http://cmu.ca/friesenlectures) for more information.

**Climate Action:** The 2022 edition of the Mennonite World Conference Transmission video series reveals how young Mennonites in Latin America are dealing with and responding to climate change. Watch the 11 minute video at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3304> Donate to the project at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/transmission-films>

## YOUTH CALENDAR

**March 3rd & 5th Green Fundraiser:** making dessert on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and on the 5<sup>th</sup> - set up, serve and do dishes along with the Deacons and Community Connections

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Mega Menno Move Night**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ OMC, Talent Show**

## Youth Announcements:

**\*Sunday, March 5th,** we will be kicking off our Green Fund with a chili fundraiser. This will take place after Sunday School, cost will be by donation. More details to come in the near future! Group C-L is asked to come at 9 am to help set-up and help clean up later.

**\*Saturday, March 11, 6:30pm – Mega Menno Movie Night.** Youth will join with other members of the MC Sask family to watch ‘Custodians: A Story of Ancient Echoes’ at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Come enjoy some popcorn, and learn more about how we can help protect Indigenous artifacts and stories. Youth will have a separate discussion and debrief following the film. Free event for all youth gr. 6-12; contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), or visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) to learn more.

**NEXT SUNDAY    March 12**

Speaker: Rey Friesen *CMU*

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leader: Loretta

Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Adeline

Sound: Keri/James

Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

*Kid's S.S. – Loretta Sawatzky, Youth S.S. – Luke Bushman*

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