

MCC Connects: How is MCC helping refugees? Are there ways that your church or small group can help? If you are interested in learning more or getting involved with refugee work, MCC can help. We offer presentations, workshops, sermons and even a refugee simulation.

To learn more please contact Mark Bigland-Pritchard at markbiglandpritchard@mccsk.ca or 306.665.2555.

OMC CALENDAR

Feb 20 Worship Committee meeting @ Terri Lynn's
Feb 21 M & S meeting, 7:00 pm; Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Feb 24 Potluck & Play Day, starting at noon.
Feb 28 Adult Choir 7:00 pm; Project Thursdays 7:00 pm
Mar 1 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
Mar 4 Ladies Heart to Heart meeting, 7:00 pm
Mar 7 Executive meeting, 5:30 pm
Mar 7 Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Mar 24 **Save the Date: Church Retreat @ Shekinah**

Worship Leader: Ian Osmond Sound: Doug McKinnell
Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Lloyd Sawatzky
Nursery: Lucy Friesen

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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

February 17, 2019

"Blessed are you who are poor."

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #81 "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"
Purple/SS #116 "I saw a tree by the riverside"

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Marlene Campbell

Loose Change Collection

Hymn: Blue/HWB #307 "Will you let me be your servant"

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Hymn: Green/SJ #94 "Blest are they"

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Response to the Gospel:

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: "An Attitude of Beatitude"

Patty Friesen

Sung Benediction: Purple/SS #115 “Beauty for brokenness”

Spoken Benediction: Go into the world doing what the Lord requires: living with kindness and justice, walking our paths humbly with God. We will find ourselves blessed. Know that ours is the kingdom of heaven, ours the strength and mercy of God, ours all the blessings given to God's beloved children. Amen.

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:

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

THIS WEEK:

- **Wednesday, Feb 20: Worship Committee meeting @ Terri Lynn's, 7:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, Feb 21: M & S meeting, 7:00pm**
- **Thursday, Feb 21: Adult Choir, 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, Feb 23: Youth Ski Trip.**

NEXT SUNDAY

February 24 – OMC's Fabulous February Frolic Potluck & Play Day. Bring skates, table games for afternoon fun after potluck.
Lunch Group A-C, with leaders Wilf and Kaytee, in charge of set-up and clean-up.

Next Sunday, Feb 24: “Sermon on the Plain” - Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Pianist: Diana Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen
Sound: Doug McKinnell Nursery: Lucy Friesen
Ushers: Cornie Guenther,

Patty's Week: Wed: office; Thurs: M & S mtg; Fri: office

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: family day; Wed: office(am), worship mtg(pm); Fri: office(am); Sat: MegaMenno Ski Day @ Table Mountain.

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Mar 3 Terri Lynn Friesen preaching
 - Mar 10 Patty Friesen preaching
 - Mar 17 Patty Friesen preaching
 - Mar 24 Church Retreat @ Shekinah (no service here)
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Remember in Prayer:

-the family of John Wall as they mourn his passing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***If all Committees could have their Council reps chosen this week** that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ben or the church office with this information. The next Council meeting is March 7 and our Congregational Chairperson would like to email out some agenda items for pondering before the meeting. Thanks!

***“Project Thursdays”:** Starting Thursday, Feb 28, 7:00-8:30 pm. Are you in the middle of a crafting project or would you like to learn to knit? People are welcome to bring their own craft project or bring needles and yarn and learn to knit. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls. Julie and Brandee are coordinators. Talk to them if you have any questions.

***Ash Wednesday, March 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper and Conversation: Let's Talk About Death - It Won't Kill Us.** Bring food to share in coffee-room. Patty will present a few things she learned at CMU with discussion around tables.

***OMC's Prayer Room:** The Deacons would like to make a space available in the church for prayer and quiet contemplation, and have **designated room #003** (the old counting room) as the Prayer Room. Centering prayer will meet here on Sundays at 9:15am; it is available after church and during the week for anyone seeking solitude or prayer. **If you have an armchair, lamp or side table you'd like to donate** to the prayer room, we would gladly take a few donations of each.

*** March 8 & 9 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions - Deepening our Walk with Christ** with guest speaker David Fitch, at Zoar Mennonite Church (Waldheim). Join us as we gather to deepen our walk through worship, discernment, and Communion. Sessions begin Friday at 7 pm, concluding at 4 pm on Sat. www.mcsask.ca for more information.

***The season of Lent is rapidly approaching.** This season is a time of reflection, fasting and prayer as we prepare for Easter. Whether you're looking for a family or adult study, a DVD series, or a book of prayers, CommonWord has something for you. Resources can be found at <http://www.commonword.ca/go/1451>.

***Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat** April 6, 9am - 4pm at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join with others as we continue the season of Lent in silence, stillness and simplicity. This retreat day creates space for us to take a break from the regular routines of everyday life to rest, renew and reconnect with the God who loves each of us. This retreat is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration information to follow.

***Regarding Submitted Photos for the Photo Directory:** There has been a misunderstanding. **IPC is charging \$12.50 for each submitted photo.** You will then receive a directory. We thought there was no cost to submit a picture but that is not the case. Loretta will be collecting the money – please make cheques payable to OMC. Please talk to her if you have any questions or concerns.

***Prayer materials for Lent: Check out the 'Grit & Grace'** purple booklets in the church entrance for a prayer and reflection guide for Lent. Written for groups, or for individual reflection. Take one home or for a friend; more copies are available.

*The bulletin for February 24th will be printed on Thursday, February 21st. Please have all announcements in to the church office before then. Thanks!

***AGM Follow-up:** Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our AGM. **Some follow-up needs are: 1-2 people needed for a potluck lunch crew.** Please talk to Loretta. **Lina Refugee Committee: 2 people needed plus \$3000.** Please designate Lina Refugee Sponsorship. Please talk to Ben.

***Tomorrow, February 18: Shekinah Retreat Centre presents Winter Fun Day 2019 from 9am-4pm.** Activities include sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, crocacurl, skating, and horse sled rides. New this year we will have a bunny hill and ice fort building activities for younger children. Admission by donation and lunch and refreshments provided. For more information contact craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org. Let's have fun this winter as a community!

***MHSS invites you to "Celebrating Our Anniversaries" at Bethany Manor, Fellowship Hall.** Friday, March 1 @ 7:30 p.m: Dr. Ted Regehr speaks on Mennonite anniversaries. Saturday, March 2 @ 9:30 a.m. AGM; 11 a.m. Victor Wiebe's presentation on Braun-Friesen Trial (1925-1929); 1:15p.m. Harris Ford on Collecting Mennonite Stories. See Poster.

YOUTH EVENTS:

****Mon, Feb 18: Shekinah Family Fun Day** - if your family isn't going and you'd like to carpool with Terri Lynn & other youth, let Terri Lynn know.

****Sat, Feb 23: MegaMenno Ski Trip to Table Mountain** - Meet at OMC @ 7:30am (carpooling from Saskatoon also an option). Snowboard/ski rentals covered by the youth fund; youth bring \$26 for lift ticket, and snacks/lunch. A driver/sponsor for OMC/WMC is needed - please contact Terri Lynn if you'd like to go.

***SAVE THE DATES –**

***Monday, March 4: Ladies Heart to Heart meeting 7:00 pm.**
Come out for a friendly match of Team Bible Jeopardy!

***Sunday, March 24 OMC Retreat @ Shekinah Retreat Centre**
(no service in Osler)
10:00 Early Bird coffee, 11:00 worship, 12:15 lunch, 1:00-3:30 Free Time, 3:30 Prayer Walk and Cabin Tour, 4:30 Weiner Roast and Singalong at Chalet fire-ring.
Suggested donation \$20/adult, Children/Youth Free. Bring table games, outdoor play clothes, instruments for fireside singalong, camp (lawn) chairs.

*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 2:30 (we do not have a venue yet). Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members. More details will follow in mid March.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: (from The Inclusive Bible)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

YHWH says:

“Cursed are those who trust in human ways, who rely on things of the flesh, whose hearts turn away from YHWH. They are like stunted vegetation in the desert with no hope in the future. It stands in stony wastes in the desert, an uninhabited land of salt.

Blessed are those who put their trust in God, with God for their hope. They are like a tree planted by the river that thrusts its roots toward the stream. When the heat comes it feels no heat; its leaves stay green. It is untroubled in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.

The human heart is more deceitful than anything else, and desperately sick – who can understand it? I, YHWH, search into the heart, I probe the mind, to give each person what their actions and conduct deserve.”

Luke 6:17-26

Coming down the mountain with them, Jesus stopped in a level area where there were a great number of disciples. A large crowd of people was with them from Jerusalem and all over Judea, to as far north as the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon – people who had come to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases, and even to be freed from unclean spirits. Indeed, the whole crowd was trying to touch Jesus, because power was coming out of him and healing them all.

Looking at the disciples, Jesus said,
“You who are poor are blessed, for the reign of God is yours.
You who hunger now are blessed, for you’ll be filled.
You who weep now are blessed, for you’ll laugh.
You are blessed when people hate you, when they scorn and insult you and spurn your name as evil because of the Chosen One.
On the day they do so, rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven, for their ancestors treated the prophets the same way.

But woe to you rich, for you are now receiving your comfort in full.
Woe to you who are full, for you’ll go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you’ll weep in your grief.
Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in the same way.”