

**MCC Connects:** To prepare for the upcoming federal election the MCC Ottawa Office has put out resources to help navigate some key issues in this election season. These resources include an Election Primer with suggested questions for candidates, as well as a guide with tips for respectful dialogue on divisive issues. These resources can be found online at <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/2019-federal-election-resource>

**\*Save the Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019:** Intergenerational Community Connections Trip - Fall Pow Wow @ SaskTel Centre. We'll meet at OMC at 10:30 am for carpooling. Please let Harold or Patty know if you have room for a family.

### OMC CALENDAR

Oct 7 & every Monday: Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7pm  
Oct 8 Centering Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm  
Oct 9 Executive mtg 5:30pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm  
Oct 13 Communion during the worship service  
Oct 16 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm in Youth Room  
Oct 19 Regular Youth meeting 6:30 pm  
Oct 20 "Surviving & Thriving despite Cancer" with Dan Epp-Thiessen from CMU. Potluck at noon.  
Oct 21 Education committee meeting 7:00 pm  
Oct 22 Centering Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm  
Oct 30 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm in Youth Room

Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
Song Leader: Ben Buhler Guitarists: Ben Buhler, Matt Pederberg  
Nursery: Marlene Campbell  
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Susan Braun

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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

October 6, 2019

Prelude  
Welcome & "Welcome Song"  
Announcements

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: God of guidance, quicken your Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds so we may follow what is right.

**People: Give us direction so we may know which way to choose and which to refuse; which course to claim and which to reject; which action to take and which to avoid.**

Leader: Enlighten our minds, purify our hearts, strengthen our wills and lead us to live as faithful followers of Jesus all the days of our lives. Amen.

Invocation

**Hymns: Green/SJ #2 "Come, walk with us"**

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

Children's Time – Vanessa Stefaniuk

**Chorus: Self-control is just controlling myself, It's listening to my heart; And doing what is smart. Self-control is the very best way to go, So I think that I'll control myself.**

Offertory Prayer / Offering  
Offertory music: Ben Buhler

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymns: Green/SJ #14 "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"**  
**Blue/HWB #304 "There are many gifts"**

Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-7, Galatians 5:22,23

Serenity Prayer: Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

**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: "Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control" Patty Friesen

**Sung Benediction: Green/SJ #78 "We will walk with God" vs 1**

Spoken Benediction: Lord, on the way to self-control, when we stumble, hold us, when we fall, lift us up, when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us, when we turn from what is good, turn us back, and bring us at last to your glory. Amen.

**Sung Benediction: "We will walk with God" vs 2**

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**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.

**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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**TODAY:**

- **Centering Prayer** in Prayer Room #003 at 9:15 - 9:30 am.
- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am.

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Mon, Oct 7: Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm**
- **Tues, Oct 8: Centering Prayer Group 7:30 pm**
- **Wed, Oct 9: Executive 5:30 pm; Council 7:00 pm**

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**NEXT SUNDAY, Oct 13:** "Fruit of the Spirit: Thankfulness" and Communion by Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg      Song Leader: Ben Buhler  
Children's Time: Patty Friesen      Guitarists: Ben B, Matt P  
Sound: Steph S & Micah G      Nursery: Adeline Cox  
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Susan Braun

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

- Oct 20** Dan Epp-Thiessen, CMU Portable Seminar on "Surviving & Thriving despite Cancer (and other major life crises)".  
**Oct 27** Ryan Siemens preaching  
**Nov 3** Patty Friesen preaching
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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, visit; Wed: office, exec, council; Fri: office, visit.

**Nora's Week:** Mon: Work from home; Wed: Office, Council & Executive mtgs; Fri: MC SK mtg in Saskatoon.

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- those participating in Climate Change Rally
- delayed harvest
- upcoming elections

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*MCC's BUCKET of THANKS: Give the gift of basic hygiene supplies for people in need around the world. A list of items needed is on the table in the foyer. You may drop them off in the bucket in the foyer. Please see the poster for details on filling buckets at the MCC Centre. DEADLINE FOR BRINGING ITEMS IS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*See the Thank-you card from Shekinah for our help in donating money for Cabin #4.

**\*Monday Kids Bible and Adult Convo:** Please join us at the church on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.** Kids who would like can join Christy for a short Bible study and discussion, followed by crafts and/or play, while adults visit and bring any knitting or other projects they might like to do. Please text Christy at 306-381-9487 if you have any questions, or concerns.

**\*OMC Men's Group:** All men are invited to a time of sharing and prayer **every other Wednesday evening 7:30-8:30 pm starting on Oct 16,** in the Youth room.

**\*Adult Sunday School, 11:15-12:00:**

**Mosaic Class** in Nursery (Kevin)     **Bible class** in Room 007 (Jake)

**Christianity and Culture Class** in Room 003 (Prayer Room)

Oct 6: Self-Control and the Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous

Oct 13: John Redekkopp on Retirement

Oct 20: Dan Epp-Thiessen SS Forum on Surviving Cancer

Oct 27: Ryan Siemens, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

**- if you have a topic you would like to discuss and are willing to lead in the new year, please let John Reddekopp and/or Patty Friesen know.**

**\*THANK YOU to so many who have signed up for Coffee and Snack Time on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.** But we wouldn't want the rest of you to feel left out - there is still room for you to volunteer before the year is over!

