

**MCC Connects:** The MCC Saskatchewan Encounter & AGM will be held at Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, on Saturday, November 4, 8:45am – 4:00pm. Join us for worship, listen to stories and reporting, and attend workshops. Guest Speaker: Bruce Guenther, MCC Canada Disaster Response Director. Registration begins at 8:30am. Forms are available from your church office and [mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/encounter-agm](http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/encounter-agm)

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Visit [mcccanada.ca/learn/what/relief/disasters](http://mcccanada.ca/learn/what/relief/disasters) to learn more about our relief projects and give today to help provide assistance and to support communities as they rebuild.

**OMC CALENDAR**

- Oct 10 Executive meeting, 5:00 pm
- Oct 11 Worship committee mtg, 7:00 pm
- Oct 12 Council mtg, 7:00 pm
- Oct 14 Intergenerational Field Trip to Wanuskewin, 2-4 pm
- Oct 14 Youth – 6:30-8:30 pm
- Oct 21 Serving at Friendship Inn
- Oct 23-27 Blanket making, starting 9:00 am each morning
- Oct 29 5:00 pm Faspa mtg with Terri Lynn discussing “Spiritual Streams”. Lunch group D-L in charge.
- Oct 30 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm

Worship leader: Stephanie Siemens      Song leader: Art Zacharias  
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard      Sound:  
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Lloyd Sawatzky

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**OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH**

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
October 8, 2017

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship  
Invocation

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #651      “I owe the Lord a morning song”**  
**Blue/HWB #50      “Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah”**

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time      Adeline Cox

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #89      “For the beauty of the earth”**

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-46

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #96      “We plow the fields and scatter”**

Sermon: “Quest for Respect, Part 1”      Patty Friesen

**Communion:** Communion bread is gluten-free and the home-grown grape juice comes as a gift from Harvey Klassen, Aberdeen in honour of our joint worship service this summer.

**Hymn: Green/SJ #14      “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song” vs1,2,3**

**\*Benediction: May we have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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.

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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.
- **Adult S.S. forum,** 11:15 am in the sanctuary with Patty.
- **Potluck at 11:45 am. \*\*Table mixer: As you pick up your food, you can also pick up a symbol of Thanksgiving and sit at that table. Lunch group A-C, with Susan & Rachel in charge.**

## THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, Oct 10, 5:00 pm, Executive meeting.**
- **Wednesday, Oct 11, 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting**
- **Thursday, Oct 12, 7:00 pm, Council meeting.**
- **Saturday, October 14, 2:00-4:00: Holy Hikers/ Intergenerational Field Trip** to Wanuskewin to watch dancing and then have a hike. Buy tickets by 1:45 in time for the 2:00 dance. **Anyone wanting to meet for bison lunch, meet at 1:00 in the restaurant.**
- **Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm, YOUTH meeting.**

## NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult Sunday School:** 11:15 Mosaic Class or 11:15 Blue Room #7: Quest for Respect with Patty

**Next Sunday, Oct 15:** Quest for Respect 2 by Patty Friesen  
Song leader: Ben Buhler      Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk  
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard      Children's Time: Edna Zacharias  
Sound: Dick Braun      Ushers: Harold L; Lloyd S

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct. 22: Quest for Respect 3 by Patty Friesen & Harold Loewen  
Oct. 29: Quest for Respect 4 by Patrick Preheim  
Nov. 5: Canadian Foodgrains by Rick Block

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## Upcoming Adult Education:

Oct. 22: 11:15 Mosaic Class,  
11:15 Blue Room Class: Quest for Respect with Patty  
Oct. 29: 11:15 Mosaic Class,  
11:15 Blue Room Class: Quest for Respect with Patrick  
Nov. 5: 11:15 SS Forum with Rick Block

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: FIM Kick-off; Exec mtg; Wed: office;  
Thurs: council; Fri: office.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Tues: Exec mtg (pm); Wed: CPE, worship mtg (pm); Thurs: council (pm); Fri: office (am); Sat: youth (pm).

## Remember in Prayer:

-Terri Lynn's grandfather and Kathryn's grandfather (Lynette's dad) in RUH.  
-MDS Home dedication in Fort Mac  
-Katherine, John and Terry at MC Canada-Winnipeg

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Thank you to everyone who helped make Love Soup. There are one litre containers of squash, potato and tomato soup in the freezer in the adult education room #7 to sign out for neighbours who are sick or bereaved. Donations of muffins and bread to fill the freezer are welcome as well.

