

OMC Calendar

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am						1
2 Patty Friesen Preaching. OMC Music Recital 11:15	3 Education committee mtg 7:00 pm	4	5 Exec mtg 5:30 pm Council mtg 7:00 pm	6	7	8 Summer Song Soiree 7:30 pm
9 Pentecost & Communion. Patty Friesen preaching. Noon: Pizza & Semi Annual mtg.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Church Picnic @ Wilf & Ruth's.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Dave Feick preaching. SS Forum with Stacey Stampy. 30 George Janzen preaching	24	25	26	27	28	29

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

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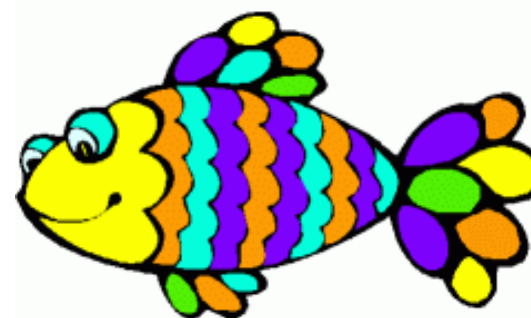
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A WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR PEACE
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation



UPCOMING SERVICES

Summer Worship Theme: Fish Tales

June 2 - Holy Mackerel - John 21:1-14 by Patty Friesen

June 9 - Pentecost and Communion - Schooling the Disciples - Luke 24:36-43 by Patty Friesen

June 16 - Church Picnic featuring Fishing Skit with an Outstanding Cast

June 23 - Dave Feick preaching

June 30 - George Janzen preaching

“Listen to the plants of the earth, and learn from them; let the fish of the sea become your teachers.”

Job 12:8 (The Inclusive Bible)

Patty's Ponderings

I can't believe we're in June already but the mad dash to graduation and garden planting tells me it is so. This month we celebrate Pentecost June 9 with communion and we're preparing for our Sunday school picnic June 16th at Buhler's with a summer theme kick-off that parallels what some children will be experiencing at summer camp at Shekinah Retreat Centre. I'm grateful to be working with super Nora! And suddenly we have lots of young adults attending and new children. It is a blessing we didn't even have to work for, but we must be vigilant in our welcome and getting to know new people and gently integrating them and offering meaningful worship and Christian education.

In the midst of all this new life at church, I'm finding new courage in leadership. Dr. Brene Brown in Dare to Lead has given me some tools for difficult conversations - rumble starters she calls them - which engage people and seek curiosity and connection instead of correction, which is a huge shift in my avoiding fears over conflict in marriage, family and church. Some of these rumble starters are:

1. The story I make up about this situation is...
2. I'm curious about that choice...
3. Tell me more...
4. That's not been my experience with that person. My experience with that person has been...
5. I'm wondering...
6. Help me understand what just happened...
7. Walk me through what just happened...
8. We're both dug in. Tell me about your passion about this...
9. Tell me why this doesn't work for you...
10. I'm working from these assumptions. How about you?
11. What problem are we trying to solve here?

May the Pentecostal power of the Holy Spirit help guide us calmly with difficult conversations at home and church.

Patty's Picks

Horizon by Barry Lopez is another thoughtful environmental biography that is timely.

Dare to Lead by Dr. Brene Brown has been turning my crank.

Threshold of Discovery by Roger Owens is about the spirituality of the mid-life crisis - available in church library.

The Island of Sea Women - an engaging tale by the engaging Lisa See.

First Man DVD is the story of Neil Armstrong on the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

The Kid with the Bike DVD is a French film with strong religious themes.

Amazing Grace documentary about Aretha Franklin is supposed to be awesome - on my bucket list.

Good Fish Tales for Children

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

One Fish, Two Fish by Dr. Suess

The River Why DVD

A River Runs Through It DVD

Finding Nemo DVD

A Prayer for Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit, Enkindle the fire of your Love. Transform all that is fearful into boldness of heart. Inspire your servants with wonder and awe at the mystery of your Presence. Confirm your friends in compassion and forgiveness. Whisper discernment in the midst of confusion; be with us in time of trouble; reverence in the face of diversity; patience with the unfolding of life and forever anoint your messengers with joy. Amen.

Summer Worship Theme – Fish Tales

July 7 - Carpe Diem from Matthew's Gospel by Patty Friesen
July 14 - Bigger Fish to Fry - Old Testament Prophecies by Patty
July 21 - Catch of the Day - Ezekiel 47:9,10 by Patty Friesen
July 28 - Singing Sunday
Aug 4 - Gordon Allaby
Aug 11 - Take the Bait at the Fish Gate - Nehemiah 3 by Patty Friesen
Aug 18 - Ryan Siemens - Fishers of People
Aug 25 - Fruit of the Spirit – Patty

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

What do you call a fish who doesn't believe in war?
- A pacifisht

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.

Nora's Notes:

June brings with it the official start of summer, and with it many days of sun and celebration. I am looking forward to connecting with young adults in the sweet spot of the calendar between finishing exams and heading out on summer adventures. We have a pie-making party planned to donate some baked goods to this year's MCC Relief sale. The youth will also be helping out with the Relief sale donating their time and talents to the Kid's Corner on Saturday morning. I am also looking forward to experiencing the OMC Summer Picnic on June 16th! Enjoying time outside worshipping, laughing, and singing along to the Youth Jam Band led by Patty. In the summer months I am looking forward to our inter-generational Sunday school with a special guest speaker on June 23rd, leading bible time at Shekinah for Children's week July 7th-12th, SHAKE! National youth conference July 28 - Aug 1st, and Vacation Bible School at Osler August 20-22nd.

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

June 8th Saturday 10am-12pm MCC Relief Sale Kids Corner

As is tradition we will be helping out at the MCC Relief sale, hanging out in the kids corner!

June 20th Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm-ish Pool Party & RJC

Musical. Our Mega Menno for June is a Pool Party at the Rosthern Pool, followed by supper in the RJC dorms and then we have a special youth showing of the RJC Musical "Joseph and the Techni-colored Dream Coat."

July 1st Osler Canada Day Parade

We have been asked to be in charge of the ice-cream station (best job ever!) at the Osler Canada day festival. The parade is usually at 11am followed by ice-cream around noon. If you will be around for the July long weekend then come out to Osler and join us!

July 28-August 1: SHAKE! National Youth Conference @ Shekinah Summer Camp. A nationwide gathering for youth in Grades 6-12 (grads welcome!). Details and Registration at www.prairieyouth.ca

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.

***Summer Song Soiree 2019, Saturday, June 8th, 7:30pm** - We are delighted to announce that tenor Spencer McKnight and pianist Mark Turner will be returning to OMC to perform in an evening concert, along with Chelsea Cox, Andrew Hecker, Christine Hecker, and Heather Macnab: the multi-talented family group known as "West of the Third". Admission will be by donation, with proceeds going to support our Syrian refugee mom and five children. Tax receipts available. Don't miss this concert of song, spoken word and merriment! Refreshment will follow.

*Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home is having a "Volunteer Appreciation BBQ" for all those who have volunteered there in the past year. It's on Thursday, **June 13**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Log Cabin on the Youth Farm Complex Grounds. Please call 306-232-4861 or email tarri.ostapak@saskhealthauthority.ca before June 6 to reserve.

*Pride Parade Preparation for Mennonites
Sat. June 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Nutana Park Mennonite Church
Button making (headed up by Wildwood), t-shirt decorating (either tie-dye or painting - Nutana), and rainbow snacks (Osler). We will unveil our banner and talk a bit about the Pride parade and why we're marching this year. For children that may come, there may be other rainbow crafts as well. Pride Parade, Saturday, June 22 for Mennonites who wish to walk and sing together.

***June 7-8: MCC Sale in Sasktoon**

***June 21-23** RJC Musical, Alumni Reunions & Graduation Weekend

***June 29 - July 1** MC Canada Gathering in Abbotsford, BC

***Save the Date: Oct. 19 & 20 Surviving and Thriving despite Cancer** (and other major life crises) at Osler Mennonite Church with Dan Epp-Tiessen, Associate Professor of Bible, Canadian Mennonite University.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITES TO HELP OUT at the VINE & TABLE:

1. Fence Building Project

The first thing that came to mind in terms of a 'project' is re-building our fence. It's pretty saggy and peeling paint. We'd like to have a well-built fence that doesn't completely cut us off from our neighbours, but does protect our garden from the large dogs next door. It's a pretty big project, so if people are interested in helping out with labour, or some of the supplies, I think any kind of collaboration would be welcome. Thomas has the details on the estimated costs/design that we could follow up with if that's of interest.

If any one is interested please contact Harold Loewen and we will set up a work day with Thomas.

2. "Wish List"

We have a 'wish list' for a few household items that we'd love to have around the house: things like a good quality coffee maker, a good waffle iron, board games, etc. I can send the 'official list' if you like. Please contact Terri Lynn directly if you are able to help out.

3. Mentors

This is a bit different direction, but we want to be able to connect residents of the Vine & Table with folks who could possibly be mentors - because of common interest, career/vocational paths, or life experience. We've been collecting a list of people who might be interested in sharing their life with a young adult in this way - and then we have them on file for when a 'match' might come along. Please contact Terri Lynn directly if you are interested.

***Micah Mission volunteer opportunities:**

Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) offers volunteers an opportunity to support a person who has been released into the community, who has the desire to not reoffend. These persons have offended sexually and the goal of CoSA is ensuring there are no more victims. Volunteers meet weekly with the "Core Member" for about an hour to discuss how life is going as well as to offer a social interaction that such offenders are often missing in their lives. Micah Mission offers orientation and training for this but your application can be processed much more quickly and you can be volunteering in a short time.

Contact Dave Feick if interested in this volunteer activity.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JUNE & JULY

June 2, 2019 – The way of salvation

Acts 16:16-34 (17 KJV)

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019 – Pentecost – Led by the Spirit

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 (14)

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 16, 2019 – Hope does not disappoint

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5 (5)

John 16:12-15

June 23, 2019 – Tell the story

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39 (39)

June 30, 2019 – Seize the day

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62 (62 The Message)

July 7, 2019 – The harvest is plentiful

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (2)

July 14, 2019 – Who is my neighbor

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37 (29)

July 21, 2019 – Rooted in faith

Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 (23)

Luke 10:38-42

July 28, 2019 – Sing of the ways of the Lord

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 (5) Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

***CAMP UPDATES:**

Camp Shekinah: 2 new cabins for campers to sleep in and the "pond" is being cleaned up for a swimming hole and water slide for those hot days at camp! We pray for our campers and staff for a wonderful time connecting to God in the beautiful camp setting. **Nora will be camp pastor July 7-12. Patty will be cooking July 14-19. Lucy & Joan D will be cooking July 21-26. Zach will be leading Bible Aug 4-9.** Monthly donations can be made to Shekinah Retreat Centre on their web-site link.

Camp Elim: Vanessa will be counselor all summer.



OMC CALENDAR

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| May 29 | Pie making Party for Young Adults |
| June 2 | OMC Music Recital, 11:15 am |
| June 3 | Education Committee meeting, 7:00 pm |
| June 5 | Exec meeting, 5:30 pm; Council meeting, 7:00 pm |
| June 8 | Summer Song Soiree, 7:30 pm |
| June 9 | Noon: Pizza, followed by Semi-Annual Meeting |
| June 16 | Church Picnic @ Wilf & Ruth's. |
| July 7 | <u>Baby Shower Meet & Greet</u> for Terri Lynn & Thomas's new little daughter, Lilianna May, 11:00 – noon. They have most everything they need for the first year, so as a church we will have a collection jar in the foyer for anyone to contribute to, and we will purchase one large gift for them from the church. We'll meet outside, weather permitting, so please bring a lawn chair. |
| Aug 20-22 | VBS for ages 5-12, 6:00-8:00 pm each evening. |

HUMOR

Why did the fish get bad grades? - Because it was below sea level.

What are fish that act in movies called? - Starfish.

What does the Loch Ness Monster eat? - Only fish-n-ships.

That fisherman will never make it as a boxer. - All he can throw are hooks.

What did the shark's friends tell her when she got dumped? - There are plenty of fish in the sea.

Have you ever met a shy fish? - They are very koi.

Who was the best employee at the balloon factory? - The blow fish.

Did you hear about the newlywed shark couple? - They are swimming along nicely.

Never date a fisherman. - They will only string you along.

What made the octopus laugh? - Ten-tickles.

Why should you never fight an octopus? - They are well armed.

Allen: Why is it so easy to weigh fish?

Neal: I don't know. Why?

Allen: Because they have their own scales!

Mark: Where do fish keep their money?

Kevin: Where?

Mark: In a riverbank.

A.J.: Did you hear about the fight at the seafood restaurant?

Nico: No, what happened?

A.J.: Two fish got battered!

"A Fish Story" by Justina Peters, Bethany Manor Chronicle September 1, 2015

My grandparents lived on the picturesque banks of the fast-flowing Irtysch River in Siberia. When the river ice broke up in spring there was often flooding in surrounding areas. As a young lad their son Johann (my father), enjoyed exploring along the river bank. One day he was surprised to find a pool of water full of fish which were stranded due to the receding waters of the river.

Wow! These were butter fish! His mouth watered at the thought of having his dear step-mother pan-fry them for their supper. The problem was he had come to the river empty-handed with absolutely nothing in which to carry them home. On second thought, he could improvise. He quickly undressed, tossing aside his one-piece long underwear, then just as quickly he redressed in his shirt, pants and jacket. Picking up his underwear he tied knots in sleeves and leggings. He stuffed as many of these slippery fish into his improvised pouch as it would hold. He then slung his make-shift bag over his shoulder to carry them home, knowing with delight, that his hankering for fresh fish would be satisfied.

"This past year, I found a huge fish washed up on the beach near my home. I'd never seen anything like it. I discovered it was a lake sturgeon, which can live 150 years and grows to more than ten feet long. Lake sturgeon used to be one of the most prolific species in Lake Ontario but is now endangered. Ever since then, I've wondered, is seeking the welfare of lake sturgeon wrapped up with my welfare? Was that great fish a prophet speaking in the only way it could? "

—Carol Penner