

**MCC Connects:** Thank you to everyone who has supported **Buckets of Thanks** this year! We continue to be humbled by the support of our community. With your help, we have raised over \$8000 and packed nearly 600 relief kits with more events still to come.

\*Station Singers and the Saskatoon Brass Band present "A Brassy Christmas" - a concert of Christmas music on **Saturday Dec 1** at **Rosthern Mennonite Church** 7:30 pm and again on Sunday afternoon, Dec 2, at Christ Church Anglican (515-28th St.W) in Saskatoon at 2:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from choir members or at the door. Adults \$20, students \$10, under 12 - \$5.

**OMC CALENDAR**

- Nov 17 Adult Choir practice, 10:00 am
- Nov 17 Youth meet, 6:30 pm
- Nov 18 Family Games & Pizza Night – 5:30 pm.
- Nov 22 M & S meeting, 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
- Nov 25 Memorial Sunday
- Nov 28 Hanging of the Greens, 6:30 pm
- Nov 29 Council meeting at Christy’s, 6:00 pm
- Dec 1 Ladies & Girls Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 am.  
Sponsored by Heart to Heart.
- Dec 1 Youth - Mega Menno @ OMC, 6:30 pm

Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens      Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk  
 Song leader: Kathryn Janzen              Pianist: Lynette Janzen  
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho      Nursery: Diana Buhler

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**OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH**

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 November 11, 2018  
 “Peace Sunday”

Prelude                      Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship/Call for Peace:**

One: God of peace, coming into this place of worship from a world that is sometimes confusing and threatening,  
**Many: we pray for your presence here and now among us.**  
 One: We thank you for this community of faith, where we listen to the words inspired by your message of love, where we share our lives with all ages and genders,  
**Many: where we learn about compassion, where we live in hope, where we can be together in peace.**  
 One: God, all around us we see growing division between people because of politics, gender, religion, race, economics. In so many countries, we see growing nationalism and populism.  
**Many: Aggression and violence are becoming part of our daily lives on social media and in the streets.**  
 One: We pray for this world, God. That leaders may grow in wisdom, that people treat each other with respect.  
**Many: May we understand that the way to your kingdom is paved with peace, justice and love for the earth and the people. Be with us, grant us your grace.**

Invocation Prayer

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #26                      “Holy Spirit, come with power”**  
**Green/SJ #44                      “The Love of God”**

Children’s Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me  
 Children’s Time                      Vanessa Stefaniuk

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church  
Offering/Offerory Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 143:5-12

Peace Reading: *Wage Peace* by Judith Hill

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #372 “O Healing River”**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146

Peace Reading: *In My Garden* by Yorifumi Yaguchi

**Hymn: Blue/ HWB #551 “In the Stillness of the Evening”**

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Peace Reading: *Now is the Time for Turning*

**Hymn: Green/SJ #23 “Slowly turning, ever turning”**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Peace Reading

**Hymn: Green/SJ #72 “One is the Body”**

**Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #596 “And I Will Raise You Up”**

Spoken Benediction: We are simply asked to make gentle a bruised world, to tame its savageness, to be compassionate of all (including ourselves); then, in the time left over, to repeat the ancient tale and go the way of God’s foolish ones.

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**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.

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**TODAY:**

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Saturday, Nov 17: Adult choir practice, 10:00 am**
- **Sat, Nov 17: Monthly Youth gathering, 6:30-8:30 pm**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Loose Change Collection**

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**Next Sunday, Nov 18: “Remembering Hopefully” – Patty Friesen**

Worship Leader: Ian Osmond

Song leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children’s Time: Marlene Campbell

Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

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**Patty’s Week:** Tues: curling, spiritual direction; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: Bethany Manor Memorial; Fri: office, visits; Sat: choir.

**Terri Lynn’s Week:** Mon: stat holiday; Wed: office (am) & kielke supper; Thurs: visit + more kielke; Fri: office; Sat: youth (pm)

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Nov 25 Memorial Sunday and Candle Lighting for Loved Ones

Dec 2 First Advent and Communion; Patty Friesen preaching

Dec 9 Terri Lynn Friesen preaching

Dec 16 Sunday School Christmas program

Dec 23 Adult Choir Christmas program

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**Remember in Prayer:**

-thanksgiving for those making MCC Blankets

-Darlene Driedger, the sister-in-law of Jake, Ben and Wilf Buhler, died November 6. She was 87. The funeral will be on Tuesday in Winnipeg. She is survived by Leo Driedger and their two children, Dale and Diane.

