

## OMC CALENDAR

**Apr 3 10:00 am Nora Pederberg**

Apr 6 1:00 pm Education Comm mtg

Apr 8 6:30-8:30 pm OMC Youth Event

**Apr 10 10:00 am Patty Friesen Palm Sunday**

Apr 14 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion *In person & zoom*

Apr 15 7:00 pm Good Friday Service *In person & Facebook*

**Apr 17 10:00 am Patty Friesen Easter Sunday**

11:00 am Easter Buns & Coffee in Multi-purpose room

Apr 20 2:00 pm Ernie Hildebrandt book reading

**Apr 24 10:00 am Jake Buhler**

11:00 Coffee time begins again—please sign up :)

April 27 6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:00 pm Council mtg

**April 29 7:00 pm Youth Mega Menno at OMC**

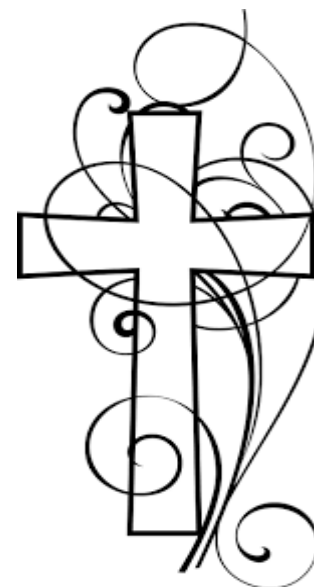
## **April Birthdates**

5 – Anna Neufeld  
12 – Olivia Martens  
13 – Keith Boldt  
15 – Julie Bergen  
18 – Garry Boldt  
18 – James Tataryn  
26 – Eugene Penner  
26 – Ian Osmond  
27 – Jeremiah Bird  
28 – Lucy Friesen  
28 – Edna Zacharias



# The Osler Mennonite Church

## April 2022 Newsletter



### Our Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Osler Mennonite Church is to be a supportive community in which people can meet God through worship and fellowship.

We seek to teach an Anabaptist understanding of scripture, led by the Spirit to imitate Christ in word and deed.

We strive to nurture faith and discipleship, committing ourselves individually and corporately to respond to the needs of others.

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

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**Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation**

## Pastor Patty's Ponderings

Easter is April 17, as late as it can get and I'm excited for it because for sure, we will be feeling, smelling and seeing all kinds of signs of spring and resurrection. One of the resurrections is our ability to share our first meal together as a communion meal in the gym at safe distance/family grouped tables on Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 in-person and on Zoom. We will have Edna's homemade communion bread again - hallelujah! We will have an in-person Good Friday and in-person Easter Sunday service with homemade paska and coffee at safe distance/family grouped tables. What a blessed joyful reunion after two years.

April is also Poetry Month - fitting as sometimes I have no words for my faith or the beauty and joy of spring. I've found great comfort in the poetry of Voices Together this past year and here's an email I sent to our family on March 2, 2022.

Thanks for saying yes to Bethany Mom. I know it's a tough move but we'll make it as smooth and fun as possible. We sang this hymn on Sunday and I thought of all of us in this time of transition, including Steve in his move to Vancouver. **#553 *Voices Together***

How many times we start again on faith's unwinding way, we want, dear God to settle in, to build a home and stay, But then a dream, a voice, a light disturbs our peace and rest and sets before our straining sight new stages on our quest.

Before we go, we look around, surveying where we are. Some ask, why leave familiar ground for somewhere strange and far? We know from all our starting out each journey has its cost: that sometimes faith gives way to doubt and sometimes we get lost.

But greater than the cost we find is our expanded view of what it means, with heart and mind, to trust and follow you: We hear a music never heard, a different light descends, and meeting strangers, we are stirred to welcome them as friends.

With eager hope we now depart the places that we know, to travel regions in your heart where you would have us go. In you we live and move and dwell, as close as breath and prayer, you are our home: Emmanuel, God-with-us everywhere.

## Join us April 1<sup>st</sup> to support the Sask Valley Auction's Drive-Thru fundraiser supper!

It may be happening on April Fool's, but it's no joke! The Sask Valley Auction community group is once again working hard to get you your **annual perogies and sausage supper**. Help support the Foodgrains Bank by telling someone new about this very satisfying fundraising opportunity.

