

MCC Connects: MCC's Planting Peace Gathering (*April 28-May 4 2019*) Young adults (ages 18-30) will gather from around the world to spend a week learning about peacebuilding through workshops and activities – think part conference, part summer-camp for adults! The cost is only \$50 with food/accommodation provided - deadline to register is March 31st. Visit: mccab.ca/planting-peace to secure your spot!

*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.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 21 Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
 Mar 24 **Church Retreat @ Shekinah. No service @ OMC.**
 Mar 25-29 Blanket making starting at 9:00 am each day.
 Mar 25 Worship meeting 7:00 pm @ Stephanie's
 Mar 27 M & S meeting 5:15-6:15 pm
 Mar 28 Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
 Apr 3 Executive mtg 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm
 Apr 5 Deacons meeting 12:45 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

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
 Song leader: Kevin Boldt Sound: Stephanie Siemens
 Nursery: Adeline Cox Ushers: John G, Susan B

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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

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
 Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #36 “God of our strength”
Blue/HWB #558 “When the storms of life are raging”

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me
 Children's Time: Jake Buhler
 Loose Change Collection

Hymn: Blue/HWB #21 “All praise to our redeeming Lord”

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

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Ensemble: Blue/HWB #441 “I bind unto myself today”
Congregational Response: Blue/HWB #442 “Christ be with me”

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

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: "St. Patrick for Mennonites"

Patty Friesen

Sung Benediction: Green/SJ #67 "Let there be light, Lord God"

Spoken Benediction: Christ be with us. Christ within us, Christ behind us, Christ before us. Christ beside us, Christ to win us. Christ to comfort and restore us. Go in the peace of Christ and pass the peace of Christ with each other.

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.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.
- **Camp Band to meet** in Drama Room 001 at 11:00 am.

THIS WEEK:

- **Thursday, March 21:** Choral Society Practice, 7:00 pm;
Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY:

CHURCH RETREAT at SHEKINAH. No service at OMC.

Today is the last chance to sign up to attend!

Patty's Week: Mon-Thurs Edmonton, Fri. office

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: worship & youth Sunday School;
Tues: MCSK youth ministry mtg; Wed: office; Fri: office & staff lunch; Sun: church retreat at Shekinah.

March 24 Church Retreat at Shekinah:

10:00: Coffee & Cinnamon rolls; **10:45:** Gathering Hymn Sing;
11:00: Worship service - Receiving New Member Kaytee, Blessing Terri Lynn on her leave; **12:15:** Lunch; **1:15-4:30:** Afternoon Games and Hikes, Cabin Tour; **4:30** Weiner Roast and Camp Sing-a-long at the Chalet fire-ring.

Vegetarian/Vegan Church Retreaters - please contact church office for lunch option.

Suggested donation \$20/adult, Children/Youth Free. Bring table games, outdoor play clothes & skates, instruments for fireside singalong, camp (lawn) chairs.

Next Sunday, Mar 24: Third Lent: Retreat at Shekinah

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Music: OMC Camp Band

Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen

Ushers: John Gascho, Susan Braun

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 31 4th Sunday of Lent: Lisa Martens-Bartel preaching. Lisa and children and Michelle and children will be eating lunch at the Osler cafe in the reserved backroom. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

April 5 5th Sunday of Lent: "Mary of Bethany" by Patty Friesen

April 14 Palm Sunday: "Why Does God Hide?" by Patty Friesen

April 18 Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Remember in Prayer:

-our condolences to Bill and Helen Kruger on the passing of their son-in-law Tim Wiebe.

-With joy we will receive Kaytee Edwards Buhler as a new member at church retreat next Sunday.

-thanksgiving for Intergenerational Fun Sunday.

-Lara's anniversary of cancer diagnosis and recovery.

-Patrick's MDS trip to Puerto Rico dedicated to Art Zach.

-victims of the Mosque shooting in New Zealand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Today, 11:00 am: OMC Camp Band** - anyone can come for a brief Retreat Rehearsal with extra shakers, drums, accordion, ukuleles, guitars. We'll jam again at camp next Sunday before worship. Talk to Patty or Ben or Benjamin P if interested.

*Out with the old and in with the new! Our new church website is <http://oslermannonitechurch.org>
Please update your “bookmarks” on your computer and smartphone. The old website is no longer used.

***Brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday March 31, right after worship:** We need to approve our financial review.

*Tuesday, March 19, 10:30-12:30 Last OMC Curling Play-off Game @ the Granite Curling Club: Sawatzky vs. Buhler. Come cheer and stay for wonton soup.

***One more volunteer needed as a Lunch Committee Leader.**
Please speak to any member of the Nominating Committee if you are able to help out in this way.

Save the dates: Blanket Making here at OMC – March 25-29.

***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. Invitations have been sent out. If you didn't receive one and are eligible, please contact Loretta. **Please rsvp by April 7 to the church office, Patty or Loretta.**

***Friday & Saturday, March 22-23: Annual Women's Retreat** at Shekinah. Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

***Tuesday, March 26: Youth Farm Bible Camp Vereniki Supper** 5:00-7:00 pm at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

***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 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 on the bulletin board.**

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

* **“Voices Together” workshop** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saturday, June 15, 2:00 – 4:30 pm. An afternoon of worship and workshops **introducing the new hymnal**. See poster on the bulletin board for more details.

***Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation Through Grief & Loss**”: Weekend workshop, June 13-16, at Queen's House Retreat Centre. See brochure on the bulletin board for details.

***Mennonite Trust Ltd. Scholarship** - MTL is pleased to offer scholarships for Sask students who regularly attend an MC Sask congregation and are attending post-secondary Christian education. Interested applicants should submit a resume, confirmation of full-time enrollment in post-secondary Christian education, a letter of support from their church, and a 1 page paper on Christian's duty to care for widows and orphans. Applicants can send their applications to mtl@mtrust.net or drop them off at any MTL office. Scholarships application deadline is June 30, 2019. More details available at www.mtrust.net

***The website for Gathering 2019 is officially live!** Go to www.ignitegathering2019.ca for all you need to know about our gathering of our nationwide church family in Abbotsford, B.C., coming up from June 28 to July 1. This website will be updated regularly as registration and the schedule become available in the coming months. Be sure to visit and share with your church community via social media. Let's get the word out! If you have questions about information on the website, please contact the MC Communications Officer at kdsawatzky@mennonitechurch.ca.

***Shake: Rattled by the Radical, July 28- August 1, 2019 at Shekinah Summer Camp, SK** – what you need to know! **Cost: \$375/person.** Travel subsidies and sponsor discounts available before the early-bird registration deadline: **April 26, 2019.** Final registration deadline: **May 31, 2019.** Our days will include: Biblical reflection and storytelling, shared meals, activities and play, special guests, and more! Visit www.prairieyouth.ca for full details and registration.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: (from the Inclusive Bible)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. I'm talking about those whose minds are set on the things of this world.

But we have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection.

For these reasons, my sisters and brothers – you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown – continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

Luke 13:31-35

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you."

Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox, 'Today and tomorrow, I'll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I'll reach my goal.' Even with all that, I'll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings – yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God!'"