



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

## OMC CALENDAR

- Oct 26 Kid's weekly Bible School zoom 7:00 pm
- Oct 28 Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1:00 pm
- Oct 29 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
- Nov 2 Education Zoom meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov 4 Executive zoom mtg 6:00 pm; Council zoom mtg 7:00 pm
- Nov 17 Worship committee Zoom 7:30 p.m.

### Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services:

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day: MLK by Patty Friesen
- Nov. 8: sermon by Nora Pederberg
- Nov. 15: Vincent Harding and the Mennonites by Patty Friesen
- Nov. 22: Memorial Sunday: Ryan Siemens, Area Minister  
Mennonite Church Saskatchewan
- Nov. 29: First Advent and Communion

Worship Leader: Nora Pederberg      Pianist: Lynette Janzen  
 Children's Time: Jake Buhler      Sound: Doug McKinnell  
 Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen  
 Ushers: Bill Peters, Harold Loewen

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 25, 2020

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17**

Leader: YHWH, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

**People: Before the mountains were born, you brought forth the earth and the world; you are God without beginning or end.**

Leader: You turn humankind back into dust and say: "Go back, creatures of the earth!"

**People: For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.**

Leader: You sweep us away like a dream, fleeting as the grass that springs up in the morning –

**People: in the morning it sprouts, but by evening it has withered and died.**

Leader: YHWH, relent! How long before you have mercy on your faithful ones?

**People: When morning comes, fill us with your love, and we will celebrate all our days.**

Leader: Give us joy for as many days as you afflicted us, for as many years as we knew misfortune! Let your work be seen by your faithful, your glory be witnessed by their children.

**People: Let YHWH's favor be upon us! Grant success to the work of our hands, success to the work of our hands.**

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #70 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"**

**Scripture Reading:** Read on video by Lois Siemens.

Deuteronomy 34 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the headland of Pisgah which faces Jericho and Yahweh showed him all the land - Gilead as far as Dan, all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negev and the stretch of the valley of Jericho, the city of Palms, and as far as Zoar. Then Yahweh said to Moses, "This is the land I swore to Sarah and Abraham, to Rebecca and Isaac, to Leah, Rachel and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you will not cross over."

So there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God died as Yahweh decreed, and he was buried in the valley opposite Beth Peor in the land of Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact burial place. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyesight was strong and he was still quite vigorous. For thirty days the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab, until they had completed the period of grief and mourning.

Now Joshua ben-Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the Israelites gave him their obedience, carrying out the order God had given to Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to face. There is no equal to all the signs and wonders Yahweh our God caused Moses to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all of Pharaoh's officials and the whole land. How mighty the hand and how terrifying the displays of power that Moses wielded in the sight of all Israel!

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Offering Prayer / Offertory

*Offering can be e-transferred to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto: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 #553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:34-46 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: 36 "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" 37 Jesus answered: " 'You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 "That is the greatest and first commandment. 39 The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well."

41 While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?" They said, "David's." 43 Then Jesus asked, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah 'Sovereign'? For he says, 44 'The Most High said to my Sovereign, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.'" 45 "If David calls the Messiah 'Sovereign,' how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?" 46 No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

**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!**

*Special Music*

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #372 “O healing river”**

Sermon: “The Land We Belong To” Julie Bergen

**Hymn of Response: Green/SJ #95 “I want to walk as a child of the light”**

*\*For those people worshipping 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: *(adapted from Rev. Won Hur)*

Let us go forth called to God who continues to guide us: attending to our stories, healing us as all on this sacred land, showing us how to live in right relations. God promises to bless and encourage us on the path of respect. So go with the peace and promise of God, the energy of the Spirit of Love, and the passion of Jesus. Amen.

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**Patty’s Week:** Tues: sermon; Wed: office, Bible; Fri: office  
**Nora’s Week:** working Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun.

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**THIS WEEK:**

**-Mon. Oct 26 Kids Bible School zoom 7:00 pm**

**-Wed, Oct 28 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:** Micah 4:1-4, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819401560?pwd=ay8xajd3Tm1BSnlpMGhPVkNoTndKQT09>  
Meeting ID: 848 1940 1560 Passcode: Bible

**-Thurs, Oct 29 Youth Group / Bible School on Zoom, 7:00 pm**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Nov 1:** All Saints Day: MLK by Patty Friesen  
Worship Leader: Dave Feick Pianist: Melanie Boldt  
Children’s Time: Patty Friesen Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk  
Song Leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Loretta Sawatzky  
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**Remember in Prayer:**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Congratulations to Margaret and Dennis Boldt on their 62th anniversary today. It is also Keith and Merel's anniversary today.

**\*RJC Homecoming Fundraiser: This Hour Has 115 Years!**  
We invite alumni, supporters, friends & future students of the school to join us TODAY, **Sunday, October 25 at 7pm (SK CST)** for RJC Homecoming 2020. Tune in to support RJC High School through this lively & fun filled virtual fundraising event! The event will feature an online auction that will run for 24hrs.  
**Hosted by:** David Epp & Alex Tiessen  
**Featuring: Alumni interviews:** Blaine Andres ('90), Sandra Horst ('83), Eileen Klassen Hamm ('83), & Sheldon Kruger ('98)  
**On location reporters:** Chris Epp ('93), Shelley Lepp ('99), Kyle Roth ('01), & Krista Nelson ('09).  
**And current RJC students, global alumni greetings, musical performances, and much more!**

\***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.

\*From Community Connections Committee: as a way to continue our support for local families through the Friendship Inn we will collect items 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...*

**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](mailto: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

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

**\*MCC Connects:** Join us (virtually) at our second annual MCC Saskatchewan Peace Conference on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mccsk.ca/sk-peace-conference).

**\*RJC is looking for temporary homestays for international students:** The RJC Dormitory currently has 8 international students, 6 boys and 2 girls. These students need a home away from their RJC home during holidays and long weekends as our dormitory buildings are closed. If you would be interested in opening your home and hosting one of our wonderful international students please fill out one of the Holiday & Long Weekend Homestay Forms or contact one of the RJC Dormitory Deans by text, call, or email. Forms can be left in the mailbox of an RJC staff member that attends your church, emailed to us, or mailed to the school.

Thank you for your support.

Female Deans: Erin Boldt & Kenna Forrester  
(306) 232-2123

Male Deans: Hugo Malan & Michael Epp  
(306) 232-2152

Dean's Office email:  
[deansoffice@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:deansoffice@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca)

**\*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](http://shekinah.ca).

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**Saturday, November 7. Where: Virtual conference on Zoom –**  
*Join us from the comfort of home!*

**Time: 10:00am – 4:30pm** For more information (including the full conference schedule), visit: [www.mccsk.ca/sk-peace-conference](http://www.mccsk.ca/sk-peace-conference)  
More information on our church bulletin board.