Peace to you,

Rick and Jacquie Block

Saskatchewan Representative, Canadian Foodgrains Bank

### 10 Seasons of Saskatchewan

Winter

False Spring

Second Winter

← We're here!

Hope

Summer

False Fall

Second Summer

Fall

Hello Darkness My Old Friend

### Positive quote:

**Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.** "If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining." "Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out." "Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share

## Canadian Foodgrains Bank Update

March in Saskatchewan can certainly be a **month of contrasts** – in like a lion, out like a lamb (and vice-versa). But it also shows its contrast across the province, especially this year in terms of snow cover. While farmers in the south are **getting their equipment ready for seeding**, those in the northern grainbelt are **waiting for those 5-ft drifts to subside!**

As we continue to pray for the war to end in Ukraine, we are **thankful for everyone who enquired and responded to this appeal**. This tragic war reminds us that **conflict is one of the main drivers of hunger** throughout our world.

We also want to **express our gratitude for your words of condolences** on the passing of Jacquie's dad. We very much appreciate the growing community of Foodgrains supporters here in Saskatchewan.

Last month we asked about which of our 8 organizational values stick out most to you, and you responded!! Here's what Gaylord Mierau sent to us in response – ***"All great values but Justice and Compassion stand out for me"***. Thank you Gaylord! It is always good to hear our supporters' perspectives regarding our motivation and effort to help end hunger.

### A Lenten Prayer

Let me Hunger Enough - "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." - Matthew 4:4

Lord, let me hunger enough that I not forget the world's hunger.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may have bread to share.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may long for the Bread of Heaven.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may be filled.

But, O Lord, let me not hunger so much that I seek after that which is not bread, nor try to live by bread alone.

Amen.

- From *Banquet of Praise: A Book of Worship Resources*, published by *Bread for the World*.

## Nora's Notes

As part of my spiritual practice the last few weeks I have been reading "Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations" by Richard Wagamese each morning. As the spring melt is in full swing all around us, I am reflecting more on the natural world and the ways to be outside now that the biting cold -40 day's seem to be behind us. I found the following reflection to be a beautiful inspiration to invest in my relationship with nature this spring.

ME: Why am I alive?

OLD WOMAN: Because everything else is.

ME: No. I mean the purpose.

OLD WOMAN: That is the purpose. To learn about your relatives.

ME: My family?

OLD WOMAN: Yes. The moon, stars, rocks, trees, plants, water, insects, birds, mammals. Your whole family. Learn about that relationship. How you're moving through time and space together. That's why you're alive.

May we all be blessed with the purpose of relational living, finding our deep connectedness within the web of God and all God's creation.



**Considering graduate studies in theology?** CMU has full-tuition awards available and offers a Master of Divinity, an MA in Christian Ministry, an MA in Theological Studies, and a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies. The application deadline for Fall 2022 is May 31. Visit [cmu.ca/gstm](http://cmu.ca/gstm).

## Amplify!

### Youth Gathering 2022

giving voice to what we've seen & heard

July 31-August 4, 2022 @ Camp Valaqua in Alberta

In 2022 the youth of Mennonite Church Canada are being invited to gather among the tall trees and stunning scenery at Camp Valaqua. Youth gatherings are a time to connect to the wider church family, recharge our spirits, and spend quality time together in nature. It is our deepest hope that both youth and leaders will experience all of these things (and more!) at Amplify!

**For youth ages 12-18**

## Registration

Early Bird: \$395 (until May 1, 2022)

Regular Price: \$425

***Registration is now live!***

Churches / Individuals are required to arrange transportation to the event in Alberta. For those arriving by plane, Amplify! will arrange for shuttles to pick up and drop off at the Calgary Airport.

If you need assistance with travel subsidy please contact Joani at [youth@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:youth@mennonitechurch.ca) to discuss subsidy options.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR APRIL

**April 3** Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

**April 10** Liturgy of the Psalms Sixth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:2-40

**April 10** Liturgy of the Passion Sixth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**April 14** Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 15** Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

**April 17** Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 21:1-12

**April 24** Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

**May 1** Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19