



Osler Mennonite Church

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

OMC CALENDAR

- Nov 23 Kid's weekly Bible School zoom 7:00 pm
- Nov 26 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
- Nov 29 First Advent.
- Nov 30 Education committee zoom meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec 2 Executive zoom meeting 6:00 pm;
Council zoom meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec 3 Community Connections Committee zoom mtg 7:00 pm
- Dec 16 Blue Christmas Zoom 7:00 pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Facebook only service 7:00 pm

Upcoming In Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

- Nov. 29, First Advent Communion: On the Road to Readiness by Patty Friesen
- Dec. 6, Second Advent: On the Road to Repentance by George Janzen
- Dec. 13, Third Advent: On the Road to Restoration by Alex Tiessen, Benjamin Penner and Micah Guenther
- Dec. 20, Fourth Advent: Singing Service and Children's Video Program
- Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on OMC Facebook only
- Dec. 27, Christmas Sunday: On the Road to Rejoicing: Christmas readings and hymns

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Pianist: Melanie Boldt
 Children's Time: Kathy Braun Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
 Song Leaders: Ryan Siemens, Sandra Sinnaeve
 Ushers: Bill Peters, Anna Peters

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis.

10:00 a.m. Worship Service November 22, 2020

Memorial Sunday: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" John 11:25

Prelude
 Welcome, Announcements

Special Music: Heilig, heilig heilig Ryan Siemens, Sandra Sinnaeve

Call to Worship: Blue HWB # 805

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #526 "In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

For thus says Sovereign Yhwh : I myself will search for my sheep; I will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when their flocks are scattered in every direction, so I will search for my sheep and rescue them, no matter where they scattered on that day of full clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the countries and bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by its streams and wherever there is a settlement. 14 I will feed them on good pasture land, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing ground. 15 I myself will tend my flock and have it lie down, thus says Sovereign Yhwh . 16 I will seek out the lost, I will return the strayed, I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and I will watch over the fat and the sleek. I will be a true shepherd to them.

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"
 Children's Time: Kathy Braun

Offering Prayer / Offertory

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com or dropped in the baskets on your way out of the sanctuary.

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

“ At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, 32 with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. 33 The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left. 34 “The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! 35 For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; 36 naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 Then these just will ask, ‘ When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? 39 When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ 40 The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’

41 “Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! 42 I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. 43 I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’ 44 Then they in turn will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?’ 45 The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ 46 They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.”

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!

Sermon: Ryan Siemens

Ritual of Response: naming and lighting candles for all our losses this past year.

Prayer of Response: Everlasting God, you are our refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, a shelter in time of need. Help us, O God to hear your words of comfort, so that by faith our fears might be dispelled, our loneliness eased, and our hope revived. May your Holy Spirit carry us through our sorrow into the comfort of your presence which endures for all eternity, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn of Response: Purple/SS #121 “Nothing is lost”

**For those people worshiping with us here at church, please remain in your seats until the ushers indicate that it is your turn to exit. You may go directly outside, or stay in peace at a safe distance and visit in the sanctuary or lobby.*

Benediction: O God, grant us grace to affirm in life, as in death, that we are yours. Our help is in you. Our hope is in your praise, through Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

Patty’s week: Tues: worship prep; Wed: office, calls; Fri: office, calls; Sat: MC SK Zoom thing.

Nora’s Week: working Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sun.

THIS WEEK:

-Mon. Nov 23: Kids Bible School zoom 7:00 pm

-Thurs, Nov 26: Youth Group / Bible School on Zoom, 7:00 pm

***Theatre of the Beat "Unmute": Free Performance Nov. 23, Nov 25, Dec 3, Dec 5. 6:30pm**

In recognition of November being Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Canada, Theatre of the Beat will premiere their latest show UNMUTE: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence.

Reserve your FREE tickets to UNMUTE!

<http://theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute> Sponsored by MCC.

Recommended viewer Age 14+

MCC Connects: Not one hurricane, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and clean-up support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at mcccanada.ca/eta-iota-relief or by calling 306-665-2555.

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp Food Market is back!!** The Corn Maze is finished, the snow came, and we decided to bring back ordering through the camp! We will once again have groceries, fresh Cinnamon Buns, Hot Meal of the Week, and many more options. We have developed a new website for the food market that allows you to order more than one of each quantity. Check out our products at <https://yfbcfoodmarket.square.site> Order by MONDAY for pickup on WEDNESDAY.

NEXT SUNDAY: Nov 29: First Advent Communion. Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Julie Bergen

Children's Time: Marlene Campbell

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler, Lynette Janzen

Ushers: Bill Peters, Anna Peters

Remember in Prayer:

-Al-Nouri family coming: Lina (mother), Ayiat (14), Hajar (12), Housain (10), Abdal (8), Mohamad (5). Please continue to hold them in your prayers and check our website for household items needed.

