

**MCC Connects:** We would be honoured if you would join us at the MCC Centre on **Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** for an unveiling ceremony of our Treaty Land Acknowledgment. We will assemble to consider our commitments as Treaty people, and our successes and challenges along the road of reconciliation. Afterward, as is customary in Mennonite and Indigenous community gatherings, we will celebrate with a potluck feast! Please bring a traditional dish to share. For more information, check out MCC Saskatchewan's Facebook page or contact our office at 306.665.2555.

### OMC CALENDAR

Feb 24 Kids Bible & Adult Convo  
Feb 26 Adult Bible Study 1:00-2:00 pm  
Feb 26 OMC Men's Group 7:30 pm  
Mar 1 Worship committee meeting at noon  
Mar 4,11,18,25, Apr 1: Adult Bible Study 1-2 pm  
Mar 4 Education committee meeting 7:00 pm  
Mar 7 Osler-Warman Youth night 2:30 pm in Warman  
Mar 11 Executive meeting 5:30 pm; Council meeting 7:00 pm

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Worship Leader: Ian Osmond      Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell  
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg      Nursery: Lucy Friesen  
Sound: Steph Siemens      Ushers: Cornie Guenther, Harold Loewen

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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**

**February 23, 2020**

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship  
Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #395 “Here I am, Lord”  
Green/SJ #3 “Jesus calls us here to meet him” V. 1-3**

**Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me**

Children's Time: Marlene Campbell

**Loose Change Collection**

Offertory Prayer / Offering

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #76 “Je louerai l'Eternel”**

Scripture Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5:38-48

**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!**

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #305 “Where charity and love prevail”**

Sermon: "Check your privilege" Dave Feick

**Benediction: SJ#91 "Like a mother who has borne us"**

Spoken Benediction: God of light, illumine our lives that we may see rightly, love deeply and act justly in the example of Jesus. Amen.

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**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.

**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:**

- **Beverages & Snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages** begins at 11:15 am
- **Adult Christianity & Culture SS (Room 03): Faith Formation Sharing: John R, Harold L. & Dick B.**
- **Intergenerational PIZZA LUNCH at noon TODAY.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is 11:00 am. Payment by donation.

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Mon, Feb 24, 7:00 pm: Kids Bible & Adult Convo.**
- **Wed, Feb 26, 1-2 pm: Adult Bible Study**
- **Wed, Feb 26, 7:30 pm: OMC Men's Group meeting**

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, spiritual direction, visit; Wed: office, visit; Fri: office, visit.

**Nora's Week:** Fri: office; Sat: work from Saskatoon.

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**NEXT SUNDAY: March 1 – First Sunday of Lent**

"Temptations in the Wilderness" - Pastor Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg

Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Nursery: Sarah Buhler

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Mar 8 Patty Friesen preaching

Mar 15 Alex Tiessen preaching

Mar 22 Nora Pederberg

Mar 29 Patty Friesen

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**Remember in Prayer:**

-congratulations to Keith and Merel on the birth of a baby girl, Isa Anais Boldt, on February 14.

-thanks giving for winter school break.

-Patty and Dayna at Bethany Manor today.

-Christy's recovery from broken leg.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Lent Bible Study led by George on lectionary passages for upcoming Sunday services:**

**Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1-2 p.m.** Gen.2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1-2 p.m.** Gen.12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

**Wednesday, Mar. 11, 1-2 p.m.** Exod.17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1-2 p.m.** 1 Sam.16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**Wednesday, Mar. 25, 1-2 p.m.** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**Wednesday, April 1, 1-2 p.m.** Isaiah 50:4-92; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Philipians 2:5-11; and for Easter Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:** *(from the Inclusive Bible)*

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18** 1 Yhwh told Moses to tell the entire Israelite community these things: be holy, for I, Yhwh, am holy. 9 When you reap the harvest from your fields, do not cut the grain to the very edges of the field, or gather in all the gleanings. 10 Nor are you to completely strip your vines or pick up the fallen fruit. Leave the extra grain and fruit for poor people and foreigners to gather for themselves. I am Yhwh. 11 Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not cheat your neighbor. 12 Do not swear by my name with the intent to deceive, for if you do, you profane my name. I am Yhwh. 13 Do not oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not hold back the hired hand's wages until the next day. 14 Do not insult deaf people, or put obstacles in the way of blind people. Revere Yhwh, your God. 15 Do not be corrupt in administering justice. Do not show partiality to the poor or give honor to the great. Judge your neighbor with fairness. 16 Do not go about slandering others. Do not profit by the blood of your neighbor. I am Yhwh. 17 Do not nurse hatred for a neighbor. If you are angry with your neighbor, speak frankly about it, to avoid storing up ill feelings. 18 Never seek revenge or hold a grudge toward your relatives. You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. I am Yhwh.

**Matthew 5:38-48** 38 "You've heard the commandment, 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I tell you, offer no resistance whatsoever when you're confronted with violence. When someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer the other. 40 If anyone wants to sue you for your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go two miles. 42 Give to those who beg from you. And don't turn your back on those who want to borrow from you. 43 "You have heard it said, 'Love your neighbor—but hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. 45 This will prove that you are children of God. For God makes the sun rise on bad and good alike; God's rain falls on the just and the unjust. 46 If you love those who love you, what merit is there in that? Don't tax collectors do as much? 47 And if you greet only your sisters and brothers, what is so praiseworthy about that? Don't Gentiles do as much? 48 Therefore be perfect, as Abba God in heaven is perfect.

