



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 23, 2024

*Accessibility Awareness Sunday*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 107:1-9

*(International Children's Bible adapted)*

L: Thank the Holy One who is good; whose love continues forever.

**C: Some of us had no place to live. We were hungry and thirsty.  
We were discouraged.**

**In our misery we cried out to God who saved us from our troubles.**

L: God led us on a paved road to an accessible city where we could live.

**C: Let us give thanks to the Lord for love,**

**Who satisfies the thirsty and fills up the hungry**

**Prayer of Invocation:**

**Hymns of Praise:** VT #

VT #

**First Reading:** Ezekial 10:9-13

I saw the four wheels by the living creatures. One wheel was by each living creature. The wheels looked like shining chrysolite. All four wheels looked alike. Each looked like a wheel crossways inside another wheel. When the wheels moved, they went in any of the directions that the four living creatures faced. The wheels did not turn about. The living creatures did not turn their bodies as they went. But they followed wherever their faces pointed. All their bodies, their backs, hands, wings and the wheels were full of eyes all over. Now each of the four living creatures had a wheel. I heard the wheels being called "whirling wheels."

**Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**  
**Story for All Ages: Jake**

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers** – family of Harvey Klassen whose funeral was in Aberdeen  
this past week (MCC Eileen Klassen-Hamm's dad)

- Mennos@Pride
- RJC grad
- teacher/government negotiations

**Thanksgiving** - for Will Martens' recovery (Karl's dad),

**Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires**

**Hymn: VT #**

**Second Reading: Jeremiah 31:1,3, 8,9**

God says, "At that time I will be the God of all family groups. And you will be my people. I love you people with a love that will last forever. I became your friend. because of my love and kindness. Look, I will bring you from the country in the north. I will gather you from the faraway places on earth. Some of you are blind and crippled. Some of you will be pregnant and ready to give birth. A great many will come back. You will be crying as you come back. I will lead you by streams of water. I will lead you on a paved road where you will not stumble."

**Scripture Response:**

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: VT #**

**Sermon: God on Wheels**

**Hymn: VT #**

**Benediction:** Whatever form we are, whatever our abilities, whatever our resources, it is not about how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing; a lifelong sharing of love with others. Go in the love and peace of Christ. Amen

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

\*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

**TODAY'S June 23** *God on Wheels - Accessibility Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen                      Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Loretta              Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Jake      Sound: Benjamin              Ushers: Susan/Dick

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Shelley Penner

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

**Walking Club:** Fridays 9:00 am starting from church – all are welcome

**Coffee** at the office on Friday @ 10:00 am

**Patty's Week:** Weds. office; Thurs-Mon. Friesen reunion Edmonton.

For emergencies, please call deacons or Pastor Luke 306-260-6552

**Luke' Week:** Wed. NPMC Youth Windup; Thur. OMC Youth Windup;

Fri. OMC Office Hours; Sat. Stat Holiday; Sun. NPMC Church Service

**Birthdays:** 25 – Margaret Boldt (89); 26 – Lynette Janzen; 26 – Melanie Boldt; 26 – Tena Sawatzky (91); 27 - Dayna Stefaniuk; 29 – Karl Martens

**Gathering Room Coffee Schedule:** June 23 – Lynette  
June 30 - Wilf

**The Yard Maintenance Schedule:**

Week of July 1 to July 6 – B & D Buhler and family

July 8 to July 13 – Carl Funk family & Borne family

**Summer coffee** will be made by deacons. There may not be snacks. If you would like to provide snacks for special occasions - please be in touch with Karl, Matthew B, Wilf, Lynette, Frieda. If you would like a visit by deacons or pastors this summer please be in touch with them about that as well.

**Deacons** are looking for a card writing volunteer to send sympathy, get well cards from the church. Please contact Pastor Patty or Karl Martens.

**There will be a congregational meeting Sunday June 30** immediately following the worship service. We will get an update from the daycare group and approve the reviewed financial statements. If you would like to see the reviewed statements prior to the meeting please contact Kevin or Christy.

\$144 was collected last Sunday for an MCC water project.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bethany Ukulele Band** will be here September 29 and if any OMC ukulele/guitulelel players want to join - please contact Pastor Patty for rehearsal music.

Anyone from the city willing to stop at Bethany Sun. Sept 29 to pick up band members with walkers and music stands, please talk to Pastor Patty. She also has a soprano uke with case for sale \$40. Anyone interested in learning please join rehearsals Tuesdays 2:00 Bethany by contacting Lynn Driedger [lynnriedger@gmail.com](mailto:lynnriedger@gmail.com).

**Moving time** is coming for Frieda from Osler home into her new village away from Osler to Bethany Manor. This will be happening during the July week of 12th to 18th July. Bruce Peters and Dave McDonald will both be coming to help. Contact Bruce for details and arrangements at: [greydawnwm@gmail.com](mailto:greydawnwm@gmail.com). Also, Sharleen is here for contact as well at Frieda's home 306.239.4361 or her BC # 604.746.6333 (call or text). Thank you in advance, any help will be greatly appreciated by all the family members.

**Did you know??** MC SK Fair Trade Coffee purchases support youth programming in Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Please order at [www.mcsask.ca/coffee](http://www.mcsask.ca/coffee).

**When dropping off cans at Sarcan** please donate to code "omcgreen" for the Youth Green Fund.

**MCC Connects:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Relief Sale Festival! With the help of over 100 volunteers, it was a wonderful day of tasty food and great music, as well as many creative artisan booths and a fun zone. With your faithful generosity, and a \$45,000 matching offer, \$102,335 was raised in donations alone to support the relief, development, and peace work of MCC. Stay tuned for the total amount raised from all activities, including the special events at all seven Thrift Shops.

