

**OMC Calendar**  
**October 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Al-Nouri Thanksgiving potluck 5:30 pm
<b>7</b> Thanksgiving and Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council meeting 7:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 4-8 pm
<b>14</b> 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Worship and Coffee	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Serve at Friendship Inn
<b>21</b> Ron & Sue Schellenberg preaching	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Worship committee 7:00 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> M & S Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Deacons meeting 12:45 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Patty Friesen preaching	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**The Osler Mennonite Church**  
**OCTOBER 2018 Newsletter**

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



- Oct 7 Thanksgiving & Communion
- Oct 14 OMC 90: Singing Our Faith and Celebrating Our Diversity
- Oct 21 Ron and Sue Schellenberg: Shekinah Retreat Centre
- Oct 28 Raising Shouts: Psalm 126 and Dress for the Cause (Pink Sunday) -Patty Friesen

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. [www.omchurch.org](http://www.omchurch.org)**

“SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD,  
 ALWAYS GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER FOR  
 EVERYTHING, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
 EPHESIANS 5:19-20

## **Pastor Patty's Ponderings** A Season of Thanksgiving

Our First Canadian Thanksgiving with the Al-Nouris starts off our season of thanksgiving. The Al-Nouris remind us why we are church together. No one of us could have sponsored them on our own but together we have made it happen, (with special thanks to the Refugee Committee!). It's been a delight to help plan our Oct 13/14 OMC 90 Celebrating Diversity with art displays, musical contributions and reflections on what it means to get to 90. Some wondered why celebrate 90? Why not wait until 100? We celebrate our elders' 90th birthdays and don't wait for their 100th because we don't know if they will make 100! I'm confident OMC will make 100 but the point is not to take anything for granted and to celebrate while we are all here.

We have built several church buildings, sponsored several refugee families and weathered several family storms in 90 years - all while trying to seek God's guidance and be faithful in our lives and share our faith with the next generations. We are blessed to have youth and young families among us who will see us into our 100th year. May this vision of our future together guide our third year congregational/pastoral review as we enter our 10th decade together. God be with us always.

### **Pastor Patty's Picks: Movies:**

Won't You Be My Neighbour? Is the touching story of Fred Rogers and his ministry to children through television.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society was one of my British favourites of the summer.

The Bookshop was another British favourite of the summer.

The Forgiven is a tough watch about the Truth and Reconciliation Process in South Africa and the very real and painful transformation of a white racist in prison.

### **Pastor Patty's Picks: Music**

Fifteen by the Wailin' Jennys has them dropping their instruments for gorgeous vocal harmony.

The Jerry Cans, an Inuit band won some Juno awards and are sharing their cultural heritage with us.

## **Terri Lynn's Takes:**

### **Every Brilliant Thing - A play-ful encounter with mental health.**

Over the last couple of years, our community has seen the very real need to de-stigmatize conversation about mental health, and make sure that the church is a safe place to have these (sometimes difficult) conversations around how we talk about our mental health, especially in tough times. We've had sermons and workshops, and articles in the Canadian Mennonite. We've thought about it, tried to talk about it, prayed about it. Here is an opportunity to encounter someone's perspective on mental health through theatre, which can often take us places that we can not go otherwise...maybe even giving us an opportunity to laugh about it.

Burnt Thicket Theatre, in similar ways to Theatre of the Beat and Ted & Co. produce plays that allow artists and audiences to live more engaged lives for the common good of our world. The play *Every Brilliant Thing* addresses depression and suicide with perceptive wisdom and an astonishingly funny narrative that speaks with realism and hope. The story leaves a lasting encouragement to cultivate gratitude as our posture for life. If you frequent the Fringe festival, this might be a play for you.

**There is a pay-what you can preview on Oct 4 at 8pm, or join me on Friday Oct 12 at 8pm - I would love company!**

### **EVERY BRILLIANT THING Oct 4-14 at The Refinery**

Burnt Thicket Theatre presents an astonishing comedy about depression and cultivating joy. *You're 7 years old. Mum's in hospital. She finds it hard to be happy. You start making a list of everything worth living for. You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling.* 20 years and thousands of things later, the list takes on a life of its own, exploring the lengths we go to for those we love. Opening Live Five's season Oct 4-14 at The Refinery (609 Dufferin Ave). For tickets (\$25/adults, \$22/student/senior/artist) & more head to [Live Five Theatre \(at the Refinery\)](#) or [burntthicket.com](#).

**Pastor Patty's Picks: Books;**

There There by Tommy Orange is an amazing debut novel from a young American indigenous man.  
On Brassard's Farm by Daniel Hecht has captured me from the first page. Will purchase for church library!

**Pastor Patty's Picks: Restaurants:**

The Odd Couple on 20th had jaw-dropping shiitake mushrooms that have Patrick and I hooked.  
Picaro on 20th is supposed to have awesome Mexican corn that someone recommended.

**“CELEBRATING DIVERSITY”**

**OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH  
CELEBRATES ITS 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Come join us in remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness and grace over the past 90 years.

**Saturday, October 13, 2018:**

4:00 pm Coffee Social, Art Show & Cemetery Tour  
5:30 pm Potluck Supper with Smoked Beef provided  
7:00 pm Talent Show

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

10:00 am Worship Service with Choir and singing through our Hymnals.  
11:00 am Celebration Coffee

212 2nd Ave, Osler SK  
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**OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

\*OMC Worship Workshop with Lois Siemens on Sat. Sept. 22 was well-attended with engaging conversation about "who is talking to who" elements in our worship; God to us, us to God and us to each other. We also talked about how to prepare ahead with words, scriptures and music for transitions between prayers, children and hymns. We recognized the energy each person brings to worship affects others around them in the pew and in the pulpit. We were passionate about our conversations because worship is so important to our souls and our weekly renewal.

