



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

February 16, 2025

The Beatitudes

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 1

L: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

C: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they flourish.

L: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment of the righteous, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Invocation: Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to hear your holy word, that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honour and glory in all that we do, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymns of Praise: VT #34 **We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer**
VT #37 **Be Still and Know**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:7-10

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is hidden, who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and

search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Marlene

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – Linda Doell's fall

-for our congregation in this time of change

Thanksgiving –

Condolences to Kendra Reddekopp and family at the sudden death of her brother-in-law Pooria Yazdani

Candle Prayers for inner and world peace

Hymn: VT #287 Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Chosen One. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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 #625 Far Above the Noise of Life

Sermon: Okay disciples... here's your first task

Hymn: VT #759 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Benediction: : May the Word of God shine in our hearts and bless us that we may be a blessing to others.

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

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

TODAY Feb 16

Speaker: Lois Siemens Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Marlene Sound: James Ushers: Lanae/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Kevin Boldt

No Sunday School – *Family Day*

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

Coffee time at church – 10:00 am all are welcome

Luke's Week: Wed. mtgs; Thurs. Skiing with the Youth; Fri. Office; Sat. Mega Menno

Birthdays: 16 – Nora Bergen-Braun; 19 – Junko Friesen (88)

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Feb 16 – Casadi

Feb 23 – Diana & Ben

2025 OMC Directory Updates

Many of you have changed your landlines to cell numbers only, so please check the **DRAFT COPY OF THE DIRECTORY** (*on the back table*) and make any corrections to it.

MC Sask Gathering March 7 & 8 at RJC, if you would like to be a delegate for Osler Mennonite Church please touch base with someone on the Nominating Committee (Shelley, Ben, Sandra & Steve).

Reminder: the oslermcpastor@sasktel.net email address has been closed. A new one will be made for any new incoming Pastors. Please direct any inquiries to the church office at oslermcoffice@sasktel.net.

OMC Book Club: The book discussion on *Kabul Beauty School* will be 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 6th at the church. For more information please contact Margaret Dyck at 306-229-9492.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel of Luke CMU Zoom Bible Study Wednesdays, February 26-April 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Osler Mennonite Church Coffee Room

The quest stories in Luke belong to a cycle of seven stories in which someone approaches Jesus in quest of something vital for human well-being. Some of these quests are for physical healing, other kinds of healing, for release from alienation, social ostracism or other common human plights. Three of them take place early in Jesus's Galilean ministry, three take place as he nears Jerusalem on his journey toward the cross. The last one, and the most poignant, takes place on the cross.

The motif of the quest, with its patterns of sifting priorities and overcoming obstacles along the way, can be a powerful prompt for our own spiritual reflection and growth as we move through the seasons of Lent and Easter. Join us as we study these Bible stories confessionally—or as though our lives depended on it.

Mary Schertz is Professor Emerita of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, happily living and worshipping in Elkhart, Indiana. Mary recently completed the Believers Church Bible Commentary on Luke which is available from Herald Press at MennoMedia or in Winnipeg at CommonWord.

<https://www.cmu.ca/community/xplore>

MCC Connects: Join MCC for Transformation Tuesdays, a free monthly opportunity to learn practice peacebuilding skills. This month, Training Active Bystanders (TAB) will be facilitated on Tuesday, February 25 from 7-9 pm at the MCC Centre. All are welcome to learn the skills of interrupting harm-doing as it is happening and help people in need. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://mcc.org/events/transformation-tuesdays>

Join the My Coins Count fun! Each year, spare change collected by churches adds up and supports MCC projects around the world. This year, donations from My Coins Count will go towards food projects, and can be brought to MCC's Relief Sale Festival in June. Please visit this link for stories, photos, and other resources to share with your congregation: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/fundraiser/my-coins-count>

MC Sask News:

Registration is now open for the 2025 MC Sask Gathering (annual delegate sessions) March 7 & 8 at RJC High School. Details available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11890> (new)

Praying for each other: In this season of annual meetings, we pray for each of our congregations. May these meetings and gatherings be times of discernment: seeking God's direction and leading as important discussions take place, motions and budgets passed, and decisions made. My God's spirit moves amongst us and continue to guide us as a people committed to following Jesus, our teacher, our friend, and our Lord. (new)

Shekinah Winter Family Fun Day: Monday, February 17. 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and broomball. Bring a lunch and join us in the chalet for hot chocolate!

We are hiring! Shekinah Retreat Centre is currently looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Booking Coordinator/Event Host. For details on this full time position, please go to <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org/> and scroll down to career opportunities.