**\*2020 OMC Directory** is now in your church mailbox. **PLEASE ADD** Jadrian's cell number: 306-371-9187.

**\*Love Meals for Keith and Merel:** Keith and Merel had a baby girl! and we would like to support them by bringing meals. Anything is good for them, stews, casseroles, noodles (the girls love noodles), meat or meatless, whatever we want to make is good, fresh or frozen. Contact Kaytee Edwards Buhler for more details.

**\*If you have an MCC 100 story to share in worship** of what it means to your faith and life to boiling verenika at the MCC Sale or tie comforter knots or buy fair-trade or sponsor refugees - please let Patty know.

**\*Adult Sunday School - Christianity & Culture, Room 03:**  
**Feb 23-Apr 5 - Lent Series: Faith Formation Sharing** with 1-3 Objects (from the past or present) that have helped shape your faith. Please sign up on the classroom door for 2 sharers per class or email Patty at [oslermcpastor@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermcpastor@sasktel.net)  
February 23 - John Reddekopp, Harold Loewen and Dick Braun  
March 1 - Patty Friesen and ?

**\*Save the Date: March 23-27 - Blanket making** for MCC

**\*Thinking of baptism or joining OMC?** Easter April 12 is a good opportunity as is Church Picnic June 14. Please let Nora, Patty or a deacon know your desires.

**\*A Silent Lenten Prayer Retreat, sponsored by MC SK Spirituality Resource Team, on February 29, 9:00 am-3:30 pm at the Ancient Spirals Retreat Centre.** See poster on the bulletin board for registration details.

**\*MC SK Annual Delegate Sessions March 13 & 14** at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Online registrations are available at <https://mcsask.ca/2020-mc-sask-annual-delegate-sessions/> or paper copies are on the bulletin board. **If you are interested in going, please let Doug M know.**

**\*Sat, Feb 29, 1-4 pm**, at Nutana Park Mennonite Church: **"In This Together" Network workshop.** "In This Together" is an Anabaptist LGBTQ+ network seeking to build on connections and conversations across Mennonite Church Canada, with a vision of building safer Anabaptist communities together across the country. To this end, you are invited to an afternoon workshop/brainstorming session to discuss what a national network connecting and resourcing Anabaptist communities regarding LGBTQ+ matters might look like. We'll include a time to name the things you need, to share what you hope we could do together, and to offer resources you have to share. While the primary gathering is happening in Ontario, this SK group will gather our input to contribute to the larger conversation. RSVPs are helpful but not necessary; talk to Joe Heikman for more details. 306-373-2126

**\*RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy Presentation & Reception at Bethany Manor on Thursday, March 5, 7:00 pm.**

Founded in 1905, RJC is celebrating 115 years! **Join us at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon to learn more about the RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth.** There will be a presentation by Principal Ryan Wood at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Centre, followed by a performance from the RJC Singers. We will close the evening with a reception including coffee, drinks, and sweets provided by the RJC kitchen. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) if you are planning to attend.

**\*Youth: Osler/ Warman Youth Night, March 7th** will be hosted by Warman. After discussing with the youth we thought it'd be good to serve in our communities so we will start our day by volunteering at the Warman Thrift Shop. Please meet there at 2:30pm. At 4pm we will make our way to Warman Mennonite for some pizza, reflection and games. Pickup will be at 6pm. Please let Nora know if you can make it so we can have an idea for numbers. Friends are always welcome!

**MY LITTLE PLASTIC JESUS returns March 5-6 in Saskatoon**  
Burnt Thicket Theatre is taking MY LITTLE PLASTIC JESUS on tour to living rooms across SK & AB March 5-15. This new comedy urges Christians to reflect on how we engage with culture and invites those who think they're done with Jesus to hear his voice. "We all have baggage, mine just has a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker on it." In this one-man house concert style show, Tim Bratton unpacks his upbringing in evangelical pop culture, examining its folly and redeeming its faith from a posture of critical loyalty, offering challenge and hope. From the producers of Every Brilliant Thing and She Has a Name. March 5-6 in Saskatoon; tickets, trailer & living room locations at [MyLittlePlasticJesus.com](http://MyLittlePlasticJesus.com).

**\*RJC Choirs & Cakes - March 15 @ 7:00pm, RJC**

**Auditorium.** Come for an evening of desserts and choral music as we auction off cakes in support of Rosthern Junior College. Featuring performances by Coro Nova, RJC ManChoir, & RJC Singers. Tickets not required. Rush seating. Call (306) 232-4222 if you have any questions.

**\*Mennonite Church Canada** announces the launch of new websites for its five regional churches and for the nationwide church. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is now: <https://www.mcsask.ca>

**\*Wet'suwet'en & Crown Conflict: Resources for Understanding**

Over the last weeks, the eyes of Canadians have turned to Wet'suwet'en territory in north-central British Columbia as the Crown, RCMP and Coastal Gaslink have sought to remove Indigenous land defenders from their homelands in order to continue work on a natural gas pipeline. Many in the church have questions about how to understand the situation. Below is a link to a list of resources—news articles, videos, church statements, technical reports, books and more—that have been assembled by Steve Heinrichs, Indigenous-Settler Relations Director of Mennonite Church Canada. Use these resources for study - to help facilitate further and perhaps different questions, encourage prayer... and maybe even acts of solidarity. It is by no means exhaustive, and the content varies in substance and the ways in which it narrates the various relationships. Nonetheless, we hope it will serve to open compassionate conversation and deeper comprehension.

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