

**OMC Calendar
SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Patty Friesen preaching. Loose Change Collection	2	3	4 CCC mtg 5:30 pm	5	6 Deacons mtg 12:45 pm	7
8 SS begins. Patty Friesen Preaching. Potluck at noon	9	10 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Osler Choral Society Concert 7:00 pm. Youth 6:30 pm
15 Nora Pederberg preaching	16 Education committee mtg 7:00 pm	17	18 Exec mtg 5:30 pm. Council mtg 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Serve at Friendship Inn
22 Alex Tiessen preaching	23	24 Centering Prayer mtg 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Mega Menno Youth event	28
29 Patty Friesen preaching. Worship workshop noon-2 pm						<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.oslermennonitechurch.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

- Sept 1:** Fruit of the Spirit: Love by Patty Friesen
- Sept 8:** Fruit of the Spirit: Joy by Patty Friesen
- Sept 15:** Nora Pederberg preaching
- Sept 22:** Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness by Alex Tiessen
- Sept 29:** Fruit of the Spirit: Generosity and Self Control by Patty Friesen

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against these sorts of things, there is no law.” Galatians 5:22,23

Patty's Ponderings Flight Lessons

One day this summer when I drove into the church parking lot, there was a baby merlin perched on the church roof peak, feathers awry and screeching it's head off. It's parent was on another peak of the roof, screeching back, encouraging it. "Flight lessons," I thought to myself and was reminded of the eight young OMC campers at Shekinah - six for the first time, on their "flight lessons" of independence despite homesickness, heat and the explosion of mosquitos on the floodplain.

Their parents had encouraged them to try something new and brave even though it was scary for both sides. Parents hoped for a good week of flight lessons of connecting with God, nature and other campers and staff and growing in confidence and resiliency.

My week at camp pushed my resiliency with bugs, tiredness and a hot camp kitchen to work in. But I appreciated working with girlfriends and amazingly mature camp counsellors, program directors and cool campers. I appreciated the gifts of white throated sparrows, red-tailed hawk, warblers, robins, chickadees, swallows and flycatchers; rabbits, frogs and deer who would graze near the tent where I was leading bible lessons. Huge white rolling thunderclouds drove us into the Timber Lodge one night and that was a thrilling reminder that we're not in control here.

I carry these summer lessons from camp into our fall worship, Sunday school programming, congregational care and outside community connections. How can we bring the lessons from nature, the bonding work of community and energizing aspects of camp worship into our church life? How can we create continuity and confirmation of these camp experiences and values in church?

Within OMC: I look forward to filling out our VBS theme of Fruit of the Spirit in fall sermons and singing VBS/Camp songs in church (Worship Committee) and hearing from each other in Sunday school classes (Education). I look forward to Dan Epp-Thiessen coming Sunday, October 20 to talk about Surviving Cancer and Other Life Threatening Illnesses (Deacons).

Nora's Notes:

I'm so excited to send out our first Youth Schedule e-mail of the season!! Here are the events that we have planned for September.

**September 14 Saturday 6:30-8:30pm @ OMC
Regular Osler-Warman Youth Night (games, snack, discussion, prayer)**

**September 27(ish) – Mega Menno Corn Maze
Details TBA!! Will get out something mid September to let you know the time and confirm the date on this event.**

Let me know if you have any questions already and I will answer them the best I can! Looking forward to meeting up again.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace. ~William Ewart Gladstone

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.

Patty's Ponderings Continued: Quotes as I come across them...

There's a 95% chance that today's weather will be either too hot, too cold, too sunny, too rainy or too windy.

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. - Rachel Carson, Silent Spring

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. John Muir

The words of Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche Communities who died this spring...

We are wounded people; we can love each other, forgive each other and celebrate together our oneness. Perhaps we can only truly accept this humiliation if we live and experience similar to the one lived by the prodigal son. If we discover that we are loved and forgiven and accepted by the Father just as we are, in all our brokenness, with all the darkness and pain inside us, then we too can weep in the arms of God, rejoicing in forgiveness.

Yes, the cry and the anguish of the poor triggers off our own cry and anguish; we touch our point of pain and helplessness.

