

**MCC Connects:** Bring a lunch and join us on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to hear stories celebrating almost 20 years of MCC's support of Low German speaking Mennonites with a designated liaison. From 12:00-1:30pm at the MCC Centre we will hear from Leonard Doell, Dick Braun, and former MCC Alberta Executive Director Abe Janzen as they share about their work with Low German speaking Mennonites in Saskatchewan, in Canada and around the world.

### OMC CALENDAR

Mar 1 Worship committee meeting at noon  
Mar 2 Education committee meeting 1:00 pm  
Mar 4,11,18,25, Apr 1: Adult Bible Study 1-2 pm  
Mar 7 Osler-Warman Youth 2:30 pm in Warman  
Mar 11 Executive meeting 5:30 pm; Council meeting 7:00 pm  
Mar 11 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm  
Mar 15 Intergenerational Pizza Lunch @ noon  
Mar 15 Community Connections Committee meeting @ noon  
Mar 16 Kids Bible 7:00 pm?  
Mar 20 Deacons Committee meeting 1:45 pm  
Mar 22 OMC Mentorship Event  
Mar 23-27 Blanket making, starting at 9:00am each day  
Mar 25 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm  
Mar 28 Osler-Warman Youth night @ OMC 6:30-8:30 pm

Worship Leader: George Janzen      Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg      Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
Sound: Steph Siemens      Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

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# Osler Mennonite Church

A Welcoming Community for Peace  
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 1, 2020

*Lent 1: Show us your hiding place in the thick of temptation*

Welcome / Announcements

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

**People: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

**People: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

**All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.**

Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #521 “Come Thou Fount”**

**Blue/HWB #530 “What wondrous love” verses 1-3**

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

Children's Time: Nora Pederberg

Offertory Prayer / Offering

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #553 “I am weak and I need thy strength”**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

**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!**

**Confession:**

Leader: God calls to us, “Where are you?”

**People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden.**

Leader: God asks, “What have you done?”

**People: We, like Eve, say, “The devil made me do it,” masking our shame.**

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God’s grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin. When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. (Silence)**

**Assurance of Pardon:** *(from Psalm 32)*

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven. How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God will not take into account. God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble. God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation and songs of deliverance.

**Hymn: Purple/SS #36 “Jesus tempted in the desert”**

Sermon: “Temptations in the Wilderness” Patty Friesen

**Sung Benediction: Purple/SS #49 “I will come to you in the silence” verses 1-3**

Spoken Benediction: May God remind you of your belovedness. May Christ be by your side in times of struggle. May the Spirit guide you back to the path when you are tempted. Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Sung Benediction: “I will come to you in the silence” verse 4**

**To all our visitors: WELCOME.** We are delighted that you are worshiping 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) at 11:15 am:**  
**Faith Formation Sharing: Patty & John R**
- **Worship Committee meeting at noon.**

**THIS WEEK:**

- **Mon, Mar 2, 1:00 pm: Education Committee meeting**
- **Wed, Mar 4, 1-2 pm: Adult Bible Study**
- **Sat, Mar 7, 2:30 pm: Youth volunteer at the Thrift Store**

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**Patty’s Week:** Mon: Education meeting; Tues: sermon, visit; Wed: office, Bible study; Fri: office, visit.

**Nora’s Week:** Mon: In Office, Education Meeting; Wed: In Office; Sat: Youth Event in Warman.

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**NEXT SUNDAY: March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent**

“Nicodemus’ Faith Formation” - Pastor Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg

Children’s Time: Jake Buhler      Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky      Pianist: Melanie Boldt

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Mar 15 Alex Tiessen preaching

Mar 22 Nora Pederberg preaching

Mar 29 Patty Friesen preaching

Apr 5 Palm Sunday. Patty Friesen preaching

Apr 9 Maundy Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 p.m.

### **Remember in Prayer:**

-those dealing with health issues

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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; Philippians 2:5-11; and for Easter Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

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

\*Check out OMC's MCC 100 write-up with photos on the Canadian Mennonite web-site - "Sharing Stories that spell MCC".

**\*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)  
March 1 - Patty Friesen and John R

**\*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.

**\*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.

### **March Youth Events:**

**--March 7<sup>th</sup> Osler/ Warman Youth Event** 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 welcome!

**--March 22nd 6:30-8:30pm Youth- Mentorship Event at OMC**

**--March 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm:** Osler-Warman Youth Night at OMC. Our regular Osler-Warman Youth night (games, snack, discussion, prayer). We will be continuing our look at the Minor Prophets.

**\*RJC will be hosting an event at Bethany Manor next Thursday, March 5, and you are invited to join us!**

Our visit is part of our RJC 115 celebrations and will feature a presentation of our *RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth* along with a performance by the RJC Singers. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM in the Fellow Centre, and will end with a reception including coffee, drinks, and sweets provided by the RJC kitchen. Everyone is invited! Please RSVP by replying to this email if you are planning to attend. A link to the event on our Facebook page is listed below:

[RJC 115 Presentation & Singers Performance at Bethany Manor](#)

**\*MHSS - March 6 @ 7:30 p.m. at Bethany Manor;** "Bolivian Low German Speaking Mennonites" presentation by Abe Janzen. March 7 @ 9:30 a.m. MHSS AGM meeting; 11:00 a.m. "Low German Mennonites of Canada" by Abe Janzen; 1 p.m. interviewing Senior Mennonites by Harris Ford, and Dick and Kathy Braun's visit to Brazil, re: Rev Johann Wall, Old Colony Minister, visit to Brazil 100 years ago.

**\*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.**

**\*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>

**\*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.

**\*Cora Nova Spring Concert, March 28, 7:00 pm at Knox United Church.** Growing from choral experiences in RJC, Sonrisa and A Bunch of Guys, this new choir continues to sing in community. Please join us for an evening of song.

**\*Save the Dates:**

- MCC Blanket making** March 23-27, starting at 9:00 am each day.
- Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion**, April 9, 6:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service**, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Brunch**, April 12, 11:00 a.m.
- **Seniors' Appreciation Pizza Supper at Bethany Place Basement Family Room** on Sunday. April 26, 5:00 p.m. Come to 110 LaRonge Rd door for directions. Stories with Wilf and Singing with Patty. Bring Table Games if interested. Ping pong available. Please park on Pinehouse and enter Bethany Place door by MediClinic and take elevator to basement. Someone will let you in.

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

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. 3 Then the tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread." 4 Jesus replied, "Scripture has it, 'We live not on bread alone but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple 6 and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered, "Scripture also says, 'Do not put God to the test.'" 8 The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, 9 promising, "All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me." 10 At this, Jesus said to the Devil, "Away with you, Satan! Scripture says, 'You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.'" 11 At that the Devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.