

OMC Calendar
JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am			1	2	3 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	4
5 Epiphany Readings and Songs	6 Kids Bible & Adult Conv 7 pm.	7	8 Bible Study 1:00 pm. Community Connection committee mtg 4:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Karl Martens preaching.	13 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7 pm. Worship & Education Committee mtgs 7 pm	14	15 Bible Study 1:00 pm. Executive 5:30 pm. Council 7:00 pm. Men's Group 7:30 pm	16	17	18 Serve at Friendship Inn.
19 Nora Pederberg preaching. Fellowship Pizza at noon	20 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7pm.	21	22 Bible Study 1:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Eileen Klassen- Hamm preaching. Potluck at noon.	27 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	28	29 Bible Study 1:00 pm. OMC Men's Group 7:30 pm	30	31-Feb2 Youth retreat at Shekinah	

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found in the bulletin on the church website. www.oslermannonitechurch.org

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

January 5	“Christ the Light” Epiphany Service with readings and songs of Light
January 12	Karl Martens preaching
January 19	Nora Pederberg preaching
January 26	MCC 100 th Anniversary celebration service Eileen Klassen-Hamm preaching OMC’ers MCC stories & Potluck

“Trust YHWH with all your heart, and don’t rely on your own understanding; acknowledge God in everything you do, and God will direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (Inclusive Bible)

Pastor Patty's Ponderings:

“Epiphany” is a secular Greek word that means “manifestation” or making known. Greeks used it to talk about the appearance or arrival of a royal visitor. Within the realm of Christianity, Epiphany refers to the self-revelation of God in Christ. The liturgical season of Epiphany from January to Lent give us scriptures to reflect on the various ways in which the light of Christ has appeared to us.

I look forward to 2020 with 20/20 vision of the light of Christ in our personal lives and the life of our church. I'm thankful for the many ways we make music together, work together for the good of our communities and are a caring community for those in health crisis. May God's ways be revealed to us this year.

Pastor Patty's Picks - all I had time for last month!
Breathe DVD is a wonderful true story of marital commitment and creativity in health troubles.

Anyone with any recommendations for books or movies - please submit to newsletter oslermcoffice@sasktel.net.

A huge thank you to:

- Jake for all the years of teaching Grade 6 Bible at Osler School.
- Michelle for leading church choir
- Kathryn and Lynette for leading children's Christmas program and Christmas Eve service
- Bill for all the shoveling
- Loretta for Women's Christmas Lunch and Lacey's baby shower
- Christy for Monday night Kids' Bible lessons
- Lucy and Susan for leading Forever in Motion these past years.
- All who serve at Friendship Inn, teach Sunday school, make coffee, help in worship and serve on committees.

Nora's Notes:

The new year brings with it the season of light (Epiphany) and turns my mind to thoughts of renewal, hope, and journeying alongside baby/youth/young-adult Jesus as we lean into what it means to be disciples in 2020.

I do not hold a strong practice of resolutions but every new season I spend some time in reflection to check in with myself. I find the Indigenous Wheel of Knowledge (also termed Medicine Wheel) an especially helpful tool for checking in on the health personally and as a community. It goes through intellect, emotional, spiritual, and physical health, encouraging one to affirm what is good and pay attention to areas that are in need of care. Elder Stacey Swampy has encouraged me to share this information so feel free to follow this link if you are interested in exploring this resource:

<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/what-is-an-aboriginal-medicine-wheel>

I am starting out this year with an intensive study of the Gospel of Matthew at Lutheran Theological Seminary Jan 6-10. Thank you again for allowing me to take vacation time during Dec/Jan. It was a beautiful time to connect with far away relatives and explore the adventures of snowshoeing.

Youth Schedule

January 12th Sunday School Movie Day: During our Sunday School hour we will begin watching the second Harry Potter film to continue our discussion on “Harry Potter and the Gospels” Sunday school will start at 11:15am as usually and then we will begin to watch the film together in the youth room. We are predicting the movie will end at 2pm.

January 17th Friday Night Live at RJC: Youth event for grades 6-12, includes interactive activities, performances by RJC students. More details to come sooner to the event! FREE for all but RSVP are appreciated to supply enough seats and treats.

