



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 10, 2024

Peace Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 146

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

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

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

C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

C: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

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

C: The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

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

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #420 God of the Bible

VT #57 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

First Reading: Mark 2:23-28

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Luke/Becca

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – peace

-those in job transition - please sign Thank You cards for Lois Siemens and Charlie Clark on lobby table

Thanksgiving –the life and TRC work of Murray Sinclair

-Andrea Gooding-Ens as new spiritual care coordinator at Bethany Manor

Condolences – at the death of Jake Giesbrecht, brother to Betty Friesen, uncle to Jean & Garry Harms and cousin to many others

Candle Prayers for our inner desires and peace of the world

Hymn: VT #791 Let Justice Flow Down

Second Reading: Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began

to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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 #540 Will You Come and Follow Me (v 1,2,5)

Sermon: Jesus, Food and Sabbath

Hymn: VT #789 Be a Sower

Benediction:

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Nov 10 Peace Sunday

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke/Becca Sound: Doug Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Kevin Boldt

No Children’s Sunday School

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

Coffee at the office on Friday @ 9:30 am

Patty's Week: Tues. Advent; Weds. office; Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Mon – Fri. *Healing Haunted History* Course

Birthdays: 10 – Benjamin Penner; 10 – Michelle McKinnell; 16 – Uma Boldt

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Nov 10 – Lynette/George

Good News – We have been awarded a \$3000 grant *from the Mennonite Church Canada's Sustainability Project* toward the installation of an on-demand water heater. Installation will happen in the next few weeks.

MCC Blanket Making Project – Blankets on display have been donated and will sell on Silent Auction with monies raised used to purchase supplies to make MCC blankets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 12, 2025, Baptism and new members There will be 4 joining OMC - others welcome too. Please talk to Luke or Patty.

Do you feel lost trying to navigate changes in your life? **Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey**, is an online course from the Center for Action and Contemplation, based on Richard Rohr's content on the concept of Falling Upward. It offers wisdom for transformation and self-discovery. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning October 23rd, at 7:00 pm, for this 15-week course and discover what it feels like when the soul finds its fullness. *Talk to Dave, Harold, or John G for further details.*

Save the date! Sunday, December 1 at 3 p.m.: A Very Shekinah Christmas with Music by Golden Hour. Details coming soon!

Planning is beginning for the December 1 celebration, A Very Shekinah Christmas. 38 dozen cookies and squares are needed to feed the festivities! Please consider signing up to bring a few dozen goodies *A few people have already signed up – we need a few more!* The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Arrangements can be made to deliver baking to Shekinah. Contact Julie with questions.

MCC Connects: Consider giving the gifts of comfort and joy this Christmas season. You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world by choosing from unique gifts such as goats, gardens, wells, and more. Visit MCC's Christmas Giving page to learn more:

<https://mcc.org/christmas>

MC Sask News:

The fall 2024 MC Sask UPDATE is now available! Get details about the MC Sask Town Hall Meetings happening this fall, transitions & staff updates, the Malipayon Peace Hub fundraising campaign and more! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/mcsaskupdate> for details! (New)

(one of the Town Hall meetings will be in OMC November 20)

As Katharine Hayhoe reminds us in her book Saving Us, the single most effective strategy in addressing climate change is to talk about it. Val Regier of Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon tells about a group that meets regularly to have that intentional conversation. You can read her story at <https://mcsask.ca/Climate-action-group-at-MRMC> (new)

RJC Kielce Supper Fundraiser at Bethany Manor | November 14 You're invited to join us for a kielce and sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff, with musical performances by the RJC Singers at Bethany Manor (110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon) on Thursday, November 14. First dinner seating at 4:30pm for Bethany Manor Residents & Guests. Second dinner seating at 6:30pm for RJC families & friends. Admission by donation. Receipts will be issued for any donation over \$15/meal. RSVP to the RJC office by phone (306) 232-4222 or by email to development@rjc.sk.ca. (new)


Wednesday, December 4 from 5:00-7:00, the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual Christmas Fundraising Supper. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry. (new)

CMU Discover Weekend – Do you live outside Winnipeg and want to learn more about CMU? Come to our Discover Weekend on November 28-30. You'll experience all the excitement of a Discover Day, plus two nights in residence and an off-campus excursion to get to know Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/experience for more information and to register.

