

MCC Connects: Please help MCC respond to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti! Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba rebuild and people in Haiti recover. You can donate online at mcccanada.ca/hurricane-irma. Donations can also be made by calling 1-888-622-6337 or by contacting your local MCC office.

OMC CALENDAR

- Sept 18 Wedding shower for Lacey Braun, 7:00 pm
- Sept 23 Youth group meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sept 24 MC Sask/OMC Listening & Discernment Faspa meeting, 5:00 pm. **Please bring goodies for faspa.**
- Sept 27 Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- Sept 30 Ancient Echoes Tour in Herschel. Check upcoming bulletins for more information.
- Oct 2 "Labour of Love" soup making bee, 7:00 pm

Season of Prayer

Lord, what are you calling us to let go of?

When we've put in so much effort, and when we've held on for so long, we struggle to hear 'let it go'. Help us to hear you, Lord, and help us loosen our grip and place it all in Your hands.

Worship leader: Christy Martens-Funk
 Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Pianist: Lynette Janzen
 Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk Ushers: Cornie Guenther, John Gascho

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
 A Welcoming Christian
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 September 17, 2017

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord, oh my soul!

All: Let all that is within me praise God's holy name!

One: The One who forgives our sins and heals our illnesses

All: The One who redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion

One: The One who works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed

All: This is our God! Praise the Lord, oh my soul!

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #323 "Beyond a dying sun"
 "Workers Prayer"**

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Readers Theatre

Children's Time

Lacey Braun

Hymn: Blue/HWB #395 "Here I am, Lord"

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 4:16-19

Hymn: Blue/HWB #216 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Sermon: “Leadership is Stepping Up” Patty Friesen,
Katherine Penner, Vanessa Stefanuik

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #545** “Be thou my vision”

***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.

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.**

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm: Wedding Shower for Lacey.** Gift ideas could include money toward furniture/home improvements.
- **Saturday, Sept 23: Youth meet at 7:00 pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **MCSask/OMC Listening & Discernment Faspa meeting 5:00 pm.** Please bring goodies for faspa.

Next Sunday, Sept 24: Florence Driedger and the International Visitor Exchange Program Welcome.

Song leader: Kevin Boldt Worship Leader: John Reddekopp
Pianist: Melanie Boldt Children’s Time: Adeline Cox
Sound: Chris Buhler Ushers: Cornie Guenther, John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct 1 - Stewardship Sunday: Sharing by congregation
Oct 8 - Thanksgiving & Communion & Potluck - Patty Friesen preaching.
Oct. 15 - Indigenous Relations Part I by Patty Friesen
Oct. 22 - Indigenous Relations Part 2 by Patty Friesen
Oct. 29 - Muslim Relations by Patrick Preheim

Patty's Week: Mon: Shower; Tues: Forever in Motion; Wed: office; Thurs: FIM; Fri: office, wedding rehearsal; Sat: wedding; Sun: off.

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: RJC service; Mon: speak at RJC retreat; Tues: CPE; Wed/Thurs: off; Fri: office.

Remember in Prayer:

-the opening of Bethany Manor's personal care home and all who work there
-joint youth group with OMC/Warman Mennonite
-Christy's arm pain
-Andrew Hecker (Adeline's son-in-law) in work-related injury
-ways our building is being used by the community this week with a wedding and seniors exercise training,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This week the **bulletin will be printed on Thursday**, September 21. Please have any announcements in by Wednesday evening.

***RJC Opening Program** today, September 17th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium.

*A copy of the Church Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board. All other committee minutes can be found in the “Minutes Binder” in the library.

***Save the Dates:**

- Oct. 18: Theatre of the Beat on Conscientious Objectors at Wildwood Mennonite
- Oct. 21: RJC Homecoming Banquet fundraiser
- Nov.18: English/Low German Refugee Fundraiser at OMC

*Forever In Motion Seniors **Exercise Training** will be held at OMC Tues. Sept 19, Thurs. Sept 21, Tues. Sept 26, Thurs. Sept 28 and Thurs. Oct. 5, 9:00-3:30 p.m. Come and check us out a bit. *Our Fall Kick-Off is on **Tuesday, October 10**, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall with free lunch to follow. Join us every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 for gentle stretches for increased flexibility and well-being

***Climate Justice Saskatoon:** Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Myriam Ullah, Torrey Falconer and Craig Friesen are planning to host workshops on the following dates:

September 17th 4:30-8:30pm

September 23rd 4:30-8:30pm; September 24th 4:30-8:30pm

The workshops will take place at the MCC office (600 45th St W.) , and will include a (simple) potluck meal.

