

**MCC Connects:** Seeking Occupational Therapist(s) to help children & youth with disabilities reach their fullest potential -- in the beautiful province of Quang Ngai, in Central Vietnam! Join the dedicated staff of VAVA to help individuals & families, impacted by the effects of Agent Orange, learn new skills and utilize the resources they have, to meet everyday challenges. Read more at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/occupational-therapist-vietnam> and note there's flexibility around the suggested October 28, 2019 start date. Contact Erica Baerwald at 206.665.2555 for more information.

**\*We have extra Church Photo Directories for sale** at \$15 each if you would like to purchase one for extended family members. Talk to Loretta or email the church office.

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Why did the fish live at the bottom of the ocean?  
**- Because they dropped out of school.**

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**OMC CALENDAR**

- Aug 20-22 VBS, 6:00-8:00 pm each evening
- Aug 26 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- Aug 27 Centering Prayer Group meets 7:30 pm
- Aug 30 Deacons committee meeting 12:45 pm
- Sept 4 Community Connections Committee meeting 5:30 pm
- Sept 8 11:15 - Sunday School for all ages resumes.  
 Potluck at noon. Lunch group M-Z in charge.

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk      Sound: Matthew S + Micah G  
 Song leader: Ben Buhler              Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg  
 Ushers: Karl Martens, John Gascho

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# Osler Mennonite Church

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

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**August 11, 2019**

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship:** Jonah 2: 1-9

Leader: I called to the Lord out of my distress, and you answered me; out of the belly of the whale I cried and you heard my voice.

**People: You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas and the flood surrounded me; all the waves and billows passed over me.**

Leader: Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?"

**People: The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; seaweeds were wrapped around my head.**

Leader: Yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered You; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.

**People: But we, with the voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you; what we have promised, we will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!**

Invocation

**Hymns: Green/SJ #19      "I will call upon the Lord"**  
**Blue/HWB #503      "Come, O thou Traveler unknown"**

**Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me**

Children's Time – Nora Pederberg

Children's Response Song: All God's Critters (insert)

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #523** “Dear Lord, thou life of humankind”  
**Green/SJ #23** “Slowly turning, ever turning”

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 11:29-32

**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: Patty Friesen “The Conversion of Jonah?”

**Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #145** “There’s a Wideness in  
God’s Mercy” vs.1-3

Spoken Benediction: God works in surprising and unpredictable ways. God forgives us when we are self-righteous and complaining. God forgives us, receives us and loves us as we are. May we be moved to act in mercy as well. Amen.

**Sung Benediction: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” vs. 4, 5**

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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.

**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.

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

**Offering** can be e-transferred to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

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**Next Sunday, Aug 18: Zachary Stefaniuk “Feeding the 5000”**

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg      Sound: Matt S + James T  
Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky      Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Children’s Time: Jake Buhler      Ushers: Karl Martens, John Gascho

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**Patty’s Week:** Tues: sermon, visit; Wed: office, visit; Fri: a.m. office; Fri. p.m.-Sun.p.m. supervising OMCers at Ness Creek Music Festival.

**Nora’s Week:** Thurs & Fri: office.

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**Remember in Prayer:**

-This week at senior high camp: Benjamin Penner, Alex Tiessen

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Aug 25:** Patty Friesen: The Fruit of the Spirit Part 1.  
Dave Feick & Keith Boldt (with Osler Choral Society Choir) at Bethany Manor.

**Sept 1:** Patty Friesen: The Fruit of the Spirit Part 2

**Sept 8:** Patty Friesen: The Fruit of the Spirit Part 3

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OMC Vacation Bible School Fruit of the Spirit!** August 20-22 6pm-8pm. **We still need a few more volunteers.** Anyone interested please talk to Kevin, Nora, or sign up on our sign up sheet at the back of the church.

**\*Summer emergency care** - if Patty 306-260-6069 or Nora 306-260-6552 are not available, please call George 306-280-1775, Ben 306-221-0716, Loretta 306-281-2237 or Dave F 306-270-5031.