Christmas at CMU Create your own concert by wandering CMU's heritage building while enjoying music by CMU ensembles, festive decor, cookies, and hot apple cider. Saturday, November 30 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Come early or stay late to visit our Christmas Market in Marpeck Commons featuring 20+ vendors and CommonWord's annual

Christmas Sale. Market open from 1:00-7:00 PM. Visit cmu.ca/christmas for details and livestream link. (new)

CMU Employment Opportunities – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a Sessional Instructor position in Conflict Resolution Studies. Other opportunities include a part-time Student Services Assistant with Menno Simons College, a part-time Kitchen Assistant, and a full-time Custodian position. Visit cmu.ca/employment for more information. (new)

The Youth Farm Bible camp is asking for donations of used Christmas decorations, artificial trees , blacksmith items, antique bowls, vases, table wear, fabric materials, feed bags etc to help create a Bethlehem scene at our annual corn maze Christmas event in December.

MC Canada Gathering 2025 | July 2-5 | Kitchener, ON You're invited to the MC Canada Gathering next summer, where our theme, "Each Gift," celebrates the unique gifts each person brings. Rooted in 1 Peter 4:10, we'll explore how our diverse talents and perspectives enrich the ministry of an intercultural church. As followers of Jesus Christ, we'll come together as a nationwide community of faith to share, learn, and grow in the unique gifts God has given each of us. (new)

"OMC Youth Fundraising: Our OMC group trying to get to the MC Canada Nationwide Youth Gathering scheduled for July 2-5, 2025 at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, ON. There will be two opportunities to help raise funds at the end of November.

1) The Osler Christmas Market. We have purchased a table at the Osler Christmas Market, taking place November 30th, from 10-2:30. If you have crafts, baking, or other goods we can sell at our booth we would appreciate contributions.

2) Gingerbread Auction. On December 1st, during our church potluck the youth group will be auctioning off hand crafted, artisanal gingerbread houses."

Youth News

November

Friday 15th Youth's Choice 7-9

Saturday 23rd Gingerbread Houses Pt. 2

Saturday 30th Christmas Market (10-2:30) and Handing Out Hot Chocolate (7-9:30)

December

Sunday 1st Potluck and Gingerbread House Auction 12:00-1:00

Saturday 7th Mega Menno Christmas at OMC 7-9

Tuesday/Wednesday 10th or 11th Bethany Manor Serving

Saturday 14th OMC Youth Christmas Party 7-9

Mennonite Church Canada

Doug Klassen's term renewed Mennonite Church Canada's Joint Council has offered Doug Klassen an open-ended term as executive minister of Mennonite Church Canada beginning June 1, 2025. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45046> (new)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity MC Canada, as a member of the Canadian Council of Churches, encourages our congregations to participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>]. (new)

International Witness

De Jongs completing ministry Werner and Joanne De Jong are entering their final week at Meserete Kristos Seminary. Pray that they will be able to find ways to celebrate the years they have served as well as say their goodbyes. Praise God for the impact their presence has had on students and colleagues. (new)

Solidarity visit with Mennonite network Bible Missionary Church Mennonite (Myanmar) is working for peace with armed groups, discipling young believers, and caring for each other in time of turmoil and war. MCEC Mission minister, Norm Dyck, will join a group from Mennonite World Conference for a solidarity visit in Thailand with pastors from this network. Pray for safety in travel and God's spirit of peace and encouragement for these pastors.

Indigenous Relations

Join the global conversation! Mennonite Church Canada Indigenous Relations and International Witness invite you to an online conversation on "Land, Identity and Faith". Register here <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness> (new)

Commonword

Significance of Anabaptist origins What happened 500 years ago and why does it still matter today? Gareth Brandt's new coffee table book, *Radical Roots*, addresses these questions in a creative and accessible way. Join us on Dec. 4 as he performs some spoken word poetry and talks about the significance of Anabaptist origins. Buy or borrow the book (and access livestream link) – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4046>. (new)

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 10 - 10:00 am Luke Bushman Peace Sunday

11:11 am Worship Mtg Patty's office

11:30ish – Warman DQ lunch with coupons

– check with Patty re: coupons

Sun. Nov 17 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen Peace Sunday 2

Mon. Nov 18 – 6:00 pm Exec mtg

- 7:30 Council mtg

Wed. Nov 20 - & pm – MC Sask Town Hall mtg

Sun. Nov 24 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen

11:11 am Deacon with new members in Room 3

11:11 am Community Connections mtg in Patty's office

Sun. Dec 1 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 17 Peace Sunday 2 *Loose Change*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Anna Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Patty Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Susan Braun, Shelley Penner

Sunday School: Karl – Eli, Dylan

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