

MCC Connects: According to the UN, Cyclone Idai (which hit South Eastern Africa earlier this week) may in fact be the worst ever disaster to strike the Southern Hemisphere. MCC invites you to provide relief to people in Malawi and Mozambique who have been affected by Cyclone Idai and subsequent flooding. Please consider making a donation today by calling (306) 665-2555 or visiting mccsk.ca.

*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 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 4 Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 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: Patty Friesen Music: OMC Camp Band
 Sound: Stephanie Siemens 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 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

40th Anniversary of Sing & Rejoice and Shekinah Retreat Centre

10:00 Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls

10:45 Gathering Hymn Sing:

Give Me Joy in my Heart	S&R #28
He's Got the Whole World	S&R #34
I Have Decided	S&R #39
Kum By Yah	S&R #82
I've got Peace Like a River	S&R #90
This is the Day	S&R #118

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We confess our sin to you, and you forgive us.

People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.

All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast. In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and you uphold us.

Invocation

Songs of Praise: I will sing of the mercies S&R#42

Morning Has Broken S&R #140

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens S&R #30

Children's Gathering Song: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Terri Lynn Friesen

Blessing Terri Lynn & her Prayer Shawl: Children, Youth, Adults

Song: God's Family S&R #31

Sharing Joys and Concerns / MC SK Delegate Sharing
Prayer of the Church
Offering / Special music
Offertory Prayer

Song: There are Many Gifts S&R #70

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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!

Sharing: Kaytee Edwards Buhler

Reception of New Member Kaytee Edwards Buhler: lead by Ben Buhler

“As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church, we make this covenant with you as we renew our own covenant with God: to bear each others' burdens, to assist in times of need, to share our gifts and possessions, to forgive as Christ has forgiven us, to support each other in joy and sorrow, and in all things to work for the common good, thus making known Christ's presence among us to the glory of God. As we unite with each other now, may we all be joined with Christ, our Lord.”

Closing Song: Unity S&R #129

Benediction: In Christ there is a new creation. Everything old is gone, all is new. Go forth, embodying the ministry of reconciliation given to us by Christ.

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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: Catered lunch at 12:15. 1:15-4:30 Indoor table games and outdoor activities. 4:30-Wiener roast & Sing-a-long.

THIS WEEK:

- **Monday-Friday: Blanket making,** starting 9am each day
 - **Monday, March 25:** Worship committee meeting, 7: 00 pm at Stephanie's.
 - **Wednesday, March 27:** M & S meeting, 5:15-6:15 pm.
 - **Thursday, March 28:** Choral Society Practice, 7:00 pm; Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm.
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Patty's Week: Mon: worship meeting, Tues: sermon, visits, Wed: office, M&S; Fri. office, visits.

Next Sunday, Mar 31: Fourth Lent: Lisa Martens-Bartel preaching.
Worship Leader: Ian Osmond Songleader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Children's Time: Glen Grismer
Sound: Doug McKinnell Ushers: John Gascho, Susan Braun

UPCOMING SERVICES

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 Maunday 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:

-Matthew B's diabetes diagnosis

-Julie's dad's successful cancer surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congratulations to Shekinah on their 40th anniversary.**

\$440 pays for one counsellor for a week of ministry to campers.

\$3500 pays their wage for the summer. Other dates to remember:

Cabin Raising Help Needed 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.

-Music Camp for ages 12-17: guitar, voice, percussion August 18-23.

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

***Starting tomorrow: Blanket Making here at OMC: March 25-29, beginning at 9:00 am each day.** Everyone is welcome!

*Out with the old and in with the new! Our new church website is <http://oslermennonitechurch.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.

***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.

***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.**

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

***A Night of Song-** 200+ Singers including “The Joy of Vox”, “The Station Singers”, “The Valley Action Singers”. **Thursday, April 4,** 7:30 pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church. A fundraiser in support of Valley Action.

***Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat, April 6, 9am - 4pm** at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Inclusive Bible)

And so from now on, we don't look on anyone in terms of mere human judgment. Even if we did once regard Christ in these terms, that is not how we know Christ now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now everything is new!

All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ – and made us ministers of that reconciliation. This means that through Christ, the world was fully reconciled again to God, who didn't hold our transgressions against us, but instead entrusted us with this message of reconciliation. This makes us Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making the appeal directly through us. Therefore we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God. For our sake, God made the One who was without sin to *be* sin, so that by this means we might become the very holiness of God.