

**MCC Connects:** The first annual Global Songs & Sweets event is just around the corner! This is a joint fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee and Rosthern Junior College. Join us at Grace Westminster Church on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm for songs and Syrian sweets. Admission is free with opportunities to donate. For more information please visit [www.mccsk.ca/global-songs](http://www.mccsk.ca/global-songs).

**Saturday, February 9 - 10 AM Cinnamon Bun Fundraiser at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.** Come taste some some delicious, freshly baked cinnamon buns and support the Impact Trip to Mexico. You will also learn about why YFBC sends short-term teams to Mexico and how longterm relationships have been developed.

### OMC CALENDAR

Feb 7 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm  
Feb 8 & 9 Picture days for OMC Photo Directory  
Feb 10 Receiving new members & Communion, 10:00 am  
Feb 14 Adult Choir, 7:00 pm  
Feb 16 Youth meet 6:30-8:30 pm  
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  
Mar 24 **Save the Date: Church Retreat @ Shekinah**

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Worship Leader: Dave Feick      Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
Song leader: Ben Buhler      Pianist: Diana Buhler  
Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Dick Braun  
Nursery: Marlene Campbell

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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

February 3, 2019

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: From Psalm 36  
Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #16    “God is here among us”**  
**Purple/SS #45    “Calm me, Lord”**

Children’s Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me  
Children’s Time: Kathy Braun

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayers of the Church  
Offering / Offertory Prayer

**Hymn: Purple/SS #49    “I will come to you in the silence”**

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:19, 26-29  
Epistle Reading: Acts 17:24-29  
Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 20-21

**Hymn: Green/SJ #104    “God moves in a mysterious way”**

Sermon: : “God is Personal” -Joe Heikman, Wildwood MC

**Sung Benediction: Green/SJ #73    “The Lord lift you up”**

Spoken Benediction: By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Let us go forth in the peace of God to love and serve God. 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.

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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.

**11:15 Mosaic Class** in Nursery across from offices - **Sermon Discussion with Joe.** All welcome.

#### **THIS WEEK:**

- **Thursday, Feb 7:** Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
- **Friday & Saturday, Feb 8 & 9: Photo Directory Picture Days: Please arrive a few minutes early for your picture appointment time.**

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**Next Sunday, Feb 10:** Receiving New Members & Communion  
Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk      Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg      Children's Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk  
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk      Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
Ushers: Dick Braun, Cornie Guenther

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, visit; Wed: office, visit; Fri: office, visit. Next Sunday: New Members and Communion;  
Feb 11-15: CMU Lectures and visiting OMC students.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Today: Sr. High Retreat; Wed: office, visit (am); Thurs: visit; Fri: office(am).

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#### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Feb 17 "The Beatitudes" - Patty Friesen  
Feb 24 "The Sermon on the Plain" - Patty Friesen  
Mar 3 Terri Lynn Friesen preaching

#### **Remember in Prayer:**

- Thanksgiving for a wonderful AGM
- Wildwood/OMC joint sponsorship of Lina Alnouris
- Thanksgiving for new births - Katerina Rae Doucette

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*We welcome Joe Heikman to the pulpit this morning. Joe pastors at Wildwood Mennonite and is married to Keri and they have two children- Sarita and Nate. Joe was our 2015 winter study speaker on Healthy Sexuality but is happy to speak about Healthy Spirituality today.

\***Erica, Robin and Nova Doucette have a new addition** to their family, a girl named **Katerina Rae**. She was born early Sunday morning January 27. They are all doing well.

\***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.

\***THIS WEEK: Church Photo Directory pictures will be taken here on February 8 & 9. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so TODAY.** If you will not be able to come to have your picture taken on those dates, please submit your own photo by **Feb 4**.

\***OMC Directory Address Update:** If there are changes to your mailing address, email address or phone numbers, please make the changes in the blue directory book next to the photo appointment sign-up sheets.

\*With joy we will receive **Brandee and Rob Borne's transfer of membership** from Nutana Park Mennonite Church on February 10.