Shekinah is hosting a "Whodunit Extravaganza" March 14-15. Shekinah is hosting its first ever murder mystery night! Doors open at 6:30, buffet opens at 7:00. Guests will enjoy a gourmet buffet while solving an exciting Whodunit Friday evening. After a peaceful sleep in the Timberlodge, they will solve the second one while enjoying a brunch buffet. Registration is \$155 per person. Registration deadline is Feb 24th. Register at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/CSIShekinahWhodunitExtravaganza> (new)

Puttin' on the Ribs is happening on March 15th at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$65/person or \$425/per table of 8. RSVP by March 9th. Tickets available at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org (new)

RJC Grade 9 Open House | 6:00pm Wednesday, March 5 Are you a Grade 8 student or parent transitioning to Grade 9? If so, this event is for you! Come to RJC's Grade 9 Open House to learn about our Grade 9 GROW program and the unique opportunities you can find at RJC! Register for the Grade 9 Open House at rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Songs & Sweets | 2:00pm Sunday, March 9 We invite supporters, alumni and friends to help us to celebrate the legacy of music and generosity with the RJC community at Songs & Sweets: A Fundraising Concert & Cake Auction. The afternoon will include coffee, tea, desserts, a live cake auction and a cupcake lottery, and feature performances by RJC Singers, Nutana Park Church Kids' Club & Choir and North Sky Chorale. Please RSVP for the event at (306) 232-4222 or office@rjc.sk.ca. We hope you join us for this lively & fun-filled fundraising event!

RJC High School Employment Opportunity | Teacher RJC High School is inviting applications for a full-time teaching position beginning in the 2025/2026 school year. The ideal candidate will teach from a whole student perspective and be actively engaged in school and community programming. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the president, Ryan Wood, at executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca no later than Friday, February 28, 2025. For more information, please review the full job description on our website.

We call you to prayer for our siblings in the USA who are taking legal action that seeks to restore the rights of people of faith to gather, worship and serve without government interference. Mennonite Church USA joins more than 20 Christian and Jewish communities in this action. The current presidential administration of the USA has removed restrictions on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from conducting immigration raids, arrests and other enforcement actions at houses of worship. "We believe that because of Christ's call to care for those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, or imprisoned (Matthew 25:31-36), we must join with Jesus' early

followers in choosing to obey God rather than any human authority (Acts 5:29),” writes MC USA moderator Jon Carlson. (Mennonite World Conference) (new)

Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2025 will feature vibrant and diverse worship experiences. Mennonite Church Canada is excited about the inspiring and transformative worship experience being planned for the upcoming Gathering 2025. The event promises to be a unique opportunity to celebrate the gifts of each participant in a rich and diverse worship setting, where creativity, hospitality, and unity will take centre stage. Read more at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45193>

MC Canada Youth Gathering 2025

Each Has a Gift 1 Peter 4:10

Ready for an unforgettable summer? Youth Gathering 2025 is happening from July 2–5, 2025 at the epic University of Waterloo campus – and you don’t want to miss it!

1. Dorm life, cafeteria vibes – Sleep in dorms, chow down in the uni cafeterias, and enjoy a chill intercultural picnic while you explore the coolest spots in Kitchener-Waterloo.
2. Worship, music, and good vibes – Get ready to connect with God, discover your unique gifts, and be reminded that you’re a beloved child of God.
1. Non-stop fun – Epic late-night games, activities that’ll challenge your mind and body, and awesome creative projects with youth from across the country.
2. Make lifelong friends – Meet people from all over Canada, bond with your youth group, and create memories that will last long after the event ends.
3. Whether you roll up by train, plane, car, transit, or bike, we’ve got your back – a warm welcome and tons of experiences await.
4. Registration opens March 5, 2025 – Mark your calendars, this is going to be HUGE!

Estimated costs: ~\$400/person for registration, ~\$600/person for travel. Please Contact Evan (youthminister@mcsask.ca) with any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

Feb. 15th Games in Osler 7-9pm: will meet at the church for some games, some snacks, and a Bible lesson.

Thursday, February 20th ski trip day - try to meet at the hill at 9 am.
Cold weather may change plans.

Feb. 22nd Mega Menno Board Game Night 7-9pm: We haven't had a youth board game night in a while, I believe this event will be hosted at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, but I will make sure to send reminder emails in the coming weeks. We will also probably eat any food leftover from the retreat (Pizza, hot dogs, chips etc.)

Anabaptism at 500

Save the date!

Pentecost Service: A service featuring choirs and supper is planned for Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Youth Farm Bible Camp/Mennonite Nursing Home (new)

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb 16 – 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking

Sun. Feb 23 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Sun. Mar 2 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

Sun. Mar 9 – 10:00 am Sharon M from Shekinah speaking

Sun. Mar 16 – 10:00 am Henry Funk speaking

NEXT SUNDAY Feb 23

Speaker: Dave Feick Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lanae/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Kevin Boldt

Sunday School – Naomi, Bree

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