But then we discover the new name of God, the name revealed by Jesus, of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit; the Paraclete. It is a beautiful name, meaning literally, the one who answers the cry or the call, like a mother who takes in her arms her weeping child. She is a Paraclete. The name of God is "the one who answers the cry." Mercy and misery embrace! We can only know the incredible mercy and love of God if we accept to descent into our misery and there cry out to God. Then God will answer, "Here I am, Beloved," and will enfold us with a long embrace.

Outside OMC: I'm looking forward to ongoing work with Truth and Reconciliation and other creative Community Connections projects.

I'm looking forward to Mennonite Church Sask's fall Bible study with Tom Yoder Neufeld and Equipping Day Saturday October 19 at Rosthern Junior College.

May God guide and bless our work within and work without.

Pastor Patty's Picks of Summer Reads and Movies:

Call It Grace by Serene Jones is an interesting theological/biographical work by the first female president of Union Theological Seminary, NYC.

Feeding My Mother by Jann Arden is a beautiful book of story and recipes and caring for aging parents.

Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor is a delightful theological/biographical work.

Women Who Run With Wolves is timeless as I book clubbed it with girlfriends at camp and on canoe trip.

The Best of Enemies DVD is a provocative retelling of the difficult conflicts around public school integration in the US in the 1970s.

We Will Stand Up DVD is a provocative documentary of the Colton Boushie shooting and trial.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***All Sunday School classes resume on September 8 at 11:15 am, followed by a Potluck lunch.**

***A new Adult Education Class: Christianity and Culture** in Room 003 (Prayer Room) Sundays 11:15 -12:00.

September 8 - MC Canada/SK/New Hymnal Updates with Terry Stefaniuk and Ben Buhler

September 15 - The Prophetic Artistic Voice: Women Talking by Miriam Toews led by Patty

September 22 - Dan Richert's film on affordable housing in SK.

September 29 - Reserve 107/We Shall Stand Up: The role of film in indigenous rights led by Steph Siemens

Please watch Reserve 107 and read Women Talking - both available in public library.

***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

***Fall Worship Workshop for all those interested in worship, Sunday, Sept 29,** 12:00 Pizza, 12:30-2:00 discussion with Lois Siemens - sign-up on bulletin board.

***Save the Date: Sunday, Oct. 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.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sep 1, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 2:4-13</u>	<u>Psalm 81:1, 10-16</u>	<u>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</u>	<u>Luke 14:1, 7-14</u>
Sep 8, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 18:1-11</u>	<u>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</u>	<u>Philemon 1-21</u>	<u>Luke 14:25-33</u>
Sep 15, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28</u>	Psalm 14 <i>no resources</i>	<u>1 Timothy 1:12-17</u>	<u>Luke 15:1-10</u>
Sep 22, 2019	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 <i>no resources</i>	Psalm 79:1-9 <i>no resources</i>	<u>1 Timothy 2:1-7</u>	<u>Luke 16:1-13</u>
Sep 29, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</u>	<u>Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16</u>	<u>1 Timothy 6:6-19</u>	<u>Luke 16:19-31</u>

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Sept 4	Community Connections Committee meeting 5:30 pm
Sept 8	11:15 - Sunday School for all ages resumes. Potluck at noon. Lunch group M-Z in charge.
Sept 10	Centering Prayer Group meeting, 7:30 pm
Sept 14	Youth-6:30 pm; Osler Choral Society Concert, 7:00 pm
Sept 16	Education committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 18	Executive mtg 5:30 pm; Council mtg 7:00 pm
Sept 21	Serve at Friendship Inn
Sept 24	Centering Prayer Group meeting 7:30 pm
Sept 27	Youth: Mega Menno event
Sept 29	Worship Workshop with Lois Siemens, Noon-2:00 pm

CAPSULE SERMONS

HUMOR

Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers “fruits of the spirit” to “religious nuts!”

What’s so funny about forbidden fruits?

They create many jams.

Did you know they had cars in Jesus’ time?

Yup. The Bible says the disciples were all of one Accord.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson — he brought the house down.

Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Who was the first tennis player in the bible?

Joseph, because he served in Pharaoh’s court.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That’s FAITH.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That’s TRUST.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That’s HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That’s CONFIDENCE.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That’s LOVE.

