

MCC Connects: Calling all artisans! If you are an artisan and would like to showcase and sell your creative pieces, we invite you to be a part of this year's Relief Sale – scheduled to take place at Prairieland Park on June 12 & 13. Artisans have the opportunity to purchase a table for \$100 (which will be directed to MCC's fundraising efforts) and showcase/sell your work to over 1,000 people! For more information call the office at 306.665.2555 or e-mail mccreliefsalesk@gmail.com for more information.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 11,18,25,Apr 1 Adult Bible Study 1-2 pm
Mar 11 Executive meeting 5:30 pm; Council meeting 7:00 pm
Mar 11,18,25 OMC Contemplative Prayer Group mtg 7:30 pm
Mar 15 Intergenerational Pizza Lunch @ noon
Mar 15 Community Connections Committee meeting @ noon
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

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg Song Leader: Loretta Sawatzky
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Nursery: Diana Buhler
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
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 8, 2020

Lent 2: Show us the extent of your faithful, loving presence

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

People: Our help comes from God who formed all of creation.

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties, where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from God who formed all of creation.

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being, where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from God who formed all of creation.
Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

Invocation

Hymns: Blue/HWB #102 “To God be the glory”

Blue/HWB #53 “God of the earth, the sky, the sea”

Children's Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Offertory Prayer / Offering

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #327 “Great is thy faithfulness”

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

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 & Assurance:

All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. God, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us in the faithful One who promised to never leave us or forsake us. May you know God’s faithful presence more fully.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Green/ SJ #78 “We will walk with God”

Sermon: “Faith Formation for Nicodemus” Patty Friesen
Ritual of Response / Extinguish Candle

Sung Benediction: Purple/SS #39 “Will you come and follow me” Verses 1 & 2

Spoken Benediction: As you move into this new week, may you be blessed with opportunities to live more fully into God’s faithful, loving presence.

Sung Benediction: “Will you come and follow me” Verse 3

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

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: Open Sharing around what a church cup, church hanger and offering envelope may represent to our faith.

THIS WEEK:

- **Wed, Mar 11: Adult Bible Study 1:00 – 2:00 pm**
- **Wed, Mar 11: Executive mtg 5:30 pm; Council 7:00 pm.**
- **Wed, Mar 11: OMC Contemplative Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Intergenerational Pizza lunch.** A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board next Sunday. Deadline to sign up is 11:00 am. Payment by donation.
- **Community Connections committee meeting at noon.**

Patty’s Week: Tues: off; Weds. a.m: office, p.m: visit; Fri: office a.m; Sat: MC SK ADS; Sun: Mennonite Nursing Home, Rosthern.

Nora’s Week: Wed: In Osler Office; Fri: In Osler Office

NEXT SUNDAY: March 15 – Third Sunday of Lent

Alex Tiessen preaching

Worship Leader: Jim Dyck

Children’s Time: Vanessa Stefaniuk

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Song Leader: Michelle McKinnell

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: Dick Braun, Carl Martens-Funk

UPCOMING SERVICES

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.

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

Apr 12 Easter Sunday. Patty Friesen preaching. **Brunch 11:00 am**

Remember in Prayer:

-world health

-the death of John's dad (Osler Store owner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

***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.

***MDS Art Zach Memorial Project Update:** Community Connections Committee is waiting for MDS to give us a definite date for a project within Canada. For more info please talk to Harold.

***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.

***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.**

***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

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

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!

--March 28th 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.

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

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

***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 Date:**

***Seniors' Appreciation Faspa 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)

John 3:1-17

A certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, 2 came to Jesus at night. "Rabbi," he said, "we know you're a teacher come from God, for no one can perform the signs and wonders you do, unless by the power of God."

3 Jesus gave Nicodemus this answer: "The truth of the matter is, unless one is born from above, one cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said, "How can an adult be born a second time? I can't go back into my mother's womb to be born again!"

5 Jesus replied: "The truth of the matter is, no one can enter God's kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

7 So don't be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. 8 The wind blows where it will. You hear the sound it makes, but you don't know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be possible?" asked Nicodemus.

10 Jesus replied, "You're a teacher of Israel, and you still don't understand these matters? 11 "The truth of the matter is, we're talking about what we know; we're testifying about what we've seen— yet you don't accept our testimony. 12 If you don't believe when I tell you about earthly things, how will you believe when I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from heaven— the Chosen One. 14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Chosen One must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in the Chosen One might have eternal life. 16 Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life. 17 God sent the Only Begotten into the world not to condemn the world, but that through the Only Begotten the world might be saved."