\***Service opportunity for OMC'ers:** Have a Helpful Hot Holiday in Houston! Plan a warm fun week of bonding and service with other OMCers and Mennonite Disaster Service in Houston February 18-23, flying or driving. Please talk to Art Zacharias or Patty Friesen.

\***"Yellow Bellies"** by Theatre of the Beat, Oct 18, 7:00 pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. See poster for more details. Admission by donation; bring a friend!

**\*Call to Prayer for MC Canada Special Assembly**

Mennonite Church Canada, MC Sask and Area Church leaders across Canada are requesting that **all congregations in MC Canada set aside time to pray for the Future Directions:** Covenant New nationwide restructuring process. We invite your prayers for Calvin Quan as he moderates the Special Assembly, for others who are providing Assembly leadership or support and for delegates who participate. The special Assembly is an important juncture in our life together as a denomination. It will shape how we engage together in our common mission. Pray for the Assembly participants as they discern the wisdom of the Spirit, as we seek to align our church structures with how God is at work among us and in the wider world.

**\*RJC Homecoming Dinner. October 21, 6:00 pm -**

**"AIRJC Come Fly with Us - Celebrating 20 years of Service"**. This year's fundraising dinner at the school will celebrate 20 years of the ALSO program. Reservations are complimentary but must be reserved by calling the RJC school office by October 13th at 306.232.4222 or by email at [office@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:office@rjc.sk.ca)

**\*Calling all RJC alumni** to join us at the AIRJC Homecoming Banquet, October 21st to perform a few numbers in an Alumni Choir under the direction of Duff Warkentin. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Forrester [tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca)

**Equipping Ourselves to Refresh, Refocus, Renew:** 2017 Equipping Day on **Oct 28** at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Everyone is invited to come and participate in workshops on a variety of themes, like: **"Anabaptist Heroes"** Our way forward is often clarified by looking to the past, reminding us that there is nothing new under the sun. How might carefully studying more recent heroes of the faith provide us with sorely needed wisdom for challenges facing today's church? **Registration forms are now on the bulletin board. Please let Wilf know if you are planning to attend.**

**\*Earlybird registration deadline is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Women's retreat at Shekinah on November 3-4. See poster for more details. You can register online <http://mcsask.ca/mc-sask-events/> or phone the MCSask office at 306-249-4844.

\*Please feel free to sign Walk the Talk postcards in support of Bill C282 integrating Canadian law with the UN Declaration of Indigenous Rights. Need to be mailed to MPs by Oct. 11.

**\*MCC Blanket making on October 23-27** starting at 9:00 a.m. each morning. MCC provides material aid assistance to refugees and displaced people in the world and we want to help by providing blankets. Please come out and spend a few hours, a day or the week making blankets.

**\*Wednesday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m. Camp Shekinah Chili Supper Fundraiser at OMC.** Watch bulletin board for sign-ups.

**\*Quest for Respect books** available for \$13 on resource table.

\*Please note MC Canada General Board Confession to LGBTQ Mennonites on the bulletin board.

**Youth:**

October 14 - 6:30-8:30pm @ OMC

October 28 - 7pm - Mega Menno Event @ Mount Royal Church

**\*Forever In Motion Seniors Exercise:** Our Fall Kick-Off is on **Tuesday, October 10**, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall. Join us every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 for gentle stretches for increased flexibility and well-being. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Men welcome!

**\*RJC Alumni Tournament, October 13 & 14** - Email Denelda at [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com) to register for volleyball by October 10th or for more information. A delicious lunch will be available in the Rehearsal Hall between 11:00 and 1:00. Don't miss out on seeing some old friends!

**\*November 3, 6:00 pm. Bethany Manor fundraising banquet.** See poster for more details.

**\*Saturday, November 4: MCCS Encounter & AGM.** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Cornerstone Church. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. **Please let Wilf know if you are planning to attend.**

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES:**

#### **Isaiah 5:1-7 Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

#### **Matthew 21:33-46 The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

<sup>33</sup> 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do

to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

### **Sermon Reflection Questions:**

1. How does Isaiah 5 and Matthew 22's passages about God's ownership of land and the relationships between people on land speak to us?
2. Indigenous people say the core of their identity and spirituality has to do with their relationship to land. How is our personal and Mennonite identity and spirituality also tied to land in our history and present experience? What do Canada 150+ Shared Land celebrations between Mennonites and Indigenous peoples at Ancient Echoes and Muskeg Lake this summer say to us?
3. What have been our first experiences of aboriginal peoples and what are our current experiences? What do we think can be done to improve relationships?
4. What does the symbol of communion mean to this conversation?