

OMC Calendar

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am	1	2	3 Exec 5:30 pm Council 7:00 pm	4 Osler Choral Society 7:00 pm; Project Thursdays 7:00 pm	5 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	6
7 Patty Friesen preaching	8	9 Osler Choral Society 7:00 pm	10	11 Project Thursdays 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Patty Friesen preaching. Seniors supper @ Bethany Manor 5:00 pm	15	16	17	18 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion 5:30 pm	19 Choral Society Concert 4pm. Good Friday service 7pm	20
21 Easter Patty Friesen Preaching. Brunch at 11:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Jake Buhler preaching	29 Worship mtg @ Steph's 7:00 pm	30				

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website.

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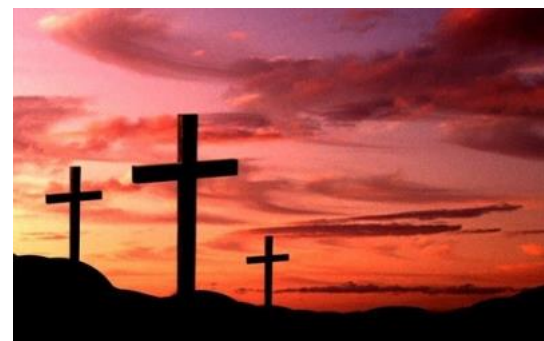
We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Metis.

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A WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR PEACE
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation



UPCOMING SERVICES

- April 7** 5th Sunday of Lent: "Mary's Healing Touch" by Patty Friesen
- April 14** Palm Sunday: "Why Does God Hide?" by Patty Friesen
- April 18** Maundy Thursday Potluck and Communion, 5:30 p.m.
- April 19** Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.
- April 21** Easter Sunday Service 10:00 am; Brunch 11:00 am - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." by Patty Friesen
- April 28** Jake Buhler preaching

"...on the night he was betrayed, our Savior Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (The Inclusive Bible)

Patty's Ponderings

After a long winter and long Lent, Easter comes to us this month with joy and hope. Short books on grief (short because we bereaved cannot concentrate on long books) have helped me through this season. The kindness of friends and the bonding of our community as we have gone through the sudden death of Art Zacharias together, has also helped me through this season. Our Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service and Easter service with brunch also help guide us through the human reality of suffering, death and resurrection. God is with us through the bodily death and new creation in Jesus.

We are in a time of pastoral transition with Terri Lynn's maternity leave and look forward to Nora Pederberg's ministry among us for the next year. I am looking forward to some healing time in nature, camping with Patrick in Grasslands National Park and looking forward to the intense gardening season around the corner.

Patty's Picks

Healing Your Grieving Heart After a Cancer Diagnosis by Andrew Wolfelt

The Wilderness of Grief by Andrew Wolfelt

Paradoxes of Mourning by Andrew Wolfelt

Your Sorrow is My Sorrow by Joyce Rupp

Patty's Picks on Death Readings and DVD's

The Measure of My Days by Florida Scott Maxwell is a philosophical reflection on aging and death.

Stiff by Mary Roach is a fascinating study of how cadavers have helped science.

Coco DVD by Disney is about the Mexican Day of the Death and the power of family.

Departures DVD is a gentle lovely tale about a Japanese undertaker.

“Summer Day” by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean--

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down --

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

April is Poetry Month with the following tribute to poet Mary Oliver:

Mary Oliver died on the feast of Saint Anthony, the desert monk revered for his insistence that the words of God were ever before him in the nature of all created things. Mary, monkish in her habits of devotion and attention, in the offering up of her own poem-prayers in field and wood, at pond and seashore, lived with the same gentle insistence. Her poetry and prose witness to an unorthodox liturgy of the hours - daily walks, early morning stillness, the stars on a clear, cold night - and we who loved her find a worthy guide, a companionable presence, still. - Debra Dean Murphy, Christian Century, February 27, 2019

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Easter Peace: It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. - *Author unknown*

“Embracing Hope” by Joyce Rupp

Loving Gardener of Life,
turn my time of sorrow
toward a season of hope.
I long to return to joy.
I yearn to be free from sadness.
May the eyes of my faith
look beyond my loss
and see the promise of spring
that follows every winter.

Never-Ending Source of Hope,
may the power of the Resurrection
assure me of future happiness.
I hold out my downcast spirit to you
and offer you my trusting heart.
I await the healing I need,
confident that your grace
will restore my inner peace.

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.