-Patty’s mom’s move

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Enjoy Coffee Time? Please help us keep it going by signing up** with a friend and bill expenses to the deacons. Sign-up in coffee room. Preferred children’s snacks are fruit, veggies, cheese & crackers. Please consider making extra Christmas baking for our special Christmas Program Dec. 16 and Choir Program coffee-times. Please let Patty know if you can help in December.

### **OMC 90 Story by Jacob Friesen (edited):**

As for 'particular memories', one which rather typifies the attitudinal changes that have evolved over the span of a century, still comes to mind on occasion. Osler church members had learned to love their sanctuary along with the furnishings and, in particular, the Bible and the pulpit, which was held to be more than a utilitarian lectern. Even elders of the church would out of respect, revere its significance by standing beside the pulpit when making announcements or directing procedures. I seem to remember there was a large 'pulpit Bible' that never left its rather sacred placement on the pulpit. Even our young people sensed the intended solemnity and respectfully stood to one side when presenting assigned roles in the order of service.

While at the time of it's happening, I along with others thought the criticism to be over the top, when during a Spring Cleaning bee of the church, an offended elder reprimanded volunteering church young people for carrying the church pulpit into the storage shed in the church yard; intending wisely to spare the fixture from soiling. Both parties were actually right, but their respective motivations articulate generational dimensions we still need to learn from. The essential learning I've taken from that long ago actuality has left an indelible impression of sacred caution that still instructs my mind when 'handling the Word of Truth'.

\*Warman Mennonite Church invites everyone to a fundraiser supper of kielke, sausage, ham, salad, and pie on **Thursday, November 15**, from 5:00 - 7:00. Admission by donation, proceeds going to finishing our basement renovations to make the space more user-friendly.

### **\*Nov 17: Women, Men, Church: Thriving in a #MeToo World:**

For those interested in more spaces to have important conversations about sexual misconduct in the church, or other concerns around abuse, power and how we move forward as the church, you're invited to this event on November 17, from 1-4pm. Details are at [www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/women-men-church](http://www.newleafnetwork.ca/events/women-men-church) . Registration is \$15. You need to sign up in advance to secure your spot. (Terri Lynn is attending and would love to have conversation partners from OMC).

\***ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Keith and Merel will lead the adult choir. This will culminate with a Christmas Choir program on Sunday, December 23 during the worship service. **The first rehearsal will be this Saturday, November 17, 10:00 am.** We would like as many people as possible to come out. **Mark this date in your calendar** and come to learn, sing and fellowship together.

\***There is a sign up sheet** on the bulletin board **to bring meals for the Buhler family** as Rachel undergoes chemotherapy. Thank you for signing up to support the family through this time.

\***There are "care boxes" in the foyer for six of our post-secondary students.** Please bring goodies like chocolate, notes, jokes, treats, poems, etc. Two boxes will be going to Winnipeg on Nov 13 and the rest will be distributed on Nov 19.

\***Family Games Night with Pizza & Pop: Sunday November 18, 5:30 pm.** Pizza and pop supplied. Please bring your favourite table games and, if possible, a dessert to share. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by the Deacons committee.

\***Ladies & Girls Christmas Luncheon** will be held here on **Saturday, December 1, 11:30-1:30.** Please sign up if you will be coming. A delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings will be served. **Cost is \$15. Half price for girls under 12.**

\*Everyone is invited to come to Nutana Park Mennonite Church for a Classical Music Afternoon **today, November 11** at 2:30 pm. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the concert.

\***RJC Kielke & Sausage Supper Fundraiser: Wednesday, Nov 14 at Bethany Manor.** There will be two seatings for supper: 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Admission is by donation and the RJC Chorale will be performing at both seatings. Everyone is welcome. Please see poster for more details.

### **OMC YOUTH CALENDAR:**

Monthly Youth Gathering: **Sat Nov 17** - 6:30-8:30pm

**Sat, Dec 1** - 6:30-8:30pm - MegaMenno: The 'MennoRun' is back!

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Psalm 143:5-12 (NRSV)**

<sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. <sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. <sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. <sup>9</sup> Save me, O LORD, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble. <sup>12</sup> In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

### **Psalm 146 Praise for God's Help (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

### **Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV) Jesus Denounces the Scribes**

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for

the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

<sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### **Ephesians 1:3-14 (The Message) The God of Glory**

<sup>3-6</sup> How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

<sup>7-10</sup> Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

<sup>11-12</sup> It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

<sup>13-14</sup> It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.