January 31st-February 2nd Youth Retreat: MCSask Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Center. Grades 6-12. More Details to come!

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

January Christianity and Culture Adult Sunday School class

Sun. Jan. 5 - Introduction to Restorative Justice: Dave Feick

Sun. Jan. 12 - Exploration of a biblical perspective on Restorative Justice : Dave Feick

Sun. Jan. 19 - Restorative Justice and older adults - exploring ageism, elder abuse, etc. and what an RJ response might be: Dave Feick

Sun. Jan. 26 - MCC 100th SS Forum with Eileen Klassen-Hamm

Sun. Feb. 2 - Exploration in relation to what we can be doing in our community: Patty

Wonderful Winter Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Bible Study in January with George Janzen and Patty Friesen in the Coffee Room

Wed, Jan. 8, 1:00 p.m. Intro to Matthew - How Matthew is Different in Birth Narratives - Patty

Wed, Jan. 15, 1:00 p.m. Matthew 5-7: Sermon on the Mount - George Janzen

Wed, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m. Parables in Matthew's Gospel - Patty

Wed, Jan. 29, 1:00 p.m. The Death and Resurrection of Christ in Matthew - George Janzen

The Golden Eagles are a sub-group of the Saskatoon Nature Society. We invite retirees and partners who are interested in birds and our natural, cultural and historical heritage to join our field trips.

Participants should be members of

the [Saskatoon Nature Society](http://www.saskatoonnature.org) and should consider membership in [Nature Saskatchewan](http://www.naturesaskatchewan.org), our provincial affiliate. We generally meet weekly from April to October, and once a month from November to March. Find us at www.saskatoonnature.org.

Pastor Patty's Call of the Wild Sabbatical Birding in Yukon/Southern SK May 19-June 19, 2020

Intention: Similar to my 2017 National Park sabbatical, I desire spiritual renewal through hiking and birding in Kluane National Park, Yukon and Grasslands National Park, Saskatchewan. I have no clue how this will benefit the church but it will benefit me in the following ways...

- 1. Observation and Connection to God.** I will observe how nature rejuvenates my soul connection to God. I will observe effects of climate change and learn what I can about indigenous cultures. I will meet interesting strangers. I will journal and preach about what I learn
- 2. Preparation.** I will prepare myself physically through walking and swimming. I will prepare myself intellectually through reading about the history, geography and sociology of Yukon and southern SK. I will prepare myself spiritually through prayer and journalling and spiritual direction. Osler Mennonite Church will pay for this four week sabbatical.

Reading List: Whatever Ruth Buhler recommends plus...

SK writers Candace Savage and Sharon Butala

Into the Wild by John Krakauer

Atlas of a Lost World by Craig Childs

Arctic Dreams by Barry Lopez

This Cold Heaven by Gretel Ehrlich

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.”

Author unknown

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Jan 3 Deacons committee meeting, 12:45 pm
Jan 6,13,20,27 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm
Jan 8,15,22,29 Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm
Jan 8 Community Connections meeting 4:30 pm
Jan 13 Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Worship committee meeting @ Kathryn's, 7:00 pm
Jan 15 Executive mtg, 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm
Jan 15 & 29 OMC Men's Group 7:30 pm
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LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JANUARY

January 5, 2020 – Sing aloud with gladness Jeremiah 31:7-14 (7)

Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18 or

Epiphany (if celebrated) Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 – The heavens were opened Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17 (16)

January 19 – The testimony of Christ Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (6) John 1:29-42

January 26–The Lord is my light & my salvation Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (1) 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

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.

MCC (600-45th St W, Saskatoon) is hosting the following training seminar- Training for Active Bystanders – Wed, Jan 15, 11 – 2pm