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 3 Executive mtg 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm
Apr 4 Choral Society practice & Project Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Apr 5 Deacons meeting 12:45 pm
Apr 9 Choral Society practice 7:00 pm
Apr 11 Project Thursdays 7:00 pm
Apr 14 Senior’s Pizza Supper @ Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm
Apr 18 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 5:30 pm
Apr 18 Choral Society dress rehearsal 7:00 pm
Apr 19 Osler Choral Society Concert, 4:00 pm
Apr 19 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
Apr 21 Easter Sunday Service, with Potluck Brunch to follow
Apr 29 Worship meeting, 7:00 pm at Stephanie’s

HUMOR

TOP TEN OLD TESTAMENT SONGS & RESPECTIVE RECODING ARTIST

10. “Stairway to Heaven” by Jacob
9. “How Do You Talk to an Angel?” by Gideon
8. “You’re the Devil in Disguise”, a duet by Adam & Eve
7. “War”, a duet by Saul & David
6. “Girl’s Just Wanna Have Fun” by Solomon’s Harem
5. “Dream” by Daniel
4. “I’ve Got Friends in Low Places” by Lot
3. “Beat It” by Samson
2. “Some Guys Have All the Luck” by Solomon
1. “I can’t Get No Satisfaction” by Moses

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took her mother a while before she realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

Nora Pederberg , our interim Pastor of Faith & Community, tells us a little bit about herself:

My experience in church ministry starts with a focus on working with children and youth, ranging from teaching Sunday school, leading Vacation Bible School weeks, and later spending three summers as a counsellor at Shekinah Summer Camp. I see this time as a joyful period of learning what it means to create a safe place for children and youth to feel comfortable being silly, curious, or scared with an awareness of God's presence in their lives. The context of ministry took a shift for me on an internship with Servants Vancouver which allowed me to live out daily life along-side those who were facing barriers such as addiction, mental health, homelessness, and extensive trauma. I was able to learn how to accompany people as they continued to seek out healing and resilience. Upon leaving this environment and returning to university my mentor advised me to explore what it means to live "incarnationally" where I found myself in my current communities. I returned with a new perspective to both my studies and my involvement with my Winnipeg congregation of Home Street Mennonite Church, where I continued to fall in love with active participation in a community of faith including the opportunity to preach, as well as join a congregational visitation list. It is the culmination of these experiences, and the training received in my degree, that led me to undertake a personal discernment process around my place within the field of ministry. This has resulted in exploring a calling to pastoral work in congregational ministry during an interim pastoral position at Nutana Park Mennonite Church covering three different ministry positions throughout the year and experience a number of different elements of what it means to work within a church congregation.

Currently I feel rooted in a call to pastoral work, and I am continuing to unfold what this means for my life. I have returned back to the same river and treaty land, but now live in the city of Saskatoon with my husband Matt in the community house Vine & Table. Thank you for considering me for the maternity leave position at Osler Mennonite Church.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Out with the old and in with the new! Our new church website is <http://oslermennonitechurch.org> The old website is no longer used.

***RJC SPRING CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, April 7, 2:30 pm in the RJC Gym** – RJC's Spring Concert will feature performances by Concert Choir, Ensemble and ManChoir. Everyone is welcome.

***Senior's Pizza Supper & Sing-a-long, Sunday, April 14, 5:00 pm at Bethany Manor.** The Deacons are hosting a supper for those 70 years and older and their guest or spouse. Invitations have been sent out. If you didn't receive one and are eligible, please contact Loretta. **Please RSVP by April 7 to the church office or Patty or Loretta.**

*Osler Choral Society Concert Good Friday, April 19, 4:00 pm at OMC.

***Everyone Welcome** to our Easter Services: **April 18** - Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion 5:30 pm; **April 19** - Good Friday Service 7:00 pm; **April 21** - Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service , followed by Potluck Brunch.

***Tues. April 30, 7:00 p.m.** CMU and Chamber Singers choir at Nutana Park Mennonite Church.

*Queen's House Retreat on Grief Thurs. June 13- Sun. June 16 using Your Sorrow is My Sorrow by Joyce Rupp. See brochures on the church bulletin board.

OMC YOUTH EVENTS:

April 6/7: Sr. High Retreat - has been rescheduled. Still at Shekinah, in the Chalet and cabins. Gr. 9-12.