As the Worship Committee, we will be continuing to think intentionally about how elements of worship from ushering to decor to scripture reading enhances rather than distracts our worship. We hope to have our live streaming up soon for those joining us from home and long term care facilities. We hope to have a follow up with Lois next year to see how we are moving along. Thank you to all who are able to come to worship Sunday mornings for the encouragement of us all.

\*A BIG THANK YOU to the OMC 90 Committee: Brandee Borne, Dick Braun, Jake Buhler, and Sandra Grismer for a thoughtful and meaningful 90th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks also to: Adeline Cox - posters, Naomi Schellenberg and Glen Grismer - art displays and all our artists; Terry Stefaniuk and Stephanie Siemens - OMC 90 program and all who contributed, Kevin Boldt for the beautiful beef, Ben Buhler for leading choir, Linda Stucky and Ruth Buhler - decorations. See you all at OMC 100!

**\*Friday, October 26, 6:30-8:00 pm – Bethany Manor presents “An evening with tenor Keith Boldt” and special guest Merel Kreigsman. Call Bethany Manor for tickets.**

**\*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and considering our church families currently dealing with this health issue, we'd like to **Dress for the Cause by wearing pink (men included) on Sunday, October 28** and hearing scriptures and songs of hope. Psalm 126:5,6 "May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves."

*#ChurchToo* Play by Theatre of the Beat @ Wildwood Mennonite Church, Fri. Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m. and Sun. Oct. 28, 10:00 a.m. Donations for this project may be made to Osler Mennonite Church, c/o Theatre of the Beat. Check out the Theatre of the Beat web-site.

**\*2019 OMC Photo Directory** in the works. It will be casual, outdoorsy photos that you submit or have someone take during these beautiful fall days. We will begin assembling for Spring 2019 publication. More details to follow. -From the deacons.

## **HUMOR**

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age; sometimes age just shows up by itself.

A father and son were riding in their truck together one day and the son asked the father, "Dad, how high can you count?"  
The father replied, "Well, I don't know, son – how high can you count?"  
The son immediately replied, "One thousand, five hundred, forty-two."  
The father said, "Why did you stop?"  
The son shrugged his shoulders and said, "Well, church was over."

A novice gardener who was looking for some advice asked an experience farmer, "What would be good to plant in an area that gets very little rain, has too much late afternoon sun, has clay soil and lies on a rocky ledge?"  
Replied the farmer, "How about a flagpole?"

## **OMC YOUTH CALENDAR**

### **Parents' Meeting & Fall Retreat - Oct 19/20 at Manitou Beach!**

We had to make a few adjustments to our fall retreat plans, but our date & location are October 19/20 at Manitou Beach! A kind family has offered us the use of their cabin for the weekend since Shekinah is booked.

**\*Friday, October 19** - Meet at OMC for chilli supper and parents' gathering: We'll have **supper ready at 5:30, and start a brief meeting at 6pm**. This is a chance for parents and youth from OMC and WMC to meet, get to know each other and the leaders, and share the vision for the year. We hope to be on the road to Manitou Beach before 6:45.

We'll return the following day to WMC/OMC *by 4:30*. The cost for the retreat is **\$20 per youth**, or \$40 max per family. Please **RSVP by Oct. 12**. If your youth can't come for the overnight retreat, but can come for supper on Friday, that would be appreciated! A packing list and reminder will be sent out soon.

**\*Friday, October 26** - Theatre of the Beat - performance @ Wildwood Mennonite Church. Details to come.

### **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.

## LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR OCTOBER

### October 7, 2018 – He sustains all things

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (3)

Mark 10:2-16

### October 14, 2018 - Seek good

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (14)

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

### October 21, 2018 - My salvation – Day of singing

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16 (16)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

### October 28, 2018 - Raise shouts

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (7)

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

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✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of  
righteousness. –James 3:18

**\*Saskatoon Friendship Inn graciously accepts food donations on a daily basis** from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm. Donations can be dropped off at the southwest door in the parking lot. *Please provide the Friendship Inn with a receipt for food if you wish to receive a charitable tax receipt for your donation.*

- We accept any fresh home-grown fruits and vegetables, but cannot be receipted. (For example: fresh from the garden potatoes, carrots, peas, beans etc.)
- We accept any unopened groceries from your home that you no longer use. (For example macaroni, rice, sugar, coffee etc.), but cannot be receipted.
- The Saskatoon Friendship Inn relies on the generous support of our community. You can help out by making a donation of food, hygiene items or funds. Some of the items we are looking for are listed below.

**Nutrition:** Oatmeal; sugar; coffee; jam; peanut butter

**Hygiene:** Toothbrush & Toothpaste; shampoo & conditioner; deodorant; disposable razors; pads & tampons.

**Babies & Children:** Formula, bottles; disposable diapers (larger sizes); baby food/snacks.

The Saskatoon Friendship Inn employs a full time Family Worker, sponsored by the Ministry of Social Services. This office services hundreds of individuals and families each year as a resource to assist with emergency issues such as family violence, child protection, and referrals. Often families will come to the Friendship Inn in need of emergency supplies that are handed out when available.

**During the winter months we are also collecting warm clothing such as winter coats, mitts, toques and scarves. Men's jackets and mitts or gloves are the most needed items.**