**\*Are you interested in experiencing a week of an MDS service trip?** There are currently openings in February and March in California, Texas and Florida. Check the MDS website for more info.

**\*Calling all friends of MCC & RJC:** You are invited to join the “**Global Choir**” with RJC students for our February 10th “Global Songs & Sweets” event in Saskatoon, a joint event with MCC featuring global music, student sharing and Syrian sweets. For those interested in joining the choir, there will be a rehearsal in Rosthern (at RJC) on February 5 at 7:00 pm. Another rehearsal at 1:30 PM on February 10 at Grace Westminster United Church will allow anyone to join last-minute and learn 1 additional song just before the 2:30 event. Email Richard Janzen <[richard@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:richard@rjc.sk.ca)> to join the choir, or for more information. Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

**\*Monday, 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](mailto:craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org). Let's have fun this winter as a community!

**\* 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 Saturday, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for more information.

**\*Shekinah has an opening for casual kitchen/housekeeping help.** Most of the work is in the Timber Lodge. While the work is casual our bookings are quite full for 2019 so we expect there will be close to full time work. Hours per week will vary considerably depending on bookings. The schedule is usually known well in advance. Come work with a great team in one of the most beautiful places in Saskatchewan. For more info call Phyllis Goertz -- 306-242-8367.

**\*Sunday, February 24 – OMC’s Fabulous February Frolic Potluck & Play Day.** Bring skates, table games for afternoon fun after potluck.

**\*SAVE THE DATE - 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.

**\*Winter Walking** available at Community Hall Mondays and Thursdays 10:00-11:00 with Forever in Motion.  
Winter Walking and Parent-Supervised Children's Winter Playtime at OMC Wednesday and Friday mornings 10am - 12 noon. Please bring a separate pair of clean, non-marking shoes for use in the gym.

\*Wanted: A ball air pump for church use.

#### **YOUTH EVENTS:**

**\*\* Sat, Feb 16 - 6:30-8:30pm @ OMC** - Regular Monthly Youth Gathering

**\*\*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.

**\*Thank you to everyone who baked and cooked** frozen food for our families with new babies. Please consider cooking and freezing extra for the Buhler family and others. Can be delivered to them or put in deacons freezer in Room 007.

**\*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. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration information to follow.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:** (all are from The Inclusive Bible)

**Psalm 36:5-9**

Your love, YHWH, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your justice is like the mountains in their splendor, Your judgments like the great deep. Whether human or animal, YHWH, you keep us all in your care.

How precious is your love! Whether creatures of heaven or children of earth, we all find refuge in the shadow of your wings. We feast on the bounty of your estate, and drink from the stream of your delights. In you is the wellspring of Life, and in your light we become enlightened.

**Joel 2:19, 26-29**

YHWH will answer and say: My people- I will send you grain, new wine, and oil, enough to satisfy you completely. I will no longer allow you to be exposed to the taunts of the Nations.

You will eat your fill and be satisfied, and praise the name of YHWH your God, who has dealt wondrously with you! My people will never again be put to shame!

You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, YHWH, am your God, and there is no other. My people will never again be put to shame!

After that, I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your elders will have prophetic dreams, and your young people will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on those in servitude, women and men alike.

**Luke 17: 20-21**

The Pharisees asked Jesus when the reign of God would come.

Jesus replied, "The reign of God doesn't come in a visible way. You can't say, 'See, here it is!' or 'There it is!' No – look: the reign of God is already in your midst."

**Acts 17:24-29**

"For the God who made the world and all that is in it, the Sovereign of heaven and earth, doesn't live in sanctuaries made by human hands, and isn't served by humans, as if in need of anything. No! God is the One who gives everyone life, breath – everything. From one person God created all of humankind to inhabit the entire earth, and set the time for each nation to exist and the exact place where each nation should dwell. God did this so that human beings would seek, reach out for, and perhaps find the One who is not really far from any of us – the One in whom we live and move and have our being. As one of your poets has put it, 'We too are God's children.'

"If we are in fact children of God, then it's inexcusable to think that the Divine Nature is like an image of gold, silver or stone – an image formed by the art and thought of mortals."