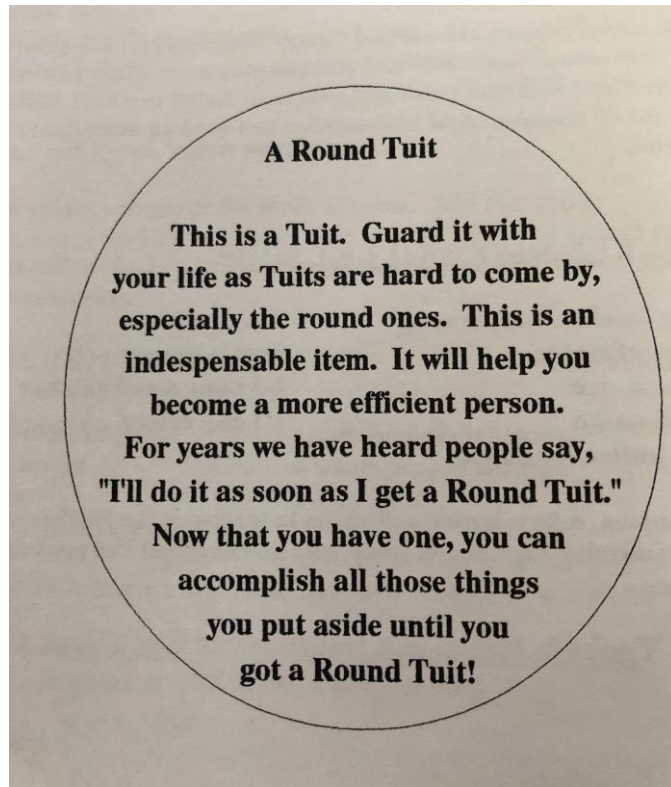
Training for Active Bystander (TAB) provides participants the opportunity to see themselves as potential Active Bystanders who can intervene when they are witness to abusive, isolating or stigmatizing behaviour. The training teaches them about pro-social behaviour, making them more aware of why they may be hesitant to intervene and encourages them to consider taking action in the future. The program focuses on behaviours relating to interpersonal violence (such as abuse, bullying/hazing, physical violence, dating/relationship violence, and sexual violence) and signs of loneliness or emotional distress. From a community perspective, priming (Active) Bystanders to intervene when they see problematic situations can improve feelings of individual ability and effectiveness and encourages caring and support for others. Bystander Intervention Training provides an impetus for personal action and helps potential Active Bystanders to envision how they can be a part of improving our community in an everyday way.

Good Eats: World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit founded by chef Jose' Andres after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, provides meals for communities after natural disasters. WCK recruits local cooks, uses commercial kitchens, and serves locally grown food as much as possible. A hot meal prepared by WCK costs between \$2.50-\$4.00.

The rather tasteless military-style rations known as Meal, Ready-to-Eat, which are often served to people after disasters, cost between \$8 and \$10 each (Smithsonian, December).

Good News: Fred Rogers, whose life is showcased in the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*, with Tom Hanks playing Rogers, was a seminary-trained Presbyterian minister who regularly appeared before church elders in order to keep up his ministerial standing.

Before each episode of *Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood*, he would pray, "Let some word that is heard be thine." The central message of his program for children - that they are loved just the way they are - was his expression of the christian gospel. Rogers didn't speak overtly about faith on the TV program, believing that he taught the faith through example rather than words (CNN, Nov. 23).



HUMOR

SASKATCHEWAN POEM:

It's winter in Saskatchewan, and the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour at thirty-five below.
Oh how I love Saskatchewan, when the snow's up to your butt-
You take a breath of winter and your nose gets frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is wonderful; so I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Saskatchewan... 'cause I'm frozen to the ground!

Why did the kids start eating the puzzle they got at Christmas?
Because their uncle said it was a piece of cake!



Congratulations Sarah!

University of Saskatchewan College of Law and CLASSIC presented with Sir David Watson Award for Community-University Partnership

Martin Phillipson, Dean of Law, and **Associate Professor Sarah Buhler** proudly accepted the Sir David Watson Award for Community University Partnerships during the National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement's (NCCPE) Engage Conference in Bristol, UK, on Dec. 4, 2019. The award, created in memory of the former University of Brighton vice-chancellor, recognizes the combined efforts of community and university partners towards making a difference to the shared lives of people in their shared community. The University of Brighton's Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tara Dean, who presented the award, said: "This is an excellent international example of a community-university partnership that is making a difference. Since starting in 2008, the CLASSIC project has served an average of 1100 clients a year through its various services including a Walk-In Advocacy Clinic. It is a worthy winner."

In 2018, CLASSIC provided legal representation to more than 750 low-income clients and helped another 250 obtain government-issued identification.