**\*Church Yard Maintenance Schedule for 2019: If the week you are assigned is not good for you, please switch with someone else.** Thanks again for your participation in helping to keep our church yard looking lovely. **For the week of Aug 14-17: Stephanie Siemens, Ian Osmond, Dan Richert, Dave & Joanne Feick.**

**\*August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm:** Anna Eileen will be performing a house concert, with ice cream, at a mysterious location near Hepburn. Anna Eileen is a singer-songwriter, pop vocalist, soprano, arts administrator, music educator, and music minister. Her influences include Joni Mitchell, Norah Jones, A Fine Frenzy, Andy Shauf, climate change, big feelings, and growing up in England and rural Saskatchewan. Her love language is cake, but ice cream will do. Directions provided on purchase of tickets from 306 252 9292, or via “Ice Cream with Anna Eileen” on facebook. Hurry before tickets run out!

Anna is a music graduate from CMU and the University of Manitoba. She currently lives in Winnipeg. She is the daughter of Mark & Jan Bigland-Pritchard.

**\*Centering Prayer Group:** The initial meeting will be at 7:30pm on **Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>** at Osler Mennonite Church. This group will meet bi-weekly. Please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested in the practice of Centering Prayer. All are welcome.

**\*Shekinah work days, Aug. 22 and 23 from 9-5.** Help really spruce the place up for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Aug. 25. Volunteers will be fed. It helps us know how much food to prepare if you reply, however, come for whatever you can whether you reply or not. Shekinah: 306-945-4929.

**\*Help Shekinah celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 25, 2019** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Bring a lawn chair and spend the day with us! We’ll start things off with an outdoor church service at 10:30 am, followed by lunch (by donation) and an afternoon of games and frivolity. Everyone welcome.

## **TODAY’S SCRIPTURES: Jonah 3:1-10**

The word of YHWH came a second time to Jonah: “Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do.”

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of YHWH. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day’s journey. He proclaimed, “Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!”

So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. Then the news reached the ruler of Nineveh, he rose from his judgment seat, took off his royal robes and dressed in sackcloth, and sat down in ashes. A decree was then proclaimed throughout Nineveh, by decree of the ruler and the ruler’s ministers, as follows: “Citizens and beasts, herds and flocks, are to taste nothing! You must not eat anything, and you must not drink any water. You must all dress in sackcloth and call on God with all your might; you must all renounce your sinful ways and the evil things you did. Who knows, maybe God will have a change of mind and relent! Perhaps God’s burning wrath will be withdrawn so that we don’t perish!”

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

## **Luke 11: 29-32**

When the crowds pressed around Jesus, he began to speak to them in these words: “This is a wicked generation! It asks for a sign, but none will be given except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah was a sign for the Ninevites, so will the Promised One be a sign for this generation.

Sheba, the ruler of the South, will rise at the Judgment along with the members of this generation, and she will condemn them. For she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, but now One greater than Solomon is here. The people of Nineveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation and condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now One greater than Jonah is here.”

## ALL GOD'S CRITTERS

**CHORUS: All God's creatures have a place in the choir,  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got  
now!**

**Listen to the top and the little birds singing  
The melody with the high notes ringin'  
The good owl sighs over everything,  
The blackbird disagrees.**

**Singin' in the night time, singin' in the day  
Little duck quacks and he's on his way  
And the otter hasn't got that much to say  
The porcupine talks to himself.**

## **CHORUS**

**The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
As the honey bee hums, the cricket fiddles  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls.**

**Listen to the bass it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks, the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to-do,  
The old cow just goes "Moo!"**

## **CHORUS**

**\*Ride for Refuge** is on October 5, 2019. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our International Witness Workers and God's amazing work throughout the world, and raise financial support for ministry around the world. Form a team today!

[For more information visit http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/Ride2019)

## **RJC NEWS:**

**\*It's not too late to apply to RJC!** If you or somebody you know is interested in attending RJC for grades 10-12 this fall, please contact Alex Tiessen ([admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca)) or call (306) 232-4222. Financial Assistance is still available, and please visit [www.rosternjuniorcollege.ca](http://www.rosternjuniorcollege.ca) for more information.

**August 20 - RJC Open Campus BBQ.** Prospective students and their families are invited to the RJC campus for a meal, lawn games, and information on the school. Campus tours begin at 5:00pm, with the BBQ to follow at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Alex Tiessen ([admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca)) or call (306) 232-4222.