

MCC Connects: In recognition of Orange Shirt Day we launched the second season of our podcast **Reconcile. Everyday Conversations.** Created by MCC Saskatchewan, the podcast aims to facilitate conversations around reconciliation. Listening to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous voices, we invite you into the reconciliation journey. Subscribe and listen wherever you get your podcasts. We are also looking for reconciliation ambassadors! For more information please contact Heather Peters at heatherpeters@mccsk.ca.

OMC CALENDAR

- Oct 4 Deacons mtg 4:30 pm; Zoom Communion 5:00 pm
Outdoor bag lunch 11:00 am
Oct 5 Kids Weekly Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
Oct 6 The Artists Way zoom 2:00 pm
Oct 7 Adult Bible Study Zoom/In-Person Hybrid, 1:00 pm
Oct 8 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
Upcoming In Sanctuary and Live-Stream Facebook Sunday Services:
Oct 11 Thanksgiving Sunday: Patty Friesen preaching
Oct 18 Heather Ewen-Peters (MCC SK) preaching
Oct 25 Julie Bergen preaching
Nov 1 Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Alex Tiessen Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg
Children's Time: Marlene Campbell Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
Song Leaders: Kathryn Janzen, Ben Buhler
Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

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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

October 4, 2020

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship: At the Door (or at a Cross)

Adapted from "Common Prayer"

Leader: Christ, in our coming and in our leaving.

The Door and the Keeper; for us and our dear ones,

This day and every day, Blessing for always. Amen.

All: We call upon the Sacred Three

To save, shield, and surround

This place, this church, this home,

This day, this night, and all time. Amen

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #26 "Holy Spirit, come with power"

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time: Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer / Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #367 "For the healing of the nations"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46 (Inclusive Bible)

"Listen to another parable. There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, installed a winepress and erected a tower. Then the owner leased it out to tenant farmers and

went on a journey. 34 “When vintage time arrived, the owner sent aides to the tenants to divide the shares of the grapes. 35 The tenants responded by seizing the aides. They beat one, killed another and stoned a third. 36 A second time the owner sent even more aides than before, but they treated them the same way. 37 Finally, the owner sent the family heir to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my heir.’ 38 “When the vine growers saw the heir, they said to one another, ‘Here’s the one who stands in the way of our having everything. With a single act of murder we could seize the inheritance.’ 39 With that, they grabbed and killed the heir outside the vineyard. 40 What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to those tenants?” 41 They replied, “The owner will bring that wicked crowd to a horrible death and lease the vineyard out to others, who will see to it that there are grapes for the proprietor at vintage time.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Did you ever read in the scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; it was our God’s doing and we find it marvelous to behold’? 43 “That’s why I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will bear its fruit. 44 “Those who fall on this stone will be dashed to pieces, and those on whom it falls will be smashed.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard these parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. 46 Although they sought to arrest him, they feared the crowds, who regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Hymn: Green/SJ #54 “Longing for light”

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Inclusive Bible)

If they think they have the right to put their trust in external evidence, I have even more right! 5 I was circumcised on the eighth day, being of the stock of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrew origins; in legal observance I was a Pharisee, 6 and so zealous that I persecuted the church. I was above reproach when it came to justice based on the Law. 7 But those things I used to consider gain, I now count as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss in light of the surpassing knowledge of my Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake I have forfeited everything. I count everything else as garbage, so that Christ may be

my wealth— 9 indeed, that I may be found in Christ, not having any justice of my own based on observance of the Law. The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ. It has its origin in God and is based on faith. 10 All I want is to know Christ, and the power of the resurrection, and how to share in Christ’s sufferings by being formed into the pattern of Jesus’ death— 11 perhaps even to arrive at the resurrection from the dead. 12 It’s not that I have reached it yet, or have already finished my course; but I’m running the race in order to grab hold of the prize if possible, since Christ Jesus has grabbed hold of me. 13 Sisters and brothers, I don’t think of myself as having reached the finish line. I give no thought to what lies behind, but I push on to what is ahead. 14 My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize—the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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: “Moving Forward” Dave Feick

Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #323 “Beyond a dying sun”

**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. We ask that you move directly to the parking lot to ensure physical distancing. Thanks for your help in keeping us all safe.*

Spoken Benediction:

Leader: Now may the Lord Jesus bless your soul and strengthen your faith. Let this hour of worship grow within you and bear fruit which will remain for life eternal.