If interested, please let Torrey Falconer know and he will be happy to sign you up! 306-665-2555 www.mccsk.ca

***Ancient Echoes Tour - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The M & S Committee is offering you a choice of a day or overnight event to Ancient Echoes near Hershel, SK on Saturday, September 30th. Our tour includes the Ancient Echoes Aboriginal Interpretative Centre (indoors) and the Coal Mine Ravine (outside), which includes petroglyphs, tipi rings, marine fossil sites. The cost for the Day Event is \$20.00, which includes lunch, and the Overnight Event is \$150.00 (\$135.00 for seniors), which includes three home cooked meals. We plan to carpool and ask that you be prepared to give an honorarium to the driver. For more information, check out the pamphlet on the bulletin board or talk to Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576) or Jean Harms (306-227-0937). If you are interested please **sign up on the bulletin board sheet by Tuesday, September 26th**. We will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. on September 30th so that we can arrive at Ancient Echoes by 10:00 a.m. The day participants will arrive back in Osler by 6 p.m.

***Sunday School:** Classes begin today. The Rotation Curriculum classes includes children from kindergarten to grade 5. For the next two weeks they will be studying the Books of the Old Testament. The teachers are Mathew Braun and Kaytee Edwards-Buhler. The Youth Class will be taught by John Gascho and the Adult Curriculum Class will be taught by Jake Buhler for the next three weeks.

Sunday School Forum, 11:15 October 15: "Sermon Response" with Patty.

*If you would like to assist with Sunday school this coming year, you may sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Steve Guenther or John Reddekopp.

***YOUTH:**

Youth Group @ OMC - Sat, Sept 23 - 7pm

Mega Meno Youth Outdoor Movie Event - 7pm @ Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Please bring \$2 to cover snacks, and also dress warmly and bring a sleeping bag.

***Ride for Refuge: September 30th**, the Prairie Goats will be riding to support The Bridge Fellowship Centre. To support the Prairie Goats, there are donation sheets on the bulletin board or give directly through the Ride for Refuge website. If you would like to join the ride, just check in with team members; Keri, Kathryn or James. The more the merrier! Cash or cheque donations can be given to Keri or Kathryn for safe keeping 'til ride day.

***Love Soup Making** for Community Need, Elders and Winter Surgery Recovery - **Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** Folks willing to make soup stock, please take Pineview bones out of the church freezer and freeze stock. We also need wide-mouth jars and veg saved for squash soup and borscht. Contact Adeline or Terri Lynn.

***Please sign up** for coffee & snack time. A great way to use up extra apples, zucchini & pumpkins is to make and share yummy snacks!

***Church yard maintenance: Art & Edna Zacharias and Dan & Naomi Schellenberg are scheduled for Sept 18-23.** It is your responsibility to trade with someone if the week you are assigned does not work for you.

Walk the Talk Teach-In. Come and join us at St. Thomas More College Auditorium, Friday, **October 6** at 7pm, to learn more about The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Bill C-262. This town hall meeting will provide opportunity to learn about the importance of UNDRIP in the journey towards reconciliation and to participate in a post card campaign to encourage Members of Parliament to adopt this bill. To learn more go to www.pfir.ca. This event is sponsored by St. Thomas More College, MC Canada, & MC Sask.

"Yellow Bellies" by Theatre of the Beat, Oct 18, 7 pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon "Yellow Bellies" an historical drama telling the story of Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. Sponsored by MCC SK, Nutana Park MC, and Wildwood MC. Admission by donation; bring a friend!

Equipping Ourselves to Refresh, Refocus, Renew is the theme for our 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. Here is an example: **"The Juggling Act of Life** We are busy, and the 'To Do' list is often long. Add to that a desire to spend time in prayer or with Scripture, and there really don't seem to be enough hours in the day. This workshop will explore the need to name reality and let go of guilt, and offer thoughts on how to find balance as we juggle the many pieces of life." Watch for registration coming soon!

TODAYS SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 4:16-19

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'