

**OMC Calendar**  
**NOVEMBER 2019**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am					1	2
3 Patty Friesen preaching	4 Kids Bible & Adult Conv 7 pm. Worship mtg 7 pm	5 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	6	7 Community Connection Comm mtg 6:00 pm	8 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	9
10 Patty Friesen preaching.  Faspa & Games Night 5:00 pm	11 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	12	13 Executive 5:30 pm. Council 7:00 pm. Men's Group 7:30 pm	14	15	16 Serve at Friendship Inn. Youth 6:30 -8:30 pm
17 Nora Pederberg preaching.  Fellowship Pizza at noon	18 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7pm. Baby Shower for Lacey 7pm	19 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Youth Movie Night @ OMC 7pm
24 Memorial Sunday & Candle - lighting	25 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	26	27 OMC Men's Group mtg 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Ladies & Girls Christmas luncheon 11:30 am. Youth Mall Hunt 2pm

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found in the bulletin on the church website. [www.oslermannonitechurch.org](http://www.oslermannonitechurch.org)**

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

**The Osler Mennonite Church**  
**NOVEMBER 2019 Newsletter**

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



**UPCOMING SERVICES**

November 3	Heroes of Faith: Patty Friesen
November 10	MCC Peace Sunday: Come and Eat: Patty Friesen
November 17	Nora Pederberg preaching
November 24	Memorial Sunday and Candle-lighting
December 1	First Advent and Communion

**“Blessed are those who work for peace;  
they will be called children of God.”**  
*Matthew 5:9 (Inclusive Bible)*

### **Pastor Patty's Ponderings:**

November is sometimes called death month because of All Saints Day November 1, Remembrance Day November 11, and Totensontag November 24 when we light candles in memory of our loved ones. Hopefully harvest will be finished by now and the leaves will have fallen off the trees. It truly is a season of nature dying and returning to the soil to rise again in spring. It can be a depressing month before Christmas festivities distract us from these realities. To cope with the growing darkness, I light candles at home and Osler Choral Society rehearsals are cheering me up.

I want to use death month as an opportunity to speak into suicide, assisted suicide and other difficult topics surrounding death. We've experienced a lot of death in our congregation this year with five funerals of beloved elders. We honour them by speaking about them and remembering them as part of the ongoing life of our congregation. We never forget. May God bless us with gentle peace in this season of solemn reflection.

### **Pastor Patty's Picks**

Scripture, Culture and Agriculture by Ellen Davis was a fascinating biblical theological read. Nerdy to say that, I know. The Late Bloomer, The Dangerous Old Woman and Untie the Strong Woman by Clarissa Pinkola Estes show me that I'm on a CPE trip. Indian Giver by Warren Lowes is a bit dated from the 1980's but I found interesting and probably was progressive for its' time.

Borgen DVD is a Danish series on a female prime minister. Delicious. Bones Season 6-9 is my way of coping with winter.

### **Nora's Notes:**

I am still sitting with the wisdom and vulnerability that Dan Epp-Tiessen brought our church during his workshop on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Naming the church's role as an embodied reality of both praise and lament is powerful, and a blessing as we continue to care for one another. The timing leads us into the month of November, holding in it: Peace Sunday, Remembrance Day, and Memorial Sunday. All of these give us space to continue sitting with this topic. Thank you to the Deacons who put on this event.

October also brought with it counting education days at MCC with Tom Yoder Neufeld. He spoke about what it means to deepen our journey with one another as a church, holding within our communities all our faults, failings, and differences. He featured this artist to illustrate the gift of creative vision and Gods own capacity to see within our brokenness the potential for beauty.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-africa-47817690/meet-the-tyre-sculptor-of-lagos>

This month also marked the completion of updating the mentorship program! A big thank you to Chris Buhler who worked on this project. The Mentorship Program overview will be added to the Annual Report Book for anyone who would like to take a look.

### **November Youth Calendar**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30:** Osler-Warman Youth Night at OMC  
Our regular Osler-Warman Youth night (games, snack, discussion, prayer). We will be continuing our look at the Minor Prophets, this month we will be getting to know Habukkuk! Feel free to read ahead

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm:** Movie Night at OMC  
John Gascho is putting on a youth movie night at OMC! The event will run around 2hrs (depending on the movie chosen) and will take place in the youth room.

**November 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm:** Mega-Menno Mall Hunt at Centre Mall  
Saskatoon  
More details to come closer to the date.

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*Warman Community band concert on Monday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 at the Warman Gospel Church.

\***The Town of Osler Food Shelf** is requesting the following: canned protein (meat, beans, & stews), granola bars, cereal, chef Boyardee so the Community Connection Committee have put out the large collection box in the foyer of the church in hopes of helping the food shelf!

