

MCC Connects: April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week. The staff and board of MCC Saskatchewan would like to thank our churches and volunteers for continuing to support the work of MCC. To the many people who volunteer in our Thrift shops and at our Relief Sale, support our local programs and help provide material aid – we thank you! If you are interested in learning more about MCC volunteer opportunities, contact our office at (306) 665-2555.

***News on Cyclone Idai from CFGB:** The Government of Canada will be matching any funds donated to the “Joint Cyclone Idai appeal of the Humanitarian Coalition”, **including Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The match is retroactive to March 15 and for all donations made now until April 14.** More info on the bulletin board.

“Voices Together” workshop at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Sat, June 15, 2 - 4:30 pm. An afternoon of worship and workshops **introducing the new hymnal.** More details on the bulletin board.

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 9 Choral Society practice 7:00 pm
Apr 14 Senior’s Pizza Supper @ Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm
Apr 18 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 5:30 pm
Apr 19 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
Apr 21 Easter Sunday Service, with Potluck Brunch to follow
Apr 29 Worship meeting @ Stephanie’s, 7:00 pm

Worship Leader: Stephanie Siemens Nursery: Diana Buhler
Songleader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Sound: Dick Braun Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis.



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Invocation:

One: Oh God, you are our God.

We praise you in times of joy, and we seek you in times of need.

Many: Our voices sing to you, and our spirits thirst for you. Our hands toil for you, and our bodies ache for your healing.

One: Like the psalmist we shout your glory and compassion.

Like the leper, and the bleeding woman, and the children whom the disciples tried to shoo away,

Many: Our spirits experience your love for us when you call us by name, and heal us with your touch.

All: Guide our spirits and our bodies into your presence. Amen.

Hymns: Blue/HWB #99 “We praise thee, O God”

Purple/SS #124 “My soul cries out”

Children’s Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children’s Time: Sarah Buhler, Kathy Braun

Hymn: Green/SJ #100 “Here I am”

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Hymn: Purple/.SS #62 “Create in me a clean heart”

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Response to the Scripture:

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!

Sermon: "Mary's Healing Touch" Patty Friesen
Anointing for Healing

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #493 "I heard the voice of Jesus"

Benediction: Jesus Christ has made you his own. Go forth, forgetting what is behind and moving ahead to the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Live Stream: For those wishing to join us for worship, but unable to attend in person, our services are live-streamed to our Facebook page. The recording will be paused during the sharing of joys and concerns.

Children's Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY:

- **Easter Choir practice, 9:15 am.**
- **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:

- **Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 pm:** Osler Society choir practice.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Easter Choir practice, 9:15 am.**
- **Pizza & Games at noon.**
- Choral Society practice, 12:30 pm
- **Senior's Pizza Supper at Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm.**

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, visit; Wed: office, visit; Fri: office, visit; Sat: Osler Community Garden workshop.

Next Sunday, Apr 14: Palm Sunday:

"Why Does God Hide?" by Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk

Sound: Dick Braun

Song Leader: Ben Buhler

Pianist: Diana Buhler

Children's Time: Lacey MacKenzie

Nursery: Marlene Campbell

Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 18 Maunday Thursday Potluck and Communion, 5:30 p.m.
Lunch Group D-L, with leader Sandra Grismer, in charge of Potluck.

April 19 Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.

April 21 Easter Sunday Service and Brunch; "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." – Patty Friesen.

Lunch Group M-Z, with leader Edna Zacharias, in charge of Easter Brunch.

Remember in Prayer:

-the end of Alnouris' sponsorship -all in need of healing
-the anniversary of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rehearsals for our **Easter Choir** are starting this Sunday! Come to any or all of the **practices Sunday mornings at 9:15am, April 7, 14, and 21.** We will sing during the worship service on Easter Sunday.

***Congratulations to Ben Buhler** on receiving the prestigious "Saskatchewan Volunteer Award" for his countless hours of community volunteer work.

***A big thank you to Diana Buhler** for cleaning the Sunday School Art Room and Supply Room!

***HELP NEEDED: The Alnouri family is moving** to a different apartment on April 10. Please contact Lyle Stucky if you can help.

***RJC at Osler Cafe, Friday, 10:00 a.m.** Alex Tiessen, the new admissions and communications guy, will be at Osler Cafe, Friday 10:00 a.m. for anyone who wants to come for coffee and conversation.

***Looking for Acreage/Farm/Big Backyard Hosts for Sunday school picnic, Sunday, June 16.** Please talk to Lynette Janzen.

***Osler Choral Society Concert:** Good Friday, April 19, 4:00 pm here at OMC.

***Warman Community Band concert** on April 14 at 2 pm at the Legends Center Auditorium- 107 Centennial Blvd.

***Project Thursdays** are in hiatus until fall. Watch for information on starting up again when the leaves start to change color ;)

***Child Dedication on Mother's Day, May 12** for all interested parents. Please talk to Patty or George, Deacon Chair.

***Out with the old and in with the new!** Our new church website is <http://oslermennonitechurch.org> The old website is no longer used.

***Senior's Pizza Supper & Sing-a-long, Sunday, April 14, 5:00 pm. at Bethany Manor.** The Deacons are hosting a supper for those 70 years and older and their guest or spouse.

***RJC SPRING CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, April 7, 2:30 pm in the RJC Gym** – RJC's Spring Concert will feature performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

***RJC Annual Golf Classic:** May 25. See poster for more details.

*Station Singers present **"From Billy to Brahms - Love Songs for Spring"** - Station Arts Centre Rosthern Apr 12 at 7:30 pm, and in Saskatoon Apr 14 at 7:30 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members.

***Cabin Raising Help Needed at Shekinah April 22-27. 9 am – 5 pm:** Timber Frame work is guided - no experience necessary for sanding and varnishing. Lunch and snacks will be provided. All skilled and non-skilled laborers are invited. Please call the Shekinah office at 306.945.4929 for more information and to register.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 43:16-21 (The Inclusive Bible)

Thus says YHWH, who made a road through the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who led chariots and warriors to their doom, a mighty army fallen, never to rise again, snuffed out and extinguished like a wick: “Forget the events of the past, ignore the things of long ago! Look, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth – can't you see it? I'm making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland. Wild beasts will honor me – the jackals and the ostriches - for I will put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, these people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

John 12:1-8

Six days before Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus' honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the scent of the ointment.

Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples - the one who was to betray Jesus - protested, “Why wasn't this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a year's wages, and the money been given to poor people!”

Judas didn't say this because he was concerned for poor people, but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it.

So Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won't always have me.”