## **MC Updates:**

**RJC Graduation** | June 23 - Please join us as we celebrate the class of 2024! Baccalaureate Service at 10:30am held at Rosthern Mennonite Church (3016 5th St, Rosthern). Graduation Exercises at 2:30pm in the RJC Auditorium (410 6th Ave, Rosthern) All are welcome to attend!

**MC Sask is pleased to be able to four, \$1,000 scholarships** to those pursuing Anabaptist education through schools or service programs that offer faith-based training and education rooted in the words and actions of Jesus. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 MC Sask Education Scholarship. Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship (Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is July 31, 2024, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for application forms and full eligibility details. (new)

**Shekinah Summer Camp** already has great volunteers to cook for 4 weeks of camp. We are now looking for volunteer cooks for the weeks of July 28 to August 2 and August 18 - 23. There is a weekly convener who will organize the work of the volunteer cooks. If you can help out for a day or two, please contact Audrey Kampen ([audrey@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:audrey@shekinahretreatcentre.org))

**Do you have a smartphone** you don't use? Joanne DeJong, International Witness worker at Mesrete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia, is requesting used smartphones to support students there. Some students cannot afford a smartphone which is essential for getting the lecture notes and succeeding at the seminary. She is also looking for one lightweight laptop for the South Sudanese students to share. Joanne is briefly in Canada for the last two weeks of June, and she'd be happy to transport these back to Ethiopia. If you have an old smartphone or a laptop you could donate, please contact Joanne at [joannedejong290@gmail.com](mailto:joannedejong290@gmail.com). (new)

**CMU invites** inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Counsellor and a full-time Payroll and Benefits Administrator (both positions permanent, salaried with benefits). Other opportunities include Business and Social Work faculty positions. Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for information on all employment opportunities.

**Climate Pollinator #41** comes from an interview with Will Braun, “Back to More with Less”.

<https://carrot-sawfish-ws36.squarespace.com/climate-pollinator-series/nx954pnrtscst5-a58gm-hgjr8?rq=more%20with%20less>

**Save the date!** International Witness Sunday is October 27, 2024. Watch for details and resources coming soon! (*worship planning information*)

**Mennonite Church Canada** is inviting reviews of its draft Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada Policy (GMLC). This external review process is meant to further improve this important policy. View policy and provide feedback: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/gmlc> (*new*)

**You are invited to deepen** the relationship between the Colombian Mennonite Church and Mennonite Church Canada by visiting Colombia in February 2025 (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/44830>). If you are interested in being part of a small delegation for this visit, contact MC Sask [mcsask@mcsask.ca](mailto:mcsask@mcsask.ca) or Jeanette Hanson [jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca) for more information.

**Pray for Jeanette Hanson**, director of International Witness, as she travels with Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships for MMN, and Andi Santoso, regional director for Asia/ME, to meet with leaders of the Friends of Grace Bible School, Thailand. Pray that God will guide and direct these conversations so that positive support and mutual learning can occur between this school and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) connections through the Journey program. (*new*)

### **Indigenous Relations**

Hold in prayer the gathering of Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion happening July 6th focusing on Six Nations’ land settlement in Ontario. The main discussion will delve into the 2007 Spiritual Covenant proposal, addressing the complexities of Haldimand Tract lands and missing trust funds. It will be a day for meaningful dialogue, connection, and nourishment. More info: <https://mcc.org/events/strawberry-thanksgiving-and-communion>

## **Climate Action**

From September – October 2024, join Christians around the world in celebrating the “Season of Creation.” Consider shaping your congregational worship together with hundreds of congregations across Mennonite Church Canada and USA with these brand-new Season of Creation Worship Outlines at CommonWord (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3967>).

**June is Pride Month.** We have many resources, including items on Gender/Sexuality (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/1622>); 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion in the Church (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3002>); Queer Theory and Theology (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/3003>); and Pride Month (<https://www.commonword.ca/go/2290>).

**OMC Super Summer** - (it’s Pastor Patty’s last and she wants to party!)  
Sat. June 22, Mennos at Pride Parade, 12:00 University Bridge  
Sun. June 23, 1:30 Katherine and Dakota’s shower @ Kathy and Dick’s yard *There will be a cash basket for future household purchases*  
Mon. July 1, 11:00 Osler Parade, OMC Ice Cream & Water  
- talk to Kaytee about volunteering

## **OMC Summer Backyard Book Club:**

Weds. Aug. 21, 7:00 Book Club at Diane McKinnell’s, discussing *A Good Neighbourhood* by Theresa Fowler. Copies at public library.

## **CALENDAR**

**Sun. June 23 10:00 am** Patty Friesen speaking *God on Wheels*

### **RJC High School Graduation programs**

1:30 Shower for Katherine & Dakota @ Dick & Kathy’s

**Sun. June 30 10:00 am** Terry Stefaniuk speaking

11:00 am Congregational mtg

Mon. July 1 11:00 Osler Parade and Trade Show in OMC Parking Lot

**Sun. July 7 10:00 am** Patty Friesen speaking

**Sun. July 14 10:00 am** Dave Feick speaking

**Sun. July 21 10:00 am** Luke Bushman speaking

**Sun. July 28 10:00 am** Patty Friesen speaking

**NEXT SUNDAY     June 30**     *Blessed are the Peacemakers*

Speaker: Terry Stefaniuk     Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Anna, Ben     Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kathy     Sound: Keri/James     Ushers: Susan/Dick

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