\***Monday Kids Bible and Adult Convo:** Please join us at the church on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.** Kids who would like can join Christy for a short Bible study and discussion, followed by crafts and/or play, while adults visit and bring any knitting or other projects they might like to do.

\***Sunday, Nov 10:** OMC Family Faspas & Games Night, 5:00 pm

\***Mennonite Historical Society of Sask.** invites you to their Remembrance Day Program / Peace Event on **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m.** Fellowship Centre, Bethany Manor, Saskatoon; hear the Doukhobor story - "Burning of the Guns".

\***First Advent: Sunday, December 1 is another opportunity for communion, child dedication, baptism or joining the church.** Please talk to Nora, George or Patty.

### 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.

### ✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson



### OMC CALENDAR

- Nov 4 **and every Monday:** Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm
- Nov 4 Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov 5 Centering Prayer Group 7:30 pm
- Nov 7 Community Connections committee meeting 6:00 pm
- Nov 8 Deacons committee meeting 12:45 pm
- Nov 10 Family Faspas & Games night 5:00 pm
- Nov 13 Executive meeting 5:30 pm; Council meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov 13 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm
- Nov 16 Serve at Friendship Inn
- Nov 16 Osler-Warman Youth Night @ OMC 6:30-8:30 pm
- Nov 17 Fellowship Pizza at noon
- Nov 18 Baby Shower for Lacey and baby Adrian
- Nov 19 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 pm
- Nov 23 Youth Movie Night @ OMC 7:00 pm
- Nov 27 OMC Men's Group meeting 7:30 pm
- Nov 30 Ladies & Girls Christmas Luncheon 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- Nov 30 Youth Mega-Menno Mall Hunt @ Centre Mall 2:00 pm

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 1, 2019	<u><a href="#">Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Psalm 149</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Ephesians 1:11-23</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luke 6:20-31</a></u>
Nov 3, 2019	<u><a href="#">Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Psalm 119:137-144</a></u>	<u><a href="#">2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luke 19:1-10</a></u>
Nov 10, 2019	<u><a href="#">Haggai 1:15b-2:9</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21</a></u>	<u><a href="#">2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luke 20:27-38</a></u>
Nov 17, 2019	<u><a href="#">Isaiah 65:17-25</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Psalm 98</a></u>	<u><a href="#">2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luke 21:5-19</a></u>
Nov 24, 2019	<u><a href="#">Jeremiah 23:1-6</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Psalm 46</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Colossians 1:11-20</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Luke 23: 33-43</a></u>

### HUMOR

#### Home Improvement

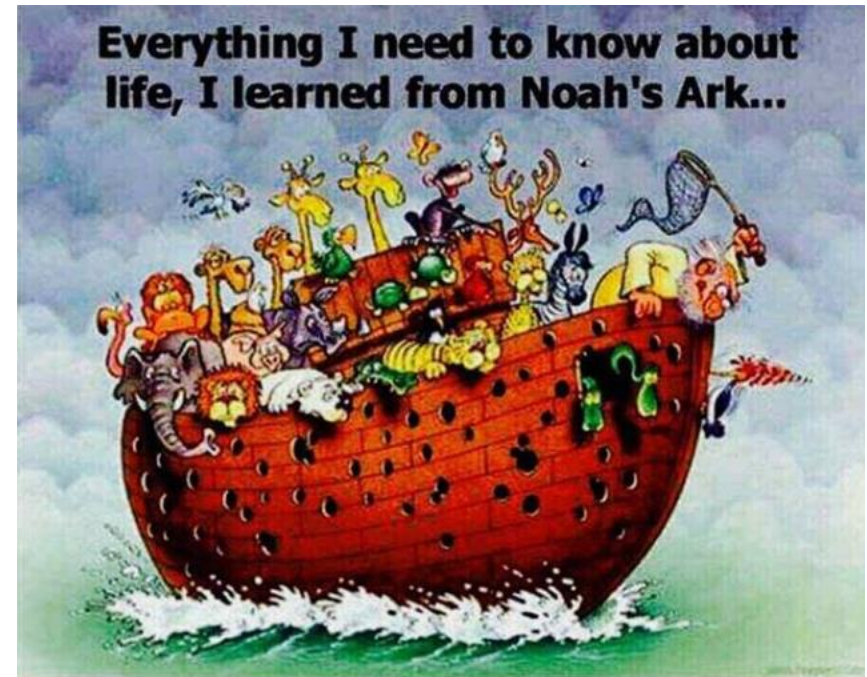
**Bart:** “Hey Bob, I see you’re limping. Arthritis with complications?”

**Bob:** “More like do-it-yourself with cinderblocks.” :(

### CAPSULE SERMONS

It often takes more courage to change your opinion than to stick to it.

It’s far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.



- 1** Don't miss the boat.
- 2** Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4** Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6** Build your future on high ground.
- 7** For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9** When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..