



Osler Mennonite Church

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

OMC CALENDAR

Oct 21,28 Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1:00 pm
 Oct 22,29 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
 Oct 19,26 Kid's weekly Bible School zoom 7:00 pm
 Oct 21 Worship committee zoom meeting 7:30 pm
 Nov 2 Education Zoom meeting 7:00 pm

Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services:

Oct 25 Julie Bergen preaching
Nov 1 Patty Friesen preaching
Nov 8 Nora Pederberg preaching
Nov 15 Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Pianist: Melanie Boldt
 Children's Time: Patty Friesen Sound: Doug McKinnell
 Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen
 Ushers: Bill Peters, John Gascho

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

“O Healing River”

10:00 a.m. Worship Service October 18, 2020

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

A Call to Worship (for those experiencing disaster, based on Psalms 24 & 46):

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

People: Thank you God for our world.

Leader: When the earth changes, when the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, when the waters roar and foam, when the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: You God are our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.

All: Be especially near to those who have recently experienced wildfires, strong storms and hurricanes. May they know your steadfast love.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #84 “O that I had a thousand voices”

Children's Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Loves Me”

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

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

Hymn: Blue/HWB #356 “Breathe on me breath of God”

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (*Inclusive Bible*)

From Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the people of the church in Thessalonica, who belong to Abba God and our Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours. 2 We always thank God for all of you and remember you in our prayers. 3 We call to mind before our God and Creator how you are proving your faith by your actions, laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Savior Jesus Christ.

4 We know, sisters and brothers beloved of God, that you have been chosen. 5 Our preaching of the Gospel was not a mere matter of words. It was done in the power of the Holy Spirit and with complete conviction. You know very well the sort of life we led when we were with you, which was for your sake. 6 You, in turn, followed the example set by us and by Jesus—receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. 7 In this way, you’ve become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 The word of Christ has been resounding from you—and not only in Macedonia and Achaia: the news of your faith in God is celebrated everywhere, which makes it unnecessary for us to say anything more. 9 They themselves report to us what kind of reception we had among you, how you turned from idols to God, to be faithful witnesses of the living and true God, 10 and to await the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the Only Begotten, whom God raised from the dead and who will deliver us from the wrath to come.

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!

Hymn: Blue/HWB #552 “By gracious powers”

Sermon: “Supporting each other in times of trauma”
Heather Peters

Hymn of Response: Green/SJ #27 “God of the Bible”

**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: Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, You are our centre; daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, You are our home. Amen.

Patty’s Week: Tues: sermon; Weds: office, Bible study, worship meeting; Fri-Sun: Grasslands National Park with Patrick (some cell service available - please call Nora 306-260-6552 or Julie 306-250-2995.with emergencies).

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

THIS WEEK:

-Mon. Oct 19 Kids Bible School zoom 7:00 pm

-Wed, Oct 21 Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1:00 pm. For those who want in-person Bible study - please come to the buffet room for safe distancing with masks and Zoom with the rest of the members. **Study passages for this week: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46**

-Thurs, Oct 22 Youth Group / Bible School on Zoom, 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct 25: Julie Bergen preaching

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Remember in Prayer:

- family of Brandon Applegate
- thanksgiving for MCC 100 and Heather's work

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We welcome Heather Peters from Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan** to speak to us this morning on trauma awareness and healing; a fitting topic for all of us these days. We continue to be thankful for the work of Mennonite Central Committee in their 100th year.

***The Worship Resource**, which includes the order of worship, the scriptures, songs and sermon is emailed out to everyone on our mass email list. It can also be found on our church website under the Sermons Tab.

***MCC Blanket making Nov. 2-6 here at OMC.** This will be a "Serving Safely" project of Community Connections with distanced tables, masks and each person working on their own blanket and bringing their own coffee/snack. Contact Diane McKinnell or Anne Peters for more information.

Refugee sponsorship needs...

Osler and Wildwood Mennonite churches are committed to providing Lina Alnouri and her family with a warm and welcoming home. The Refugee Committee is looking for furnishings and housewares for this family of six. Items still urgently needed are listed on the Osler Mennonite Church web site at <http://www.oslermennonitechurch.org>. Then click on "Community Announcements". Contact Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576; sgrismer1@sasktel.net) if you can donate, pledge to provide, or have questions on these or other items the family may require. Thank you.

***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
No class on Sunday, October 11.

***First Advent communion in the sanctuary** on Sun, Nov. 29 during the worship service.

***Tena Friesen has moved from North Haven to Diamond House** in Warman. She is allowed one visitor at a time (no appointment necessary) or multiple visitors outdoors. Her change of address is: Diamond House (House 4)
700 Ballesteros Cres., Warman, SK S0K 4S4

***RJC's Annual General Meeting** (Corporation Meeting) will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 am CST**. Pre-registration will be required in order to send the Zoom meeting invitation. Please register by emailing the RJC office (office@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca) by Wednesday, October 21. A digital copy of the Annual Report Book is available by contacting Loretta at the church office. Once they are available, digital copies of the audited financial statements can also be requested.

***RJC Homecoming Fundraiser: This Hour Has 115 Years!** Join us virtually on Sunday, October 25 at 7:00pm (CST) for an evening of entertainment, playing off the CBC program of a similar name. The evening will feature: an online auction, alumni interviews, musical performances, and more! Visit rjc.sk.ca/homecoming to watch the event.

***MCC Connects:** Join us (virtually) at our second annual MCC Saskatchewan Peace Conference on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00am-4:30pm! This year's Peace Conference entitled, "**Displaced: Upheaval, Hospitality, and Justice in the Search for Home**" will explore the realities of refugees, internally displaced persons, and Indigenous peoples around the world and locally. Through dialogue and interactive workshops, we will examine root causes of displacement, from conflict to colonialism. We will hear from experts and everyday people about how to respond with radical hospitality, so that everyone can find a place to call home. For more information and to register for this virtual conference, visit: www.mccsk.ca/sk-peace-conference.

***Shekinah is hosting a virtual art auction on November 7-8.** Place bids online for one-of-a-kind items created by local and western Canadian artists. See more information on our website at shekinah.ca.

Hello All

Below is the committee that Osler Mennonite Church has sanctioned Kathy and myself to be on.

We want to share with you the need in Bolivia. The link below is easy to follow and you can see that the Canadian conference is part of this.

Thanks, Dick and Kathy Braun

Update on Bolivia Church Relations – The Bolivia Church Relations Group of Charleswood Mennonite Church has continued to maintain contact with our brothers and sisters in Santa Cruz during these trying times of the covid-19 pandemic. Covid-19 has not skipped Bolivia. The Day Care Center which we support financially was closed in late March and is now anticipated to re-open in January. In the meantime the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Bolivia is offering courses to Day Care workers and parents of Day Care children on how to start a business to address the desperate need of added income. They are also looking for funds to assist those who successfully complete such a course to actually start an income generating business.

As was the case last year, invitations have been sent out to individuals who have served in Bolivia and are familiar with the Bolivia Church to consider adding to the \$1,000 budgeted by our congregation in support of the Day Care Center. Furthermore, MC Canada International Witness has included the Bolivia Church in its listing of International Witness programs it is supporting. This could result in individuals from across Canada contributing to the critical need in Bolivia.

Anyone who would like to add to the support that our congregation is already providing may do so by going to the following link <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/bolivia>. By doing so, and with the additional help from others across Canada, we hope to exceed last year's total amount of \$3,450 contributed in support of the Day Care Center. Be encouraged to support the work of our brothers and sisters in that country by visiting the MC Canada website via the link indicated above.