

Hello OMC Community,

June 21, 2020

**Worship Services:**

- **This Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Please join us on our Facebook page for our online service. Patty will be speaking on “The Reward of Relationships”. We will receive the Bird Family as Friends of OMC.
- For our alternate Casual Sundays (every other week) we are happy to collect videos of people sharing children's stories, art lessons, musical or scriptural reflections for our Facebook page. Please contact Dan Richert for how best to submit these
- **Upcoming Facebook Services:**

There will be no service on Facebook June 28. Please check out [mennonitechurchca.org](http://mennonitechurchca.org).

**July 5** - "I will give you rest" Sermon: Patty Friesen, Song leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Kathryn Janzen, Piano: Naomi Schellenberg, Children: Lynette Janzen, Sound: Stephanie Siemens

**July 12** - Sermon: Julie Bergen; Worship leader: Nora Pederberg; Song leaders: Dayna Goerzen, Ben Buhler; Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

**July 19** - The Sower - Sermon: Patty Friesen, Song leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Kathryn Janzen, Piano: Naomi Schellenberg, Children: Lynette Janzen, Sound: Stephanie Siemens

**July 26** - No Service

**\*June 21 - 11:30 am Semi-Annual Zoom.** This year's semi annual meeting will take place virtually over zoom. To be sure all are able to get onto zoom I will set up a meeting Saturday June 19 at 2:00 in the afternoon. Please email me at [dmckinnell@sasktel.net](mailto:dmckinnell@sasktel.net) requesting an invitation to that meeting. This trial run is intended only for those who have not used zoom before. For the actual meeting on Sunday at 11:30 please attach to zoom using the link below. Thanks, Doug.

**\*To Join Zoom Meeting on June 21:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87856848096?pwd=dkhQc2hyd0FwTmU4b3plL1BxaHpoZz09>

Meeting ID: 878 5684 8096 (if needed)

Password: 471353 (if needed)

**\*Dick and Kathy Braun will be serving on a board for supporting MC Canada's work in Bolivia.** We will hear about this work and bless their work on the board with the following blessing from #795 HWB at Semi-annual Zoom:

**All: In company with your faithful people in every age, you have called out those with gifts for your service, O God. Fill Kathy and Dick with the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit as they carry out the church's ministry through Mennonite Church Canada. Amen.**

**\*All Sunday School Classes are cancelled on Sunday June 21st for Semi-Annual Meeting.**

**\*Notice of Committee name change:** Missions and Service Committee has given Church Council notice to have the name of the committee changed to better reflect the work that is done by this committee. Church council is recommending to the congregation that **the name be changed to “Community Connections.”** This change of committee name needs a 2/3 majority vote, which will be voted on June 21 at our semi-annual meeting via Zoom. You will be, or have already gotten an invite to join via Zoom. If you cannot attend the Zoom meeting, you are welcome to email the church office with your vote @ [oslermcoffice@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermcoffice@sasktel.net) Ben Buhler, OMC Chairperson

- If you have any announcement you would like included please send them in to [oslermcoffice@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermcoffice@sasktel.net) by Thursday evening.

### **Other Church Activity**

- **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](mailto:oslermcpastor2@gmail.com) if you are interested and have not already received the link!
- **Vacation Bible School:** This year OMC will not be hosting a VBS program. However, we have checked out this at home VBS household resource from Illustrated Ministry! Education team is happy to reimburse families for the at home registration fee involved. More information and registration can be found following this link [https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/new-arrivals/products/compassion-camp-family-edition?ck\\_subscriber\\_id=233663276](https://store.illustratedministry.com/collections/new-arrivals/products/compassion-camp-family-edition?ck_subscriber_id=233663276)

### **Good News!! – Re-Opening Guidelines for the weeks ahead:**

- 1. By invitation only for those without internet or Facebook. Present also will be worship team and some from the re-opening committee to serve as ushers to direct and greeters to check off names for contact tracing.
- 2. Attendees need to park one space between each other and enter and leave 2 minutes apart. We will require face masks and encourage folks to bring their own hymnals and worship resources (we will have masks and resources available for those who forget). Hymnals in pews are OK if left for a week between services.
- 3. Doug, Bill and Patty will duct tape directional arrows from front door to left sanctuary doors and into pews and out of pews and out right sanctuary and out back doors. We will rope off front pews for worship folks and mark other pews that are at safe distance. We will create signage for washroom access - one at a time with sanitization instructions in washrooms. The nursery and balcony are deemed "especially safe places - please reserve with office).
- **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](mailto:churchengagement@mcsask.ca).

