

**OMC Calendar
OCTOBER 2019**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	5 Youth Mentorship Event 7:00 pm
6	7 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	8 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	9 Executive 5:30 pm. Council 7:00 pm.	10	11	12
13 Thanksgiving. Patty Friesen preaching. Communion.	14 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	15	16 OMC Men's Group mtg 7:30 pm	17	18	19 Youth 6:30 -8:30 pm
20 Dan Epp- Thiessen preaching. SS Forum. Potluck. Afternoon session.	21 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm. Education mtg 7 pm.	22 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	23	24	25 Youth Mega Menno @ Mount Royal Church	26
27 Ryan Siemens preaching.	28 Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm	29	30 OMC Men's Group mtg 7:30 pm	31		<u>Each Sunday</u> Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am

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

- Oct 6:** Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control by Patty Friesen
- Oct 13:** Fruit of the Spirit: Thankfulness by Patty Friesen
Communion during the worship service
- Oct 20:** Dan-Epp Thiessen preaching
- Oct 27:** Ryan Siemens preaching

**“Come, ye thankful people come! Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our need to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple come. Raise the song of harvest home.”**
Hymnal: A Worship Book, #94

Pastor Patty's Ponderings:

Joshua 1:9 which says Be strong and courageous doesn't mean you're the best, the smartest, the most right. It means you'll do well on some things and mess up on others. It's about finding your courage, humility and insight in the recognition that God's presence sustains and awakens you. - Gerald Gerbrandt, CMU President Emeritus

As church council reconvenes after a lovely relaxed summer, we are taking on Dr. Brene Brown's Dare to Lead study as our opening reflections. Dare to Lead speaks about finding our courage, humility and insight as church leaders as we build community first amongst ourselves and then in the larger congregation. We invite the congregation to "book study" with us as we explore these biblical and sociological insights to make us strong through vulnerability, bonded through sharing and compassionate through life sharing.

This month we are finally finishing harvest in the fields and in our Fruit of the Spirit series with thankfulness, which isn't an official fruit, but certainly fits the practice of spiritual fruit: that what we do makes us who we are. More than an "attitude of gratitude," thankfulness is a practice - a rehearsed discipline just like love, joy, peace, faithfulness, patience and self-control. Dr. Brene Brown describes how their family at mealtime, after singing wild table graces they've learned at camp, go around the table and name what they are thankful for in the day. She shares how it reveals to her who her children and partner are and creates an intimacy through this kind of sharing and a holding their lives before God.

In Adult Education and Children's Sunday school, we practice sharing about our lives, our past experiences and current cultural thoughts as we hold our lives before God and each other. May God find us thankful and a ripe harvest of growth of God's work in us and the world.

Nora's Notes:

Here is our October Youth Calendar!

October 5th 6:30-8:30: Youth Mentorship Event at Osler Mennonite Church.

All youth, young adults, mentors, and youth Sunday school teachers are welcome to join in on board games and snacks Saturday evening. Please bring along your favorite board game and finger food that you'd like to share with the group!

October 19 6:30-8:30: Osler-Warman Youth Night at Osler Mennonite Church.

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 Amos! Feel free to read ahead ☺

October 25 Evening: Mega Menno Halloween Party at Mount Royal Mennonite Church.

More details to come sooner to the date.

***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.

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.

Pastoral Picks:

Maiden Trip DVD is the inspiring story of the youngest person, a 14 year old Dutch woman, to sail the world alone.

Atlas of a Lost World by Craig Childs held me spellbound from cover to cover as Childs researches and describes the emergence of human life on our continent.

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans chronicles her wrestling with scripture and coming to love its' complexity.

The Late Bloomer by Clarissa Pinkola Estes assures those of us who are still waiting to bloom in our lives that it never too late. She is particularly brilliant in her warm audio CD accented storytelling voice.

☼ Pieces of Peace ☼

“Live in peace with each other.....Always seek what is good for each other – and for all people. Rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks for everything – for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:13b,15b,16



Osler Mennonite Church – Living Sky Sponsorship Group and Syrian Newcomers

Standing: Margaret Dyck, Rachel Engler-Stringer, Peter Stringer, Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Bassam Al Nouri, Jake Buhler, Jim Dyck, Valerie Veillard & gdaughter, Erin Brophay, Louise Buhler, Linda Stucky, Lyle Stucky

Seated: Al Nouri’s: Athar, Mohamad, little Mohammad, Buthayna, Ana, Hiba, Akram

(Photo: Saskatoon, August, 2019)

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR OCTOBER

OMC CALENDAR

Oct 4	Deacons committee meeting, 12:45 pm
Oct 5	Youth Mentorship Fall Event 6:30-8:30 pm
Oct 7 & every	Mon of the month: Kids Bible & Adult Convo 7:00 pm
Oct 8	Centering Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm
Oct 9	Executive mtg 5:30pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm
Oct 13	Communion during the worship service
Oct 16	OMC Men’s Group meeting 7:30 pm
Oct 19	Regular Youth meeting 6:30 pm
Oct 20	“Surviving & Thriving despite Cancer” with Dan Epp-Thiessen from CMU. Potluck at noon.
Oct 21	Education committee meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 22	Centering jPrayer Group meeting 7:30 pm
Oct 30	OMC Men’s Group meeting 7:30 pm

Oct 6, 2019	<u>Lamentations 1:1-6</u>	<u>Psalm 37:1-9</u>	<u>2 Timothy 1:1-14</u>	<u>Luke 17:5-10</u>
Oct 13, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</u>	<u>Psalm 66:1-12</u>	<u>2 Timothy 2:8-15</u>	<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>
Oct 20, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 31:27-34</u>	<u>Psalm 119:97-104</u>	<u>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</u>	<u>Luke 18:1-8</u>
Oct 27, 2019	<u>Joel 2:23-32</u>	<u>Psalm 65</u>	<u>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</u>	<u>Luke 18:9-14</u>

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***Forever-In-Motion:** The Osler group will be meeting at the Osler Community Hall, 1st Street, Osler on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will start on October 15 to December 20, 2019 and resume on January 7 to April 3, 2020. There may be some Fridays that the hall will be in use and the class will be cancelled. Contact Susan Braun @306-239-4201

***Sunday, Oct. 20 Surviving and Thriving despite Cancer (and other major life crises)** at Osler Mennonite Church with Dan Epp-Thiessen, Associate Professor of Bible, Canadian Mennonite University. Dan will be preaching during the Worship service, leading the Adult Sunday School discussion, plus another session after the noon potluck. Lunch Group A-C in charge of potluck set-up and clean-up.

***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!

HUMOR

After a long Thanksgiving Day of eating and playing, my 3-year-old granddaughter asked her mother to carry her. When I asked if her legs were broken, Aislin said, "Yes, they're out of batteries."

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."—Jim Davis.

"Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?"
"It had 24 carrots."

"My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I said I couldn't quit cold turkey."

CAPSULE SERMONS

From the novel "Newton and Polly" by Jody Hedlund:

"None of us can earn God's favour with our own efforts. Whether we're a sinner who's strayed far from God or a saint who attempts to please God. None of us can stand before God on our own merit. We all need His grace. We can never be good enough on our own. We can't earn God's love. Instead, God offers to love us in spite of our failures and imperfections."

From William Law's "A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life":

"If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity befalls you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing."

Worry wastes today's time cluttering tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're slightly cracked.