



Offering / Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #377 “Healer of our every ill”**

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: “Beloved Teacher, Let Me See Again” Patty Friesen

Anointing

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #5 “There is a place of quiet rest”**

Spoken Benediction: May the God of all mercies and comfort, comfort us in our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are afflicted with the consolation with which we ourselves have received from God. Amen.

**Sung Benediction: Green/SJ #49 “Rain down”**

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**To all our visitors: WELCOME.** We are delighted that you are worshiping 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:**

- **Blanket making Monday – Friday, starting at 9:00 am/**
- **Thursday, Nov 1: Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, Nov 2: Youth Mega-Menno @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church 6:30 pm with Sahar & Tarek.**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Adult S.S. forum with Sahar & Tarek, 11:15**  
**Short congregational meeting at noon.**

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**Next Sunday, Nov 4:** Sahar Vardi & Tarek Al-Zoughbi, MCC  
Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Children’s Time: Amanda Dodge  
Sound: Dick Braun Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

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**Patty’s Week:** Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: council; Fri: office, Lord of the Rings; Sat: MCC AGM

**Terri Lynn’s Week:** Thurs: youth ministers' mtg, Council (pm); Fri: office (am), MegaMenno (pm); Sat: MCC AGM.

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Nov 11 Peace Sunday Readings and Songs  
Nov 18 “Remembering Hopefully” – Patty Friesen  
Nov 25 Memorial Sunday and Candle Lighting for Loved Ones  
Dec 2 First Advent and Communion  
Dec 9 “Prepare the Way” –Patty Friesen  
Dec 16 Sunday school Christmas program

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**Remember in Prayer:**

-Congratulations to Robin Neudorf and Garry Boldt on their new granddaughter, and Kathy Boldt's new great-granddaughter Olive Katherine Madsen born on October 16 to Jennifer and Brian Madsen.  
-all the stressed out students with mid-terms

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***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.

\*Thank you to everyone who has completed your church survey and submitted it in the box in the church office. If you haven't completed yours yet, you have [today](#) to do so. We look forward to receiving your responses.

## OMC YOUTH CALENDAR:

**-Friday, Nov 2 – Halloween Mega Menno, with special MCC guests – at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. 6:30- 8:30pm.** Come and join us for an evening of fun and games, and leftover Halloween candy! We are also excited to have two guests from MCC joining us; Sahar Vardi and Tarek Al-Zoughbi, young adults who are part of MCC's Cry for Home program, working to help all those in Israel-Palestine find a home. Costumes are optional, friends are more than welcome, no cost, open to youth in grades 6-12.

**-Saturday Nov 17 - Monthly Youth at OMC. 6:30-8:30pm**

**-Saturday Dec 1 - Mega Menno @ OMC!**

\*Young Adults. It's never too early to plan for your further education in September of 2019. Do you know that both Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford and Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg offer full tuition assistance? Check out the **Sheep & Goats MDS Service Scholarship/Bursary** at each of the schools' Financial Aid page.

\***Saturday, November 3**, 1:00-5:00 pm: 2018 MCCS Encounter & AGM at Wildwood Mennonite Church. Registration forms on the bulletin board or register online at [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) before October 26.

\*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.

\* **There will be blanket making for MCC this week - Oct 29 to Nov 2.** The Missions & Service committee is offering the opportunity for everyone of any age to come and make a difference for those in need.

\***Congregational meeting Sunday Nov. 4 at 12:00 pm.** 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)

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations, proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations<sup>[a]</sup> I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

## Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, Jesus has no need to offer sacrifices day after day,

first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV) *The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus***

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**OMC 90 Story by Otto Driedger (edited):**

**Childhood experiences**

- Sunday School, Harry Boldt teaching; many curtains strung up in the sanctuary to separate the various classes.
- Reverend Pauls preaching; learning the basics of High German through sermons and songs.
- The policy in the Rosenorter congregations to have the pastors do pulpit exchanges. Often visiting pastors would stay at our place for night or for dinner.
- Fooling around with friends while learning the songs for the Christmas program; I was not much for singing, but fun with friends was worth being there; Christmas Eve was special.

- The singing of Mr. Peter Kasdorf who sang in a noticeably loud, piercing voice. It demonstrated joy and gusto.
- The sanctuary benches on the far left basically for women and children, on the far right for men and children. The centre row the benches for anyone who wanted to sit in a non-gender oriented context. Younger couples often sat there.

**Teen-age experiences**

- (Then) there was not a Saskatchewan Mennonite Conference, but there were sessions of the ministers in the Rosenorter congregations. Sometimes they would meet at our home. (My brothers and I) would meet them when they were having "Faspa".
- Brother Leo and the Kruger boys had a quartet that would sing, especially at Sunday evening "Christian Endeavors". These Sunday evening services were especially important for us youth. They were operated with youth very much involved both in planning and presentation - singing groups, poems, short devotionals.
- There were two or three evening evangelistic services. One evangelist provided many "sayings". For example "The greatest graveyard is where hidden talent lies buried". This stayed with me.
- Funerals were important milestones (and) were solemn affairs. The services and graveside events were supportive and comforting for family, friends and the community.
- Youth is the time I was baptized. The catechism sessions were part of the morning service when those to be baptized were asked the questions and the pastor would comment on the meaning. This was beneficial for the catechists but also for the congregation, they were reminded of the basics of the faith from year to year.

Osler Mennonite Church was and is a congregation that has historically nurtured its children, youth, adults and seniors on their journey of discipleship. Encouraging us to follow Christ and open to respond to new challenges and dimensions of discipleship and service.