- **Youth Summer Check-Ins:** We will be meeting as a youth group on Thursday's at 7pm starting on July 2nd. If your youth is interested and you have not yet received the zoom link, email Nora at [oslermcpastor2@gmail.com](mailto:oslermcpastor2@gmail.com)
- **There will be no Mosaic class Sunday June 21st** to make room for the semi-annual meeting. Mosaic class will resume the following week Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>
- **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](mailto:jakelouisebuhler@sasktel.net)

### Care & Connection

**Prayers:** -beautiful rain, -end of online school and a good summer for students and teachers, -ongoing work of education and dismantling systemic racism; -healing for Quentin Friesen, Mary Ann Braun's brother, who received a pace maker.

- Matthew B will be sending donation reports of giving to date after our semi annual meeting.
- We are having a **wedding card shower for Dayna and Matthew**. Please mail a card anytime to 1601 Ruth St. East, Saskatoon, S7J 0L7 or email to [dayna8@live.ca](mailto:dayna8@live.ca).
- **Birthday card shower for Susan Bueckert's 95th birthday on July 15**, Box 164, Osler, S0K 3A0. E-mail [dhbueckert@sasktel.net](mailto:dhbueckert@sasktel.net) . You may start mailing cards now. There may be a drive-by birthday wave on the farm as well. Stay tuned for details.
- **Birthday card can be mailed to Margaret Boldt for her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 25**. 307-1010 Ruth St, Saskatoon, SK S7J 4M9 or [mardenboldt@gmail.com](mailto:mardenboldt@gmail.com)
- **Patty's Week:** Tues. home sermon prep, spiritual direction, chaplains support; Weds. church, visit; Fri. church, visit.  
**Nora's Week:** This week Nora is working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. She will be taking off June 28 - July 5 from all emails and calls.

### Community Announcements

- **Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser, June 28.** Under the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shekinah Retreat Centre needs extra help. On Sunday, June 28, we are holding a virtual fundraiser. There will be updates on our financial situation, what's currently happening, and our plans for the future. There will also be "meet your board members", interviews on how Shekinah has - and continues to - impacted people's lives, music and songs, and the annual State-Of-Shekinah address. If certain fundraising goals are met, someone may also lose their head ... or, at least, their hair. Please check out [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org) for more information.

- **14th Annual RJC Golf Classic** - RJC invites you to participate in an 18-hole round of scramble at any course in support of the school from **June 8-30**. This event will include an online silent auction and prizes. Visit [rjc.sk.ca/golf](http://rjc.sk.ca/golf) for more information and rules.
- **RJC Graduation Exercises - Sunday, June 21**. A virtual baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00am, followed by a virtual graduation ceremony at 2:00pm. Decade grads are encouraged to connect with their classes virtually or in a way that adheres to provincial physical distancing rules. Visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) for links, information, and updates.
- **MCC World Refuge Day online event**. June 20 is **World Refugee Day**, a day when we remember the more than 70 million people around the world have been forced to flee their home because of the threat of violence. Normally Mennonite Central Committee is involved in events across Canada to remember those who have been forced to flee, to honour the resilience of refugees, to celebrate the successes. This year because public events are restricted, we cannot do that. But we do want to offer a chance to gather together with for about an hour virtually across Canada. Some of the things we hope to do are: - Meet the incredible team from across Canada who work with you on refugee sponsorship; -Hear from MCC leadership on MCC's vision for working with "people on the move" in our centennial year and beyond; -Hear from our public health expert in MCC about what is happening globally and what we can welcome refugees again; - Hear from sponsors like you from across Canada on their experience.

The meeting will be on Zoom beginning at: **Saturday 20 June**, 2:00 pm Saskatchewan & Alberta. Here is the information on the video link: Topic: [World Refugee Day](#)

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or**

**Android:** <https://mcc.zoom.us/j/98504627597?pwd=MUU0b1JaU3dxdTBFBsS9ZUmVmWU0xdz09> Password: **342293**

Or by Telephone: Dial: +1 669 900 6833 (US) or +1 647 558 0588 (Canada) Meeting ID: 985 0462 7597 Password: 342293 Or iPhone one-tap: 16699006833,98504627597# (US) or 16475580588,98504627597# (Canada)

- **MCC Connects:** Although we were not able to gather together at the MCC Saskatchewan Relief Sale this year, there are still opportunities for you to support the work of MCC. Thanks to the creativity of our Relief Sale Committee we were able to move our plant sale online! Available plants can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2URkpug> and pre-orders can be made by calling Phyllis Goertz at 306-242-8367. Plants will be ready for pick-up on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Mennonite Church between 1-5pm.

**Blessings to you and yours,**

**Loretta Sawatzky, Administrative Assistant      Osler Mennonite Church, Osler, SK**