

Hello OMC Community,

June 28, 2020

Worship Services:

- **This Sunday, June 28th** There will be no service on OMC Facebook this Sunday. Please check out <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/worshipservices>
- For our alternate Casual Sundays (once a month) 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:**
 - July 5** - "I will give you rest" Sermon: Patty Friesen; Worship leader: George Janzen; 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

FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE:

Hi all. For those who could not attend the Semi Annual meeting on June 20, here is some background. On June 19, we had 8 additional people in church for the taping of the service. The re-open committee has set up a configuration of seating to keep people 2M apart and all attending MUST wear masks. After the taping we had a discussion with both the worship team and the re-open committee. The result is that we are going to add additional people slowly starting with an additional 10 people for the taping Saturday, July 4. This is above the 6-8 people who are not able to watch on Facebook. They would be allowed at each taping. Loretta will keep a list of all who want to attend. The first 10 who call or email with all the names in their group will be invited for the July 4th taping. After that taping, the next 10 on the list would be invited for the next taping. The list would grow as more asked to attend and Loretta would simply take the next 10 and when she reached the bottom of the list, take the rest from the top of the list. **So to get your names on the list please phone or email Loretta.** She will contact you the Wednesday before the taping/service to see if you want to come. This is necessary because the ushers need to have a list of all who are attending and check off the names when they arrive. I am not sure how long this will be required but until we all can attend as we once did, we will try to design ways to keep people physically apart and safe and slowly increase the numbers that can attend.

As soon as is safely possible, we will return to having our worship services on Sunday morning and will continue to live-stream on our Facebook page. We will still have to restrict the number of people attending. These guidelines are continually evolving and we will keep you updated as they do. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Thanks, Re-opening Committee

****The Re-Opening Committee at OMC** is applying the rules and recommendations set out by the Government of Saskatchewan in how we move forward in opening the church. However, there is room for interpretation and it would be really helpful to know what the OMC Community is thinking. The survey is quick and anonymous. If you would like a paper copy of the survey please ask Karl Martens.

Please fill out this quick anonymous survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3P2KBYH>

Other Church Activity

- **Friendship Inn:**

OMC regularly supports the Friendship Inn by serving meals every second month. COVID-19 has limited our ability to serve in person and the Friendship Inn is no longer able to accept food donations at their door. They continue to serve the community and still require financial support. We would like to make a donation to the Friendship Inn for their July 18th serving.

This would have been our next date that we would have served in person. The Friendship Inn estimates their cost per meal at \$2500-\$3500 where they serve between 500-700 people. The Friendship will appreciate any support we can provide at this time. We look forward to updating you all on how much OMC can raise for July 18th!

Please send your donation via e transfer or check directly to the church treasurer with a note designating your gift to "Friendship Inn" by July 14th.

- **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!
- **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
- **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 starting on July 2nd. If your youth is interested and you have not yet received the zoom link, email Nora at oslermcpastor2@gmail.com
- **Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am we will be holding a Zoom class. The password is: Mosaic Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIcINJdENXSlpBTVgxWT Fvdz09>
- **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
- If you have any announcement you would like included please send them in to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net by Thursday evening.

Care & Connection

Prayers: -a restful restorative summer for all,

-Harold's recovery of broken foot

-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.
- **Birthday card shower for Susan Bueckert's 95th birthday on July 15**, Box 164, Osler, S0K 3A0. E-mail 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.
- **Patty's Week:** Sun-Thurs. off; Fri. church office; Sat. recording.
Holidays: July 7-9 Waskiesu, July 19-26 Wolf Willow Winery, July 26-Aug. 3 AB to see Mom and doing Dayna and Matthew's wedding. Please call George for emergencies 306-280-1775. I will check my cell.
- **Patty's Semi-Annual Pastor's Report:** I have been focussed on pastoral care to elders living alone and other vulnerable folks while doing more admin work with shut-down and re-opening and managing Facebook and trying not to infect the worship team with my own anxiety while trying to say something meaningful:).
- **Nora's Week:** Nora is taking this week off from all emails & phone 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 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 for more information and rules.
- **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 27th at Wildwood Mennonite Church between 1-5pm.

Blessings to you and yours,

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