-Frieda's brother in Lighthouse lockdown

-death of John Simpson (Diane M's brother-in-law)

-Charlie, Sarah and family recovering from election

-Adeline's family at death of Uncle Elmer Boehr

-Erna Funk's family at death of brother-in-law Don Reimer

-Christy Martens-Funks family at the death of her grandmother Helen Penner.

-all who mourn on Memorial Sunday

-upcoming Advent/Christmas season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We welcome Executive Minister of MC Saskatchewan Ryan Siemens**, who is married to Sandra Sinnaeve, to lead worship this morning. Their sons Isaiah, Elliott and Bennett are here with us as well this morning.

***Nominations committee** is looking for representatives for Warman MCC Thrift Store, CFGB and MDS. Also if anyone is interested in joining the **Community Connections Committee or Deacons Committee** please contact Doug, Michelle, Kathy Braun, or Loretta.

***Christmas Food Hampers:** If you know of local families in need of a Christmas hamper this year, please contact Diane McKinnell, our Community Connections Committee chairperson, at 306-221-9016 by December 1.

"Dear OMC, thank you to everyone who has been so supportive and encouraging throughout our crazy pandemic, blizzard election campaign. All of your prayers and messages made a real difference to our whole family feeling the love and strength of community through it all. We are tremendously grateful"
Charlie, Sarah, Simon, Ben and Rachel

***First Advent Sunday, November 29 - for those of you who will be joining us via Facebook:** Please have Advent candles (3 purple, 1 pink or whatever colours you prefer) and Communion bread and juice ready at home to join us in Communion at 10:00 a.m.

***2020 Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Lina Refugee Fund.** Through Advent and at Christmas Eve pre-recorded service, we will be receiving gifts for Lina Al-Nouris Refugee Fund in anticipation of their arrival in the new year. Please pray for Lina, Ayiat, Hajar, Hussein, Abdal, and Mohammed as they prepare for their new life in Saskatoon. Please also check out <http://www.oslermennonitechurch.org> for an updated list of household items also needed.
Contact Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576; sgrismer1@sasktel.net) if you can donate, pledge to provide, or have questions.

***December Newsletter:** If anyone has something interesting planned for Christmas or is finding helpful ways to keep hope during the pandemic - please submit to oslermcoffice@sasktel.net **by Thursday, November 26.**

***Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic. **This is a NEW link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301> Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301

***Welcome to Kathy Braun as new church Administrative Assistant.** Kathy and Loretta will be transitioning in the next few weeks and Kathy will be taking over in the new year.

Upcoming Event:

Wednesday December 16 7:00pm - OMC Zoom Blue Christmas

***Last chance to donate items for Friendship Inn,** specifically for mothers and children. **Items in need are: formula, disposable diapers, baby food, larger sized diapers & feminine hygiene products. We will have a collection box at church until November 22nd. We will also do pick ups from people's homes during the week of Nov. 23rd - 27th.** Please contact Kaytee at 306-221-1729 to organize pickup."

***Refugee sponsorship needs...**

Twelve sets of new bedsheets needed for Lina and family! That's a lot of sheets!! Support your Refugee Committee, buy a set of sheets with your \$50 donation, you can help make Lina's house their home. Please indicate 'refugee linens' with your gift. Questions? Contact Sandra: sgrismer1@sasktel.net, call/text 306.380.4576.

*All the Ten Thousand Villages stores in Saskatoon have closed. But there is good news! : **Villages Calgary is now shipping fair trade items Canada-wide!** Find them at www.villagescalgary.ca to do your fair trade shopping.

***Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home Fundraiser: West Tub Room Cabinet Fundraiser** in lieu of the May Day Tea and Cakewalk which was cancelled in May. The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary is sponsoring this fundraiser and the goal is \$3000. Donations may be sent to Mennonite Nursing Home Box 370 Rosthern, SK until Dec 31, 2020. Donations over \$10 will be receipted.

***Bethany Place & Bethany Manor** Saskatoon has Life Lease suites available for immediate occupancy. **AGE 55+ INDEPENDENT LIVING.** *For more information, please contact:*
Angie Howlett, Housing Officer
Ph: 306-242-9019 or angie@b55.ca
OR Visit our website at www.bethany55plusliving.ca/vacancies

***From MC SK:** Voices Together Hymnal update: They are in the process of preparing our MC SK shipment, but it has not been sent yet and therefore, unfortunately, we cannot expect it to arrive in time for 1st Advent.