

Hello OMC Community,

August 9, 2020

Upcoming OMC Facebook Services:

Sunday, August 16: Live Streaming! We are back in the sanctuary Sunday mornings! And also on our Facebook page.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Sermon: "The View from Under the Table and The View from the Church Mower" by Patty Friesen and Katherine Penner Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Loretta Sawatzky; Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg;

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg; Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, John Gascho

Sunday, August 9: No live service in the sanctuary but we will have Zoom Communion with Deacons and Patty (link below) at 9:30 am. Please have a cracker or piece of bread, juice or water ready. If you would like to join with telephone - please let Patty know.

Sunday, August 9, 10:00 am: Facebook video of Dayna and Matthew's wedding. Check out the written version of the wedding on our "Sermons" tab on OMC website.

OMC Zoom Account is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Communion

Time: Aug 9, 2020 09:30 AM Saskatchewan

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82177071948>

Meeting ID: 821 7707 1948

Sunday, August 23: Sermon: Nora Pederberg; Worship Leader: Julie Bergen;
Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Dayna ; Pianist: Lynette Janzen; Children's Time: tba;
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk; Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anne Peters.

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 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.

Mennonite Church Canada weekly service:

Charleswood Mennonite Church in Winnipeg will prepare worship for us this week. In Matthew 14: 22- 33, Jesus walks on the water and beckons Peter to follow him. How is the church being invited to step out of the boat and walk toward Jesus as a storm of injustice, crises and uncertainty swirls around us? Please join us as we gather to praise our Lord, who calls out to us to say, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Watch at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>.

Other Church Activity

- **Sunday School Teachers:** Education committee is in the process of planning for this Falls Sunday school programing for our kids. This means that we are in need of volunteer teachers in order to evaluate how we can best move forward. If you are interested in teaching sunday school for children or youth this fall please contact Pastor Nora at oslermcpastor2@sasktel.net
- **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=bDQ5QkhIcINJdENXSlpBTVgxWT 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:** -thankfulness for summer, -new kinds of camp,
-teachers and students preparing for going back to school

Financial Update: This is an update on our budget as of June 30, half way through our year. We are falling behind faster than years previous where we managed to be able to play catch up in final months of fiscal year. We are \$15,000.00 behind budget, which is cause for concern. Many continue to give as always through electronic and mail services. Thank you! If you are someone that does not feel comfortable coming back to church service just yet, mail service at Osler Mennonite Church Box 129, Osler, Sask. works just fine, and or call Matthew Braun to arrange for electronic deposit. Matthew's phone number is 306-239-0033. Thank you all for your support in many ways! Please accept this notice as information and an ongoing opportunity to keep our support service to young and old.

So after giving you the update on OMC's financial status, Bruno Baerg from MCC sent out a challenge to all churches to strive for a \$10,000.00 commitment. We know many of you have already sent cheques directly to MCC when we knew the annual sale could not take place. We encourage continued support for MCC and ask that if you wish to donate, that you make your cheque to Osler Mennonite Church designated to MCC. Accumulated funds will be directed to MCC office.

Covid 19 has been hard on many of our organizations. RJC, Camp Shekinah, are also needing support.

Let's do what we can and praise God for our wonderful organizations that have given us happiness in sharing with less fortunate, learning institutions, places for our children, youth and adults to experience God in a peaceful setting.

Ben Buhler, OMC chairperson

- **Patty's Week:** Sun: Zoom Communion; Tues: Worship prep at home; Wed: office, visits; Fri: office, visits.
- **Nora's Week:** Working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Note that Nora will be taking holidays August 24th - 31st.

Community Announcements

***Shekinah Retreat Centre** is looking for campground and maintenance workers: They have 2 summer job positions open for individuals aged 17-30 (this is a Canada Summer Jobs requirement). Individuals that are interested in working at Shekinah can send their resumes to craig@shekinahretreatcentre.org.

***Hello from The Shekinah Move-A-Thon Committee!** We are holding our Move-A-Thon (formerly known as the Shekinah Bike-A-Thon) fundraiser on September 19th, 2020. It will be a virtual event and all instructions are on our website. 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! Thank you.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre **thanks you** for your amazing support of our Mission:Possible summer fundraiser. To date, we have raised \$35,000 and are moving towards our summer goal of \$40,000. In related news, Ron Schellenberg has shaved his head. To support the work of Shekinah, and see Ron getting his head shaved, you can still be part of the event by going to <https://shekinah.ca/events/2020/mission-possible>. Thank you.

***MCC Connects: Call for artists!** *CREATED: A Fine Art and MCC Quilt Show and Sale* will take place Friday, September 18 to [Saturday, September 19, 2020](#). If you are an artist, we want you to be a part of this new, exciting event! This will be a fundraiser for MCC as well as an opportunity to explore the many ways that we are created and we create in turn. Submit your work at the following link to participate in this exciting event. All mediums accepted. <https://form.jotform.com/202065052086245>. More details on event specifics to follow.

**Blessing to you and yours,
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