

MