

OMC Calendar

MAY 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am			1 Exec 5:30 pm Council 7:00 pm	2	3 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	4
5 Patrick Preheim preaching	6	7 Education mtg 7:00 pm	8 Community Connections mtg 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Child Dedication. Loose Change Collection.	13	14	15	16	17	18 Serve at Friendship Inn. Youth meeting.
19 Patty Friesen Preaching.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Ty MacKenzie preaching.	27	28	29	30	31	

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

- May 5:** “Follow the Fallow: Sabbatical Reflections” by Patrick Preheim
May 12: Child Dedication and sharing by parents
May 19: “The Spirituality of Reading” by Patty Friesen
May 26: “The Good News in Downtown Saskatoon” by Ty MacKenzie, Lighthouse Chaplain.

“And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now everything is new!”

2 Corinthians 5:17
(The Inclusive Bible)

Patty's Ponderings

I'm thankful for this month of May, Mary's month, as it was originally called because it was bursting with new life. I'm looking forward to preaching at Bethany Manor May 5 and having Child Dedication at OMC May 12 and having Ty MacKenzie, the chaplain at the Lighthouse in downtown Saskatoon with us on May 26 in worship and Sunday school to talk about his work with vulnerable citizens.

I'm also looking forward to rehearsing with the OMC Garage Band Sunday, June 2 and 9 at 11:15 in preparation for our Sunday school picnic on June 16. Anyone who wants to play guitar, percussion, accordion, etc, please come join us in the drama room. I'd like to challenge all youth and adult church musicians to go to music camp this summer @ Shekinah Ages 12-17, August 18-23 with guitar, vocal, percussion. Adults at Ness Creek: Aug. 12-17, guitar, vocal, etc.

Patty's Picks:

I had time to read when Patrick was on sabbatical - many short ones on grief and some other gems.

Healing Your Grieving Body - Alan Wolfelt

Healing Your Grief About Aging - Alan Wolfelt

Understanding Your Grief - Alan Wolfelt

The Depression of Grief - Alan Wolfelt

Slow Medicine - Dr. Victoria Sweet

Seven Fallen Feathers - Tanya Talaga - important selection from Canada Reads.

Resurrecting Easter - John Dominic and Sarah Crossan - delicious resurrection art in the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

The Universal Christ - Richard Rohr - always stimulating.

A Failure of Nerve - Edwin Friedman - essential leadership reading.

Nora's Notes:

Hello Everybody and thank you for welcoming me into Osler Mennonite Church. I am excited to get to know everybody, so please reach out for visits and forgive me when it takes me a while to get all the names! My first Sunday will be April 28th and I am excited to join in on the Children's Gathering & Youth Sunday School! On May 5th I will be worship leading at OMC with Patrick Preheim preaching (Patty's way of easing me in 😊.) I am looking forward to our youth retreat at the end of the month - ROAD TRIP! I predict my first month will be filled with reaching out with questions and orienting myself to the office as I find a rhythm here at Osler Mennonite Church.

Ps. Thank you to whoever left the lovely chocolate bar in my office.

OMC Youth Events

May 18: Osler Youth Night

May 24-26: Youth Retreat @ Camp Elim Gr.6-12

SMYO Youth Retreat Update – May 24-26.** Due to the cancellation of the Sr. High Retreat, the Jr. High Retreat is being opened up to ***all youth in grade 6-12! Starting with a road trip down to Camp Elim (we'll carpool/caravan together), the weekend will be filled with worship, games, and one of the highlights at Elim – time on the lake! Registration details coming soon. (youthminister@mcsask.ca for more info).

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

“Better a crust of bread in peace than a great feast with friction.”
Proverbs 17:1 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

“Surrender” by Alan Wolfelt, grief counsellor

Surrender teaches you that when you stop resisting and surrender to a situation exactly as it is, things begin to change. Surrender is, in part, about accepting the reality that you are unable to stop or control unwelcome change in your life. Resistance or protest is an instinctive defence mechanism you use to push away or deny your pain, to protect you from your feelings of loss and grief.

In the end, however, resistance robs you of your capacity to heal and transcend. When you surrender, you acknowledge, “this is what I’m faced with right now in my life’s journey. While I’d like it to be different, I must allow myself to face the reality of what is happening. Surrender is an act of courage that allows you to detach from the outcome. In surrender, you become more capable of seeing choices that were concealed from you. In surrender, you are invited to stop trying to control what you cannot control. The gifts of peace of mind and gentleness of heart await you.

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 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.

***Coro Nova** is a new choir with many singers rooted in RJC and choirs, including Sonrisa and A Buncha Guys. Inaugural season spring **Concert on Friday May 3rd at 7:30pm** at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets \$10.00 at the door, children free.

There are lots of things happening at **RJC** this month:

- Information Night May 14
- Annual Student Fundraising Event May 23
- Annual Golf Classic May 25

More details on our church website (under Bulletins) or the RJC website rosthernjuniorcollege.ca

***Mennonite Trust Ltd. Scholarship** - MTL is pleased to offer scholarships for Sask students who regularly attend an MC Sask congregation and are attending post-secondary Christian education. Interested applicants should submit a resume, confirmation of full-time enrollment in post-secondary Christian education, a letter of support from their church, and a 1 page paper on Christian’s duty to care for widows and orphans. Applicants can send their applications to mtl@mtrust.net or drop them off at any MTL office. Scholarships application deadline is June 30, 2019. More details available at www.mtrust.net

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May 1	Executive meeting, 5:30 pm; Council 7:00 pm
May 3	Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
May 7	Education Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
May 8	Community Connections (M & S) meeting 7:00 pm
May 12	Child Dedication and Loose Change Sunday
May 18	Serve at Friendship Inn. Youth meeting in the evening.

HUMOR

Over dinner, the mom explained the health benefits of a colorful meal to her family.

“The more colors, the more variety of nutrients,” she told them.

Pointing to the food, she asked, “How many different colors do you see?”

“Six, volunteered the son. “Seven if you count the burned parts.”

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MAY

May 5, 2019 – You changed my sorrow into dancing

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

Psalm 30 (11)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12, 2019 – Springs of the water of life

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17 (17)

John 10:22-30

May 19, 2019 – Love one another

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35 (34)

May 26, 2019 – Wait there for the promise

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

or Ascension (*additional scriptures*)

Acts 1:1-11 (4)

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN – author unknown

For the Garden of your Daily Living:

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude our Garden we must have Thyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

-Submitted by Edna Zacharias

CAPSULE SERMONS

There is no better demonstration of faith than a farmer planting seeds in a field.

Happiness often comes through doors you didn't even know you'd left open.