

**MCC Connects:** What does reconciliation mean to you? MCCS is producing a podcast that will address this question by interviewing people who have worked in reconciliation, lived reconciliation, or have done a lot of thinking about reconciliation. Do you know someone with a great reconciliation story? Nominate them by emailing Heather Peters at [heatherpeters@mccsk.ca](mailto:heatherpeters@mccsk.ca) or calling 306.665.2555.

\*September 21-23: **Calling all Crafters!** A Quilting & Scrapbooking Retreat will be held at Shekinah Retreat Centre.

Visit [shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://shekinahretreatcentre.org) for all the details or call Sue at 306.945.4929.

\*Sunday, September 23: CFGB 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Educational & Carnival. See poster for details.

\***OMC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, Sat. Oct. 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please be thinking ahead over the summer about a musical, poetic contribution for OMC 90 Program. Please talk to Terry Stefaniuk.

### OMC CALENDAR

Sept 4	M & S meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 6	Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 7	OMC 90 <sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, 10:00 am
Sept 9	<b>Sunday School resumes.</b> Potluck Lunch.
Sept 13	Worship Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 14	Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
Sept 16	Heart Sunday

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk    Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky  
 Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg        Sound: Dick Braun  
 Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 August 26, 2018

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship  
 Invocation

\***Hymns: Blue/HWB #81    “Oh for a thousand tongues to sing”**  
**Green/SJ #3                “Jesus calls us here to meet him”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time                      Terri Lynn Friesen

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #510    “O Christ, in thee my soul”**

Scripture lessons: John 6:56-69;    Ephesians 6:10-20

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #571    “ ’Tis not with eyes of flesh we see”**

Sermon: “The Uncomfortable Pew”                      Dave Feick

\***Hymn: Blue/HWB #345    “God sent his Son”**

\*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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**Next Sunday, Sept 2: "Priscilla & Aquila: We get by with a little help from our friends" Act 18 -Patty Friesen.**

Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Children's Time: Patty Friesen  
Songleader: Michelle McKinnell Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
Sound: Doug McKinnell Ushers: Anna Peters, Karl Martens

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**Patty's Week:** I'm back in the office on Wednesday.

Please call Christy, 306-381-9487, for emergency care before then.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Mon: visit, Education mtg (pm). I'll be away at the Pastor's Retreat at Missisippi August 28-31, and back in the office September 5th.

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#### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Sept 9** "Shipwrecked in the Storm" Acts 27. -Patty Friesen  
**Sunday School resumes. Potluck lunch.**

**Sept 16** "Heartfelt Worship: Songs & Scriptures of the Heart"

**Sept 23** Lois Siemens

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#### **Remember in Prayer:**

-pray for Patty's safe return from vacation.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***The 2018 CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is now posted. Thank you for your participation and co-operation.

**Charlie Clark & Sarah Buhler and Chris Buhler & Kaytee Edwards are scheduled for the week of August 27-Sept 1.**

\***COFFEE & SNACK TIME** starts Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. It's not too early sign up!

\***Sorry for the typo on the date last week. Please note the correct date for the Worship Workshop is Saturday, Sept 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Worship leaders, musicians including song leaders, those of us who read scripture and/or present Children's Time, preachers, ushers, sound technicians, those interested in visual arts and those who come to our worship services (that sounds like all of us!) are encouraged to attend.

The lectionary readings we will be working with are Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, Mark 9:30-37. Please read and ponder before the workshop.

**Lois Siemens** will talk about the value worship and its meaning for us as individuals and as a congregation. We will split into groups based on our specific roles for part of the day as we explore what worship means to us, especially when we gather Sunday mornings. Lois will also help facilitate planning and rehearsal for our church service the next day, where she will also serve as our speaker.

**Please sign up on the sheet at the back** - lunch is provided. We look forward to a fun and productive time together!

-Worship Committee

\***Friday, October 26, 6:30-8:00 pm – Bethany Manor presents "An evening with tenor Keith Boldt" and special guest Merel Kreigsmann. See poster for ticket details.**

\*MC Canada is already planning for the national gathering happening June 28 - July 1, 2019 in the Langley, BC area: "Re-imagining the Church". **Terri Lynn is the volunteer from SK** that is on the planning committee. Have your voice in the topics and speakers that help shape this conference - let Terri Lynn know what suggestions you have, **and mark the dates on your calendar for Assembly 2019!**

\***The Youth Farm Corn Maze** is now open for the season! Go to [www.youthfarmcornmaze.com](http://www.youthfarmcornmaze.com) for details.

\***September 3: RJC REGISTRATION DAY.** Classes begin Tuesday, September 4. **RJC Opening Program** will be held on Sunday, Sept 16th at 2:30 pm in the RJC gymnasium.

\***September 9 Sunday School Classes Resume.** We will also be having a **Potluck Lunch** following Sunday School.

\***Saturday, Sept 15: Shekinah Bike-a-thon:** Saskatoon to Shekinah or Waldheim to Shekinah, donation forms on the lobby pulpit.

\***September 29 Ride for Refuge:** MC Sask is hosting this year's event, which will take place at the Lutheran Seminary on U of S campus. For information and to register, visit the R4R website ([www.rideforrefuge.org](http://www.rideforrefuge.org)) or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp ([youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), 306-249-4844).

### **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Parents: Please check your email for the doodle poll to help us plan for monthly Youth Nights this year AND our Youth Fall Retreat weekend. Thanks for your replies!

***September 29th - MegaMenno Kick-Off!*** The First MegaMenno Event for the Year is Ride for Refuge, with an evening event at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Mark your calendars, oil your bike chains, and check your email and the bulletin board for more info about this exciting day! *Drivers/sponsors will be needed for this event - please talk to Terri Lynn if you are available for either.*

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: John 6:56-69**

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.<sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.<sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'<sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'<sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his

disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?'<sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?'<sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.<sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.<sup>65</sup> And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.<sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.<sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### **Ephesians 6:10-20 The Whole Armour of God**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.<sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.