

***MCC Connects:** The MCC Relief Sale Committee needs your help! **Pies are needed** for the Pie Booth at the sale, June 9 & 10. Pies can be dropped off at Prairieland Park on the afternoon of June 9.

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL CALENDAR

May 7 S.S. Hour - Intergenerational Purim Party
May 12 RJC Friday Fun night
May 19 Discussion Night
May 20 Serving @ Friendship Inn
May 26-28 Jr. High Retreat @ Shekinah

OMC CALENDAR

Apr 30 Seniors Pizza Supper, 5:00 pm @ Bethany Manor
May 3 Executive meeting, 1:00 pm
Deacons meeting, 2:30 pm
May 4 Council meeting, 7:00 pm
May 11 Education meeting, 7:00 pm
May 14 Loose Change Sunday
May 15 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
May 20 Serving @ Friendship Inn

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk Sound: Doug McKinnell
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Nursery: Sarah Buhler
Ushers: John Gascho, Anna Peters, Jadrian Guenther

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
April 30, 2017

“I bore you on eagle’s wings”

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: In times of wandering

All: You guide us.

One: In times of drought

All: You feed us.

One: In times of weakness

All: You strengthen us.

One: In times of fearfulness

All: You comfort us.

One: For all your care and attention, O Lord,

All: We will forever give you thanks and praise!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #161 “We give thanks unto you”**
Blue/HWB #174 “Bless’d be the God of Israel”

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time

Stephanie & Patty

Hymn: Green/SJ #1

“We sing to you, O God”

Scripture lesson: Exodus 16

Hymn: Blue/HWB #590 “The care the eagle gives her young”

Sermon: “I fed you in the wilderness” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #430 “God be with you”

*Benediction: Everything belongs to the God of goodness. Everything belongs to the God of beauty. Everything belongs to the God of wisdom. Everything belongs to the God of justice. To God, glory now and forever. Amen.

(*Please rise)

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at **9:15 am.**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages **begins at 11:15 am.**
- **Senior’s Pizza & Pepsi supper at Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm**

THIS WEEK

- **Wednesday, May 3: Executive 1:00 pm; Deacons 2:30 pm**
- **Thursday, May 4, Council meeting, 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Purim Party (see details in the announcements)**

UPCOMING SERVICES

May 7 “Queen Esther” by Cynthia Wallace

May 14 “Justice for all” Exodus 21-23 - Patty Friesen

May 21 The Building of the Tabernacle & OMC 20 yrs, Exodus 26

May 28 “The Golden Calf”, Exodus 32 – Patty Friesen

Sunday, May 7: “Queen Esther” – Cindy Wallace

Song leader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen Nursery: Sarah Guenther

Children’s time: Lynn Loewen Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen, Liam Boldt

Remember in Prayer:

- break-in at Thomas and Terri Lynn’s
- Our seniors’ pizza party -the family of Abbie Speir
- Nkhatoheng (Justina's) family, after the passing of her Uncle.
- National Convention of Chaplains in Saskatoon
- MC Sask Refresh Weekend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty's Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, exec, deacons; Thurs: council; Fri: office.

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: meeting/office (am); Tues: SS prep, youth min mtg; Wed: office, Exec; Thurs: council; Fri: office, meeting, Purim prep.

***A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the serving of food and clean up for brother George’s funeral. We appreciate all the prayers and condolences as well. – Bill & Anne Peters

*If you sang in the Easter choir and did not hand in your music, please give it to Ben as soon as possible. Thanks!

***Congratulations to Dave Feick** on his credentialing with the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care this week at their national convention in Saskatoon.

***Church yard maintenance: Dick & Kathy Braun and Matthew Braun & Julie Bergen are scheduled for May 1-6.** It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.

You're invited to a Purim Party!

Described in the Book of Esther, Purim is the Jewish festival celebrating the deliverance of the Hebrew people during the Persian empire.

It is a party of joyful remembering! After the season of prayer and fasting, the Jewish people were commanded to remember the event with gladness and feasting!

We would like to celebrate the story of Esther with our own Purim party at OMC. Cindy Wallace will be speaking at our May 7 worship service, on the book of Esther, and afterwards ***all are invited*** to join in the **Purim festival** in the multipurpose room.

