

Hello OMC Community,

August 23, 2020

Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.:

Sunday, August 23: Worship Leader: Julie Bergen Sermon: Nora Pederberg
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk; Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Dayna
Pianist: Lynette Janzen; Children's Time: Lynette Janzen;
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Anna Peters

Sunday, August 30: Sermon: Patty Friesen "How Howard Thurman's Understanding of Jesus Shaped the Civil Rights Movement" Song leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler, Michelle McKinnell Worship Leader: George Janzen Sound: Stephanie Siemens;
Pianist: Melanie Boldt; Children's Time: Jake Buhler; Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

Sunday, September 6: Alex Tiessen preaching

Sunday, September 13: Fall Kick-Off: New Member Sharing by Lois Siemens and Matthew Stefaniuk. **Bag Lunches following worship. Please bring own lawn chair and own bag lunches/drinks for churchyard.** Gym and other SS rooms for safe distance if raining.

FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE: (Doug, Louise, Bill, Karl, Patty):

We have lots of room available in the sanctuary if you are someone who wants to worship in person. **Please email the Church Office, leave Loretta a message (306-239-2133) or text 306-281-2237 if you'd like to come.** On Sunday, August 16, we are back to every Sunday at 10:00 in the sanctuary through the fall as we live-stream for worshippers at home. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help lead worship, sound, singing, children's time, ushering and preaching.

Other Church Activity

- **Deacons will be meeting with New Friends & New Members:** Tues. Aug. 25, 7:00 p.m. in Ruth and Wilf's backyard.
- **Nature Church in the Flowers of Anna's Orchard, Weds, Aug. 26, 11-11:30 a.m.** Bring scissors to take a bouquet home. Room for 7 adults - please contact Patty ahead 306-260-6069, oslermcpastor@sasktel.net
- **Deacons Zoom meeting** Sunday, Sept 6, 4:30 pm
- **Next Church Council meeting** will be **Sept. 9 @ 7.P.M.**

Executive will meet Sept 9 @ 6.P.M. Both meetings are via Zoom. All future Zoom-links for OMC meetings will be sent directly in body of e-mail for easier access.

- **Sunday School Teachers:** We are still looking for one or two youth Sunday school teachers, please email Nora if you are interested oslermcpastor2@gmail.com
- **Zoom Book Club Tues. Sept. 1, 7:00 p.m. Drop-In for a discussion on Becoming by Michelle Obama.** Bring your own questions and we'll think about the book: What is the power of someone telling their story? What is the power of Michelle Obama telling her particular story? For those who saw the Netflix documentary - how did it communicate differently than the book? Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85879215548>

Meeting ID: 858 7921 5548 or join us by phone.

**Next Zoom Book Club: Mon. Oct. 5, 7:00 Mennonite Moto by Cameron Dueck.
Link to follow.**

- **New Members:** With joy we receive Lois Siemens and Matthew Stefaniuk as membership transfers from Superb Mennonite Church **on Sunday, September 13** our "Fall Kick-Off". We have been blessed by Matthew's gifts for a long time and hope to include Lois' gifts which may be other than Sundays as she works as Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany Manor. Lois' address is 208-438 Russell Road, Saskatoon, SK S7K 6K9, pastorlois@sasktel.net, 306-370-4312.
- **Zoom Communion**, sponsored by the Deacons, **on the First Sundays of every month at 5:00 pm: September 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.** Zoom links will be put in bulletin and will be the same. Service is short and sweet at twelve minutes.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1:00 pm Zoom/Phone Bible Quiz on Biblical Eats** - link coming. We will have 2 teams of 2 (Saints and Angels). Each team will get a chance to answer and if they cannot - the question goes to the audience. Please let Patty know if you would like to be on a team. We will record and post on Facebook for others to enjoy.
- **Upcoming Deacon Events:** Sun. Oct. 18, Heather Ewen-Peters from MCC SK will be preaching about trauma healing. She will do a mid-week Zoom or video for us as well.
- **Winter Study in January** with Canadian Mennonite University Virtual Portables. Check out the options on CMU website for a variety of topics we could explore together.
- **September Newsletter submissions due by Sept 3rd.** Please consider sharing what scriptures, music, jokes, books, movies, games, outdoor activities you've been enjoying these past months.

- **Summer Kid's Catch-Up:** We are inviting all our kids to an online hangout every Wednesday 12:30pm on Zoom. Please email Nora oslermcpastor2@gmail.com if you are interested and have not already received the link!
- **Hey Kids - You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school at 9:30am.** This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.
- **Youth Summer Check-Ins:** We will be meeting as a youth group on Thursday's at 7pm. If your youth is interested and you have not yet received the zoom link, email Nora at oslermcpastor2@gmail.com
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- **Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIclNJdENXSlpBTVgxWT Fvdz09>
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- **Sunday School on Print:** Jake Buhler is sending out weekly mini lessons to members of the Adult Sunday School Bible Class. Please e-mail Jake if you would like to be on the - mail list for these lessons jakelouisebuhler@sasktel.net
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- If you have any announcement you would like included please send them in to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net by Thursday evening.

Care & Connection

***Prayers:**

- all those in hospital and those recovering from surgery or treatments.
- Teachers: Michelle (VP Prince Philip), Dan (Walter Murray), Dayna (student teaching Lloydminster), Ian (Davidson High School); bus drivers Lloyd, students and parents preparing to return,
- Diane McKinnell's family at the death of her former husband, Evan Simpson.
- Andrea Enns-Gooding's ordination at Zoar Mennonite Waldheim today at 3:30 and for the congregation as they plan to close Easter 2021.
- “Diana and I want to thank our church family for prayers and well wishes given on our behalf during my bout with Cancer. We are happy to say that doctors have given me a cancer free state of health. We Thank God !!” Diana and Ben**

***Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, deacons mtg; Weds: church; Fri: office

***Nora's Week:** Nora will be taking holidays August 24th – Sept 2nd.

Community Announcements

- **Tuesdays starting Sept. 15**, 7:00-8:00 Zoom (or whatever time suits parents) **The Artist's Way** by **Julia Cameron** led by **Tree Bird and Patty Friesen** is a 12 week creativity and spirituality study with weekly Zoom check-in/drop-in for support. Contact Tree: noirdaisie@gmail.com or Patty: oslermcpastor@sasktel.net.
- **Hello from the Shekinah Move-A-Thon Committee!** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as Bike-A-Thon) fund raiser on September 19th. It will be a virtual event and all instructions are on the attached Information Sheet (the pledge form is also attached). Please visit our website <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/move-a-thon> to REGISTER and take time to view the "inspirational" videos updated weekly which highlight examples of how you can MOVE!

A special challenge has been issued by Hamilton Fast. For every \$150.00 pledged by the early bird date of September 12th, he will ride one kilometer on his mini bike as shown in the "Race Day" video on the Shekinah website (here is a link for your convenience) <https://youtu.be/ZN0dM5BU9QM>

So let the Shekinah office know by the 12th the amount of pledges you have received. Hamilton is willing to ride up to 75 kilometres (the distance to Shekinah) putting comfort aside to raise money for Shekinah!

- **MCC Connects:** On Tuesday, August 4th an explosion impacted thousands of people living in Beirut, Lebanon. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and clean-up needs arising from this disaster. Donations made to MCC will be allocated to these relief efforts and will be matched by the Government of Canada up to a total of \$5 million. To donate please call our office at 306.665.2555 or visit mcccanada.ca/beirut-response.

May God be near to you and bless you,

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