

MCC Connects: MCC is excited to introduce a Centennial webinar for donors and supporters. This is a great opportunity to ‘meet’ (virtually) with reps from three of our key Centennial project locations: Lebanon, DR Congo and Chad. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to join other supporters from across the country! This will take place Wednesday, April 15 at 11am CST. Stay tuned for more information or call the office to learn more at 306.665.2555.

***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.

***MCC Blanket making** March 23-27, starting at 9:00 am each day.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 15 Community Connections Committee meeting @ noon
Mar 18,25 Contemplative Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm
Mar 20 Deacons Committee meeting 1:45 pm
Mar 22 OMC Mentorship Event 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 23-27 Blanket making, starting at 9:00am each day
Mar 28 Osler-Warman Youth night @ OMC 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 29 Worship committee meeting at noon

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell
Pianist: Lynette Janzen Nursery: Lucy Friesen
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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 15, 2020

Lent 3: Show us the Rock of our Salvation from which comes living water

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let’s sing out loud to the Lord!

People: Let’s raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.

People: We bring our questions, our complaints, to the Rock of our Salvation.

Leader: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.

People: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.

All: Let’s raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

Invocation

**Hymns: Blue/HWB #338 “I know not why God's wondrous love”
Blue/HWB #511 “God who touches earth with beauty”**

Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk

Offertory Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #515 “Jesus, Rock of Ages”

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

***Artist Acknowledgements:** Lobby Scripture Banner calligraphy by Lois Siemens. Altar Candelabras from repurposed metal by Howard Boldt. We are thankful for the gifts of visual artists in worship. If you have a piece to share or know of a piece - please let worship committee 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

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

March Youth Events:

--March 22nd 6:30-8:30pm Youth- Mentorship Event at OMC
Naomi Schellenberg has kindly agreed to put on this next event and I couldn't be more excited!! Here are the details:

What: Pirate Theme Murder Mystery Night!!

When: Sunday March 22nd 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Osler Mennonite Church

Who: All Youth, Youth Sunday School Teachers, & Mentors are invited!

Please let Naomi know by Friday March 13th if you are able to attend so that we can have an idea for numbers and give you time to bring along any props and costumes that you want to add to your character! We hope you can make it out, it is going to be amazing!

--Mar 28th 6:30pm-8:30pm: Osler-Warman Youth Night at OMC.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 29 "Lazarus Unbound" by Patty Friesen

Apr 5 Palm Sunday. "The Path of Humility" by Patty Friesen

Apr 9 Maundy Thursday Potluck & Communion 6:00 p.m.
Lunch group M-Z (leaders Sandra & Torben) in charge.

Apr 10 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Apr 12 Easter Sunday. "Don't Explain It" by Patty Friesen.
Membership transfer: Alex Tiessen. **Brunch 11:00 am**
Lunch group A-C (leaders Wilf & Kaytee) in charge.

Apr 19 "Trauma Care" by Heather Peters, MCC SK

Apr 26 "Our MCC Vietnam Experience" by Louise Buhler

Remember in Prayer:

-a meaningful Lent

-those recovering in health

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Adult Easter choir will begin practicing on Sunday March 22** at 9:00 am. The choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

***Lina refugee sponsorship needs.** Lina and family could arrive in Canada as early as end of March. We are looking for furnishings and housewares for the family of six. Please check the bulletin board for the complete list and post your name with the donated item(s). Small items can be left at the church but we encourage large items be kept at your home until further notice. This is an exciting time for the current Al Nouri family we welcomed in 2018, the additional Al Nouri family coming soon and OMC as their sponsors! Thank you for your support.

***RJC Choirs & Cakes -** Due to concerns over the coronavirus RJC **has postponed the Choirs & Cakes event scheduled for this Sunday.** We are monitoring the situation closely and hope to host the event at a later date. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

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

Exodus 17:1-7

The Israelites left the desert of Syn to travel by stages, as Yhwh had directed them. They camped at Rephidim, but found no drinking water. 2 Again they turned on Moses, saying, "Give us drinking water." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Yhwh?" 3 But the people were thirsty, and complained even more to Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt only to make us and our children and our livestock die of thirst?" 4 Moses appealed to Yhwh. "What am I to do with these people? They are ready to stone me!" 5 Yhwh answered Moses, "Take some of the elders and move to the front of the people. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile. Go! 6 I will wait for you there by the rock of Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders. 7 Moses named the place Massah, which means "Testing," and Meribah, which means "Quarreling," for the Israelites tested Yhwh when they said, "Is Yhwh with us or not?"

John 4:5-42

5 He stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, 6 and Jacob's Well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. 9 The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?"—since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water." 11 "If you please," she challenged Jesus, "you don't have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'?" 12 Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?" 13 Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. 14 But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life." 15 The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I won't grow thirsty and have to keep coming all the way here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and then come back here." 17 "I don't have a husband," replied the woman. "You're right—you don't have a husband!" Jesus exclaimed. 18 "The fact is, you've had five, and the man you're living with now is not your husband. So what you've said is quite true." 19 "I can see you're a prophet," answered the woman. 20 "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where God ought to be worshiped." 21 Jesus told her, "Believe me, the hour is coming when you'll worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You people worship what you don't understand; we worship what we do understand—after all, salvation is from the Jewish people. 23 Yet the hour is coming—and is already here—when real worshipers will worship Abba God in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers whom Abba God seeks. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah—the Anointed One—is coming and will tell us everything." 26 Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am the Messiah." 27 The disciples, returning at this point, were shocked to find Jesus having a private conversation with a woman. But no one dared to ask, "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" 28 The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see someone who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Messiah?" 30 At that, everyone set out from town to meet Jesus. 33 At this, the disciples said to one another, "Do you think someone has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus explained to them, "Doing the will of the One who sent me and bringing this work to completion is my food. 35 Don't you have a saying, 'Four months more and it will be harvest time'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields—they're ripe and ready for harvest! 36 Reapers are already collecting their wages; they're gathering fruit for eternal life, and sower and reaper will rejoice together. 37 So the saying is true: 'One person sows; another reaps.' 38 I have sent you to reap what you haven't worked for. Others have done the work, and you've come upon the fruits of their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman's testimony—that "he told me everything I ever did." 40 The result was that, when these Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So Jesus stayed there two days, 41 and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. 42 They told the woman, "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We've heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the savior of the world."