To prepare for Purim!

1) **wear a costume on Sunday, May 7!** There are no required themes: you could be a character from the story of Esther, or you could be a something else! You choose!

2) **bring a noise-maker!** During the telling of the story, tradition is to 'blot out the name of Haman' (the bad guy), with noise. A box of macaroni or dried beans/peas works great!

3) Gifts of (non-perishable) food:

Purim is celebrated by giving food to friends, but also by recognizing that everybody should be able to celebrate - and giving gifts to the less fortunate. May 7 is a special invitation to bring items for the Friendship Inn and Community Support collection boxes (if you like, your noise-maker can double as a gift!).

4) Snack with us!

We'll be making Hamantaschen - cookies traditionally baked for Purim - for coffee after the worship service. Please grab your snack and then join us for the party (or your regular Sunday school class)

***The OMC men's support group will be meeting this week**
Wednesday May 3rd at the church at 7:30 pm. For more info please contact John Gascho.

***Camperships are available for youth and children** to attend Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps. If your child or another child you know from our congregation or community is interested in going to camp, please review the Guidelines and submit an application. The Guidelines and application forms are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact any member of the M&S Committee.

***Community Grocery Needs:** Place items in the designated boxes in the foyer. Contact Sandra G. or Margaret D. if you have questions.

***Today, April 30, 2:30 pm: A Buncha Guys Spring Concert** - featuring the 20 Year Reunion Choir at Knox United Church, Saskatoon. Doors open at 2:00. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, MCC, from any of The Guys or at the door.

***Friday, May 5, 6:15 pm: Bethany Manor Fundraising Dinner Show for Personal Care.** Come and enjoy a traditional Mennonite meal ... Cabbage Rolls, Verenicke & Cream Gravy, Farmer Sausage & Fried Onions, Pluma Moos, Salads, Pie and More! Entertainment by Graham Dyck ... definitely not your traditional Mennonite entertainer! Tickets \$100 each, of which \$75 is tax receiptable. Please call the Bethany Manor Office (306) 242-9019 to reserve your tickets. Should be fun!

***Saturday, May 6, 6:00 pm: Shekinah Fundraising Banquet and Capital Project Launch** at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Tickets \$25pp. Reserve your tickets online at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call 306-945-4929.

***Sunday, May 7, 4-6 p.m.** @ Buhlers 836 Main St: "Welcome to Saskatoon" Fasha potluck for Dennis and Margaret Boldt, City Oslerites and Wannabees. Come with food and advice for successful city living.

***Thursday, May 11, 2-4 pm:** Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary's Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission by donation.

***Mennonite Disaster Service** is beginning its response in Fort McMurray and at the Hague satellite site. The Saskatchewan Unit is inviting local daily volunteers, those who want the opportunity to serve with MDS but due to other commitments cannot serve for a full week, to sign up for **the Hague satellite service opportunity** by calling the project office at 431-777-4820 to register. To sign up for a week or more contact the Weekly Crew Volunteer Coordinator, Darin Bontrager at dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net

***Mission and Service Committee** would like to encourage individuals from our congregation to attend the Valley West Community Justice Meeting on **Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm** in Martensville (see Newsletter for details). We see this as a meeting that could be of particular interest to those who visited the Willow Cree Healing Lodge in March as well as others. Plan to attend and learn more about restorative justice. If you would like to attend please indicate this on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

***Save the Date: Saturday, May 27th, 7:00 pm, the (Chelsea) Cox/Hecker/Macnab family, now known as "West of the Third"** will bring an evening of music and spoken word entertainment to Osler Mennonite Church as a fundraiser for our Syrian Refugee family. Their 4th annual concert here will again feature tenor Spencer McKnight and pianist Mark Turner and an evening of great music and fun is anticipated. Admission will be by donation, with proceeds to our Refugee fund. Mark your calendar and please tell your friends!

*May 27: RJC Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament. More information and Registration forms on the bulletin board.

*May 28, 2:30 pm: RJC Spring Concert.

*June 23-24, 7: 00 pm: RJC Spring Musical "Sister Act". See poster.