All: We will together praise and glorify our God forever.

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com or dropped off in the basket in the foyer.

*** MESSAGE FROM THE RE-OPENING COMMITTEE:**

Church re-opening is progressing well. We have lots of room available in the sanctuary if you are someone who wants to worship in person. Until we reach the allowable capacity of our sanctuary which currently is about 50 people, we are not requiring you to call before attending. The ushers have a check list of our congregation and will check off your name as you arrive. So if you feel you are ready to attend in person, the worship teams would love to see you. Of course, masks and physical distancing are still required.

*Fresh Osler Community Garden potatoes in entrance @ \$1/lb.

***RJC Employment Opportunity: Head Custodian -** RJC High School is inviting applications for a full-time Head Custodian position. Skills and experience in caretaking, cleaning, and maintenance would be an asset. Come and join our team! Applications close Tuesday, October 13. For more information visit our website at rjc.sk.ca, or contact Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca.

***The Shekinah Move-A-Thon committee** would like to thank you for your support of our first ever virtual Move-a-thon. To date, we have raised approximately \$8000 for Shekinah's operations, and we are expecting more money to come in. Thank you for your continued support of the mission of Shekinah."

***MCCanada – “Table Talk” – to register go to**

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020 Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for “Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?”, a virtual study conference on Saturday, Oct. 24, on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship.

TODAY: Outdoor bag lunch following the worship service.

Please bring your own lawn chair, lunch and drinks. Even if you don't feel comfortable coming into the sanctuary for worship, please join us for lunch outside.

Deacons Zoom meeting 4:30 pm

Zoom Communion 5:00 pm. The program was emailed out to everyone on Friday.

Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955>

Password: Bible

THIS WEEK:

Mon. Oct 5 Kids Bible School via Zoom on Monday's at 7 pm

Tues, Oct 6 The Artists Way zoom 2:00 pm

Wed, Oct 7 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: Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-10**

Thurs, Oct 8 Youth Group / Bible School on Zoom, 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct 11: Thanksgiving Sunday

Sermon: Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: George Janzen

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Children's Time: Lynette Janzen

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Song Leader: Ben Buhler

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Anna Peters

Patty's Week: Tues; sermon, Art Zoom; Wed: office, Bible;

Fri: office, visit.

Nora's Week: working Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri.

Remember in Prayer:

-upcoming elections

-teachers and students

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

*Osler Mennonite Church Human Resources Committee is **accepting applicants for the position of Church Office Administrator, effective January 2, 2021.** We will be advertising this position for a period of 3 consecutive weeks in our bulletin and newsletter, in hope of receiving a successful applicant within our congregation. If this does not materialize we will open the position to the general public. A copy of job description is available, and can be sent to you upon request. Please contact any one of the committee for more information if you are interested.

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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 Follow the link below to join Zoom Mosaic class <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365452436?pwd=bDQ5QkhIcINJdENXSlpBTVgxWTFvdz09>

***October Book Club- Oct 6, 6:30-7:15 pm:** Menno Moto by Cameron Dueck (in public & church library). A Manitoban Mennonite motorbikes through Mexico and Central and South America searching for Mennonite identity among interesting and difficult Mennonite communities. To join Zoom Meeting-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8529596955?pwd=V25Qc0NWcllER2Q1akNKV3R0V2dJdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 959 6955

Passcode: Bible

***Deacons' Updates:**

--**Zoom Communion** 5:00 pm on Sun. Oct. 4 and Nov. 1.

--**Sun. Oct. 18,** Heather Ewen-Peters from MCC SK will be preaching about trauma healing. She will do a mid-week Zoom or video for us as well.

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

--**CMU Winter Study Zoom in January:** "You Had to be There: A History of Humour, Laughter and Comical Christianity" with Brian Froese.

***Please email Patty for Bible Zoom or Art Zoom links.**

***Save the Dates:**

--Sat. Nov. 7, 7:00 OMC Facebook Live Concert with Keith Boldt and Merel Kriegsman. It is a Fundraiser for the Lina Alnouri Fund.

--November MCC Blanket-making: Dates to follow.

***For a description of The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron for Tuesdays at 2:00 Art Zoom** - please check out Patster Patty Friesen's Facebook page video promo and ask for Zoom link by email oslermcpastor@sasktel.net if interested. Patty