**\*The Town of Osler Food Shelf** is requesting the following: canned protein (meat, beans, & stews), granola bars, cereal, chef Boyardee so the Community Connection Committee have put out the large collection box in the foyer in hopes of helping the food shelf!

**\* Saturday, October 19, 9:00am-4:30pm: MCSK Equipping Day "Deepening our Walk with Each Other" at RJC.** Special guest speaker Tom Yoder Neufeld. More information and registration forms are on the bulletin board. Please let Doug McKinnell know if you are interested in going. This event is open to everyone.

**\*Youth: Saturday, October 19 , 6:30pm-8:30pm:** Osler-Warman Youth Night at OMC.

**\*Youth Farm Corn Maze** Bring your family out to the Corn Maze and Petting Zoo. Open every Friday (1-8), Saturday (11-8) and Sunday (1-8) until October 27. There are pedal carts, wagon rides, pumpkins, climbing wall, jumping pillow, potato launcher, petting zoo and much more to see or do. More than just a corn maze, a 3-4 hour family adventure. More information at [www.youthfarmcornmaze.com](http://www.youthfarmcornmaze.com)

**\*Friday, October 25: Please join Mennonite Disaster Service** for the Annual Fall Supper and Information Night at 6:30 p.m. at Hague Mennonite Church (202 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hague, Saskatchewan). Come fellowship over dinner and hear stories from guest speakers, Peter and Susan Thiessen, as they recount their experiences with the Grand Forks 2018 BC Flood rebuilding and more. Call Ike at (306) 342-4344 for more information and to reserve your seat.

**\*SAVE-THE-DATE: On the evening of October 26th you are all invited to help celebrate Steph's 30th birthday at Shekinah!** It'll be a come-and-go, family-friendly event, with more details coming soon. I hope you all can make it!

**RJC NEWS:**

**\*\*We invite all alumni and supporters to join us for RJC's annual Homecoming & Fundraising Dinner on Saturday October 26th at RJC.** Doors open at 5pm with dinner and the show starting at 6pm. This year we present "Gymn Sing - A Celebration of the Music Legacy of RJC!" Live and silent auction will occur throughout the evening. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by phone 306.232.4222 or by email [office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca).

**\*\*RJC Annual Corporation Meeting:** Before heading to the gym for our GymnSing Homecoming evening, we invite all members of our constituency to attend our **annual meeting on Saturday, October 26 at 4:30pm** in the RJC Chapel.

MC SK NEWS:

**-Eigenheim Mennonite Church** is excited to welcome Rachel Wallace as our new pastor, beginning in October. Please pray for Rachel, her husband James and their two boys as they make the move from Hamilton to Rosthern and settle into life and ministry here. We are disappointed that, just weeks after approving a motion to install solar panels on our church roof, Sask Power discontinued the net metering program, rendering our decision unfeasible, at least for the time being. Pray that we will continue to search for ways to use our material resources to honour God and care for the Earth.

**-Oct 16 MC Sask is excited to welcome Doug Klassen, MC Canada's new Executive Minister,** to Saskatchewan for the week of October 16-20. There will be a **Meet & Greet** with Doug on **Wednesday, October 16, 9:30am at Bethany Manor.** This will be an opportunity to get to know him, hear his passion for the church, receive an update about the work we do through MC Canada and for Doug to learn more about MC Sask. Please RSVP to [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca). Doug will also be attending the MC Sask Continuing Education Event and Equipping Day.

**-Oct 19 MC Sask Equipping Day at RJC** 9 am - 4 pm. You are invited to come and take in workshops on topics such as **Supporting Persons Harmed and those who Harm.** In this workshop Heather Peters will guide participants through practical steps that congregations can take to support people who have experienced harm – either through being harmed or committing harm. Using a trauma-informed lens, we will apply best practices to various case studies. This workshop is presented by the Safe Church Too group – come find out who they are and what they are doing. Go to <https://mcsask.ca/equipping-day/> for details and to register

**\*Sunday, Oct 20 here at OMC: Dan Epp-Tiessen,** Associate Professor of Bible at CMU, will be here to lead us in a topical discussion on **“Surviving and Thriving despite Cancer (and other major life crises).** He will preach during the Worship service and we will have an Adult Sunday School Forum plus another session after the noon potluck.

**\*Sunday, Oct 20: Potluck at noon. Lunch group A-C,** with leaders Wilf Buhler and Kaytee Edwards Buhler, are in charge of set-up and clean-up.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: (The Inclusive Bible)** **2 Timothy 1:1-7**

From Paul, by the will of God an apostle of Christ Jesus, sent to proclaim the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 to Timothy, my dear child: may grace, mercy and peace from God the Creator and from Christ Jesus our Savior be with you. 3 I thank God, the God of my ancestors—whom I worship with a clear conscience—whenever I remember you in my prayers, as indeed I do constantly, night and day. 4 When I recall your tears, I long to see you again, which would fill me with joy. 5 I'm reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and now, I'm certain, in you as well. 6 That's why I want to remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God didn't give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, of self-discipline.

### **Galatians 5:22,23**

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against these sorts of things there is no law!