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### 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

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  
May 21 Coffee time: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake  
11:15 in Sanctuary: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation  
May 24 M & S meeting, 7:00 pm  
May 27 Cox/Hecker/Macnab Fundraising Concert, 7:00 pm

Worship leader: Terri Lynn Friesen      Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
Song leader: Kathryn Janzen              Pianist: Naomi Schellenbeg  
Nursery: Sarah Guenther  
Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen, Liam Boldt

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
May 7, 2017

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation

**People: whom shall I fear?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**People: of whom shall I be afraid?**

*ALL: One thing I ask of you, O Lord, and that I will pursue  
to live in your house all the days of my life, to behold your beauty  
and to seek you in your temple.*

Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #71      “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”  
Blue/HWB #167      “For God so loved us”**

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time

Terri Lynn Friesen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #653      “Abide with me” Verses 1-4**

Scripture lesson: Esther 3:13 – 4:17

**Hymn: Purple/SS#49      “I will come to you in the silence”**

Sermon: "Queen Esther"

Cindy Wallace

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #427 "You shall go out with joy"**

\*Benediction:

*(\*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.

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#### 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.**
- **Purim Party during the Sunday School hour.**
- **City Oslerites Faspa Potluck, 4-6 p.m. at Jake and Louise Buhler's**, 836 Main St., to Welcome Margaret and Dennis to Saskatoon. Non-city Oslerites welcome too.

#### THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 pm, Men's group** will meet in the youth room. For more info please contact John Gascho.
- **Thursday, May 11, Education meeting, 7:00 pm**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

- **Loose Change collection**

#### UPCOMING SERVICES

May 21 The Building of the Tabernacle & OMC 20 yrs, Exodus 26  
May 28 "The Golden Calf", Exodus 32 – Patty Friesen  
June 4 Pentecost/Communion, Exodus 40 – Patty Friesen  
June 11 Favourite OT stories – George Janzen

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**Sunday, May 14:** The Ten Commandments, Exodus 20, by

Patty Friesen

Song leader: Michelle McKinnell

Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Worship leader: Zachary Stefaniuk

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Children's time: Vanessa Stefaniuk

Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Ushers: Susan Braun, Harold Loewen, Liam Boldt

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#### Remember in Prayer:

- Terri Lynn's first anniversary at OMC
- Patty and Zac leading Mennonite Nursing Home worship
- spring concerts -spring planting
- Eigenheim Mennonite Church

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Fri: office, visits; Sat: community garden.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Today: Purim party & City Faspa; Mon: office (am); Tues: licencing prep; Wed: off; Thurs: Education mtg; Fri: office (am), visits.

**\*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.

**\*Singers for Seniors needed** for Bethany Manor Worship Service, Sunday, June 11. Talk to Patty or Zac.

**\*Sunday, May 14:** Warman Community Band is having a concert at 2:30 p.m. at the Brian King Centre.

**\*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.

**\*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](mailto: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.

**\*Friday, June 2, 7:30 pm at MCC SK (600 45th St. W, Saskatoon).** Lucy Romanenkova, director of the Florence Centre in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine, and partner of MCC will be providing a dynamic view of the work of their Centre and will be open to questions regarding how the lives of the area are being affected by the tensions in Eastern Ukraine. The services they provide are for Children with disabilities, workshops with teens in schools, seminars for senior women who are looking for meaning in life after their retirement, and seminars for persons in government agencies who are looking for more positive ways to provide services to seniors, and other vulnerable persons. Following the presentation, there will be time for informal visiting with her and opportunity to donate to the Florence Centre programs. For more information call Florence Driedger 306-539-1334.

**\*Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am -3:30 pm:** Making Conflict Productive Seminar at Osler Community Church, \$40 includes lunch. Phone 306-239-2224, [oslercommunitychurch@sasktel.net](mailto:oslercommunitychurch@sasktel.net). Brochures on bulletin board.

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Esther 3:13-4:17

<sup>13</sup>Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. <sup>14</sup>A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation, calling on all the peoples to be ready for that day. <sup>15</sup>The couriers went quickly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion.

### Esther Agrees to Help the Jews

<sup>4</sup>When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; <sup>2</sup>he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. <sup>3</sup>In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. <sup>5</sup>Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. <sup>6</sup>Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, <sup>7</sup>and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. <sup>8</sup>Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

<sup>9</sup> Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai,

saying, <sup>11</sup>'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.'<sup>12</sup>When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup>Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.'<sup>15</sup>Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.'<sup>17</sup>Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.