

**MCC Connects:** The **2018 MCCS Encounter and AGM** will be held on November 3, 2018 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Registration opens at 12:30pm, followed by the MCCS Accountability and Business Session from 1-2:30 pm. From 3-5 pm we will be welcoming international guests Sahar Vardi (Jewish Israeli) and Tarek Al-Zoughbi (Palestinian Christian) to speak about their realities living in Israel/Palestine. Following the afternoon portion, we will gather together for an evening of art, music and conversation celebrating the launch of MCC Saskatchewan's podcast *Reconcile. Everyday Conversations*. This event will be held at the Fédération des Francophones from 7-9 pm. For more information please call 306.665.2555 or email [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca).

### OMC CALENDAR

Nov 6 Education meeting, 7:00 pm  
 Nov 17 Adult Choir practice, 10:00 am  
 Nov 17 Youth meeting, 6:30 pm  
 Nov 18 Family Games & Pizza Night – 5:30 pm. Sponsored by the Deacons committee.  
 Nov 25 Memorial Sunday  
 Nov 28 Hanging of the Greens, 6:30 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: Patty Friesen Sound: Dick Braun  
 Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
 Guitarist: Ben Buhler  
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho Nursery: Sarah Buhler

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 November 4, 2018  
 “Keep These Words”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 119:1-8**

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the way of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who keep God's word and seek with their whole heart, walking in God's ways.**

Leader: Yahweh, you have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

**People: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your word.**

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**People: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your way. I will observe your statutes, do not utterly forsake me.**

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #107 “Blessed Savior we adore Thee”  
 Blue/HWB #226 “You are salt for the earth”**

Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Amanda Dodge, MCC, Saskatchewan

### **Song: “Give Me Joy in My Heart”**

Verse 1: Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Verse 2: Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving

Verse 3: Give me love in my heart, keep me serving

Verse 4: Give me gas in my Ford, keep me truckin' for the Lord

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Offering and Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #407 “We are people of God's peace”**

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: “Speaking our Peace: Jewish & Palestinian Voices in Conversation” Tarek Al-Zoughbi and Sahar Vardi

**\*Sung Benediction: Green/SJ #52 “Jesus help us live in peace”**

\*Spoken Benediction: In Christ you give your people a season of reconciliation and grace; a time to draw new breath for our journey back to you, a time to open our hearts to your Spirit and respond to the needs of all.

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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.
- **Adult S.S. forum with Sahar & Tarek, 11:15 am**
- **Short congregational meeting at 11:45 am.** We will be asking for the congregation's direction on further refugee support, and have a second presentation on the change to the definition of quorum in our Constitution (which will be voted on at our AGM)

**THIS WEEK: Tuesday, Nov 6: Education meeting, 7:00 pm**

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**Next Sunday, Nov 11: Peace Sunday:** Peace Readings and Songs  
Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens      Song leader: Kathryn Janzen  
Pianist: Lynette Janzen      Children’s Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk  
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk      Nursery: Diana Buhler  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: curling, visits; Wed: office, visits; Thurs - Sun. In Edmonton moving Mom

**Terri Lynn’s Week:** Tues: Education mtg(pm); Wed: sermon & SS prep; Thurs: visit; Fri: office (am).

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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Nov 18 “Remembering Hopefully” – Patty Friesen

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:**

-Harold & Lynn Loewen & family on the passing of Harold’s sister Christina Wiebe.

-the families of Koen Taekema (6 year old Osler school student) and John Fitzgerald (Rosthern) in their loss of loved ones.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*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 on 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.

## OMC 90 Story by Irvin & Donna Driedger

Irvin and I grew up in the Osler Mennonite Church. Our families were both very committed members of the congregation. We participated in Sunday School, Children's Hour, youth activities and Jugendverein. When we were young adults, Irvin was instrumental in organizing youth activities and he became the Choir Director. He directed the choir for about 25 years. I played the piano and organ for morning worship for many years also. We remember fondly going Christmas caroling on Christmas Eve after the Sunday School Concert – it could be frosty and cold but the choir participants emitted warmth and joy. We would culminate the evening by inviting them to our house for hot chocolate and goodies. Those were good times for us.

In 2008, we decided to make a move and attend the Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon where our children and grandchildren were members. We had many friends and relatives in the congregation so the switch was not hard. We left the Osler congregation with many fond memories – our Sunday School, youth group, choir and many wonderful friends. Many of the friendships are still solid today. We were baptized and married in the Osler Church. It holds a very warm place in our hearts.

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

For those who attended Theatre of the Beat's #ChurchToo, or are 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 "Women, Men, Church: Thriving in a #MeToo World", an event for an ecumenical audience 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 and includes good coffee and tasty treats, but you need to sign up in advance to secure your spot. (Terri Lynn is attending and would love to have conversation partners from OMC).

**\*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 going to Winnipeg on Nov 13 and the rest will be distributed on Nov 19.

**\*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.**

**\*Last Call** for ordering a USB of OMC 90<sup>th</sup> celebration. Cost is \$10. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

**\*Forever in Motion** meets Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Osler Community Hall. Everyone welcome.

**\*You are invited to The Micah Mission's Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 5 at 10:30 am.** 226 Avenue V South Saskatoon, lower level. For more information call 306-653-3099 or email [micahcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:micahcoordinator@gmail.com)

\*Everyone is invited to come to Nutana Park Mennonite Church for a Classical Music Afternoon on **Sunday, 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.

\*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 Grace Westminster United Church at 2:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from choir members or at the door. Adults \$20, students \$10, under 12 - \$5.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** (NRSV) The Great Commandment

**6** Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Hebrews 9:11-14** (NRSV)

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those

who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

### **Mark 12:28-34** (NRSV) The First Commandment

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any questions.

### 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!