



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 11, 2024

Ash Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:1-14

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my
sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when
you pass judgment.

**C: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom
in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

L: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed
rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit
within me. Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

*All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a
willing spirit. O God of my salvation, my tongue will sing aloud of
your deliverance.*

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #158
VT #625

**Gott ist die Liebe
Far Above the Noise of Life**

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:12-16 (*NRSV Updated*)

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. Who knows whether God will not turn and relent and leave a blessing? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing VT #510

Story for All Ages: Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers- teachers and students

Thanks - for snow

- to Adeline who filled in at the office while Kathy was away

Hymn: VT #141 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

So if anyone is in Christ, we are a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world; not counting trespasses against us, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making the appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

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 #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Sermon: The Seven Convictions of Mennonite World Conference

Imposition of Ashes

Hymn: VT #555 Lord, I Am fondly, Earnestly Longing

Benediction: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself who has loved us and through grace has given us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort and strengthen our hearts in every good work and word. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP February 11

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Marlene Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

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

Pickle ball: Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Patty's Week: Tues. Sermon; Weds. office; Fri. office; Sun. Bethany Manor

Luke's Week: Wed. NPMC Youth; Thurs. KCC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat. Sermon Prep; Sun. Worship Service

Birthdays: 14 – Walter Tataryn; 14 – Isa Boldt; 16 – Nora Bergen-Braun

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Feb 11 - Diana
Feb 18 - Louise

NEXT SUNDAY February 18

Speaker: Chris Buhler Worship Leader: George Janzen
Song Leaders: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie
Story: Jake Sound: Matthew Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to update the **Directory**. There is a draft copy of the foray table – please check your contact information for corrections or additions i.e. cell numbers?

Reminder from Trustees after a recent break-in to our building: When you are using the church building, please check that all the doors are locked, and toilets are flushed when the last person leaves. Also, after all your people are here for an event, the doors should also be locked during that event.

Forever in Motion - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday 10:00 am at the Community Hall

MC Sask Update:

Shekinah asks for continued prayers. We are grateful to Amy Peters for her excellent work as Interim Executive Director from October to January. Please keep Audrey Kampen in your prayers as she takes on the role of Interim Executive Director. While we are grateful for all who have helped as we continue to search for a permanent full time Executive Director, constantly changing who is in the position has its drawbacks. (new)

Monday, February 19 - Mega Menno Winter Fun Day! Join us at Shekinah Retreat Centre for a day of fun in the snow. Come and go throughout the day, youth will meet around the picnic tables at lunch for a couple of special youth activities. Contact Kirsten, youthminister@mcsask.ca, for more details. (new)

Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day, Monday, February 19, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00: p.m. (See <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/events-archive/winter-family-fun-day> for details) (new)

Elizabeth Schultz' diaries from Uzbekistan as discussed at last Faspa and Conversation, are now in the church library

Forum on Climate Change with MCC Erika Thogerson: Sunday, March 3, 11:00 am.

Employment opportunity at Bethany Manor – Bethany now hiring a PT Resident Aide – see the poster on far Bulletin board for details.

The 2024 John and Margaret Friesen Lecture Series, Visit cmu.ca/friesenlectures for more information and lecture locations.

Xplore – CMU's Xplore extended ed program that investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Join one or more in-person or online courses beginning February 20. Register as an individual or host a church watch party. For more information and to register visit cmu.ca/xplore. (New)

CMU Open House – Prospective students of all ages and their families are invited to drop in and take a campus tour, browse our information booths, and chat with our admissions team on Thursday, February 22, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Visit cmu.ca/discover-days for more information. (new)

The Youth Farm Bible Camps 3E Internship Program has recently returned from Spain and will be leaving soon to serve in Nicaragua. The 3Es of the program stand for Equip, Empower and Extend. Equip is all about spiritual formation and the trip to Spain was a journey for the soul. Learn about it from the blogs at <https://www.3einternship.com/blog> (bulletin portion)

Empower is about leadership training through working at the Corn Maze, Retreats, Summer Camp, experiencing impact/learning trips and reading 10 books (When Helping Hurts and The Patient Ferment of the Early Church). Receiving mentorship from our leadership staff is another key component.

Extend is about going beyond our neighbours and serving the global church. When in Nicaragua there is the chance to learn deeply about a different culture and serve a youth group that is already established. We use what is learnt in the two books mentioned to guide and develop our trip.

It is so important to be open to others in today's world. Reading books and travelling to other cultures are two of the best ways to learn openness to others. We are enjoying walking with our six interns as they experience life in Rosthern and across the world. Find out more about this program at www.3einternship.com

We are also taking applications for our next program year, it starts September 1, 2024.

CommonWord - Virtual launch of the Together in Hope resource collection for facing the climate crisis. On Thursday, February 29, 7:30 PM (CST) join the members of the MCCCanada Climate Action group as they launch a new collection of resources designed to help us walk together to face the climate crisis in hope. Register for the Zoom event at commonword.ca/go/3801. (new)

Midwinter Together: An Evening of Food, Music, and Books for CMU-era alumni (2000-present) on Friday, March 1 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Support student bursaries and reconnect with friends old and new. CMU faculty are hosting a banquet down the first floor of the castle building, followed by visiting in the Blaurock Café with music from CMU alumni Jesse Krause, Thomas Krause, and friends. Space is limited. For information and tickets visit cmu.ca/midwinter-together. (new)

Registration now open! Everyone is invited to the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions on March 8 & 9 at North Star Mennonite Church in Drake, SK. We will be exploring the theme of Rekindling Relationship. Go to <https://mcsask.ca/event/11596> for details and to register!

The 2023 MC Sask and MC Canada annual reports are available at https://mcsask.ca/resources/congregational_resources (New)

MCC Connects: Experience the joy of giving this winter! Join MCC in spreading warmth and comfort by contributing a handmade comforter. Our goal is to donate 7,000 blankets to countries including Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine by February 29. Be a part of the Great Winter Warm-Up and make a difference! Please visit this link for more details: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/great-winter-warm-up>

RJC Songs & Sweets | 7:00pm, Sunday, March 10, 2024 Join us in celebrating the legacy of music and the arts at Songs & Sweets: A fundraising concert and cake auction at RJC High School. Featuring performances by RJC Singers & Bass Choir, RJC Alumni & Friends Choir, with special guests Elixir Ensemble: chamber music for piano & strings. The evening will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery. YOU are invited to sing in the alumni & friends choir. One rehearsal will take place at RJC the afternoon before the event on March 10. Email Alex at development@rjc.sk.ca if you would like to participate in the choir. Rush table seating, no tickets required. More information available at rjc.sk.ca/sweets.

CALENDAR

Feb 11 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking

11:00 am Deacon mtg

Feb 13 7:30 pm C.C. via zoom

Feb 18 10:00 am Chris Buhler speaking *First Lent*

Feb 25 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Second Lent*

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