Honouring the Earth All-Nighter - April 24th (5pm) -25th (10am), location TBD.

because of these extra events and Easter holidays, there will be no regular youth gathering at OMC on the Second Last Saturday.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR APRIL

April 7, 2019 – Lent 5 –

I am about to do a new thing

Isaiah 43:16-21 (19)

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday –Open the gates

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (19)

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday –

Eat this bread

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

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (26) John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 21, 2019 – Easter –

Lord of all

Acts 10:34-43 (36) or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

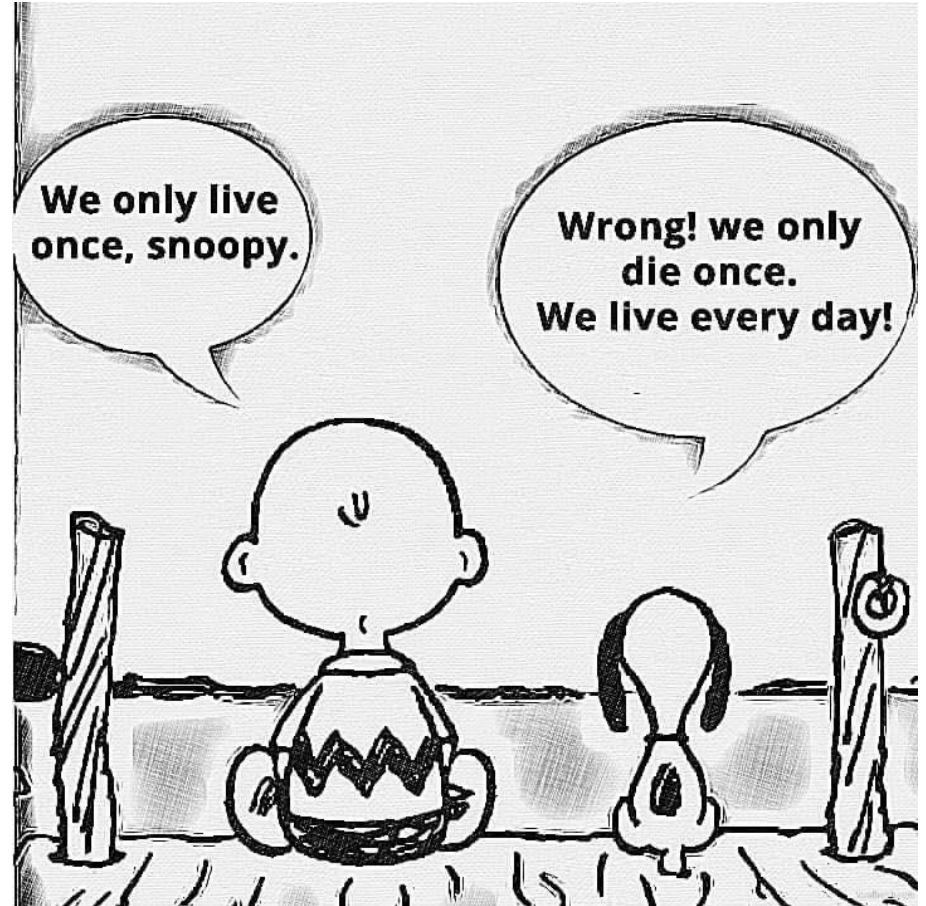
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 28, 2019 – That you may believe

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31 (31)



-submitted by Glen Grismer

Birds Around Us -submitted by Jake Buhler

“**Look Mommy, I see a bird**”. When you hear this, a new bird watcher has been found. We are all bird watchers, albeit, some more experienced than others. If you know the name of one bird, you know something about birds!

The Bible has names for about 40 birds. There are about 145 common species of birds in Saskatchewan. But bird expert, Alan Smith, says that 400 species have been identified in this province.

Year-round birds: Black-capped chickadees, black-billed magpies, house sparrows, and the common raven stay around our area all year.

Summer Birds: True migratory birds that live in southern USA or South America in the winter, and join us in the summer include most hawks, geese, robins, kingbirds, meadowlarks, ducks, pelicans and killdeer.

Semi-migratory birds: These include Bohemian Waxwings and Redpolls that live up north in the summer and come south to our area in the winter. I photographed the bohemian waxwing shown below in my front yard in Saskatoon.

Colony Bird: Purple martins are attracted to human-built houses with many little dwellings. We have a purple martin colony house on the church yard.

An **Unusual Bird** must be the house-wren: The male house-wren arrives in our area a week or two before the female does. For a week or more, it finds at least 2 places for its mate to lay eggs. When the female arrives, she chooses the favorite nest. Only after that will she agree to be the male’s partner. They mate and eggs are laid, and the young are hatched.

The **rarest bird** must be the whooping crane. Nesting locations are in the Territories north of Saskatchewan. About 200 birds in the wild exist. They fly in small groups of 5 or 6. But Wilf Buhler photographed 13 birds (10 are shown below) at Buzz Lake, which is one of the largest groups ever photographed. Bruce Boldt and Gordon Allaby were also observing these birds in 2008. Buzz Lake is a stopping off place for the whoopers.

Largest Bird: The tallest bird is the whooping crane at 1.4 meters. The pelican has the biggest wing span of 9 feet or about 2.8 meters.

Bird Bander: Bruce Boldt is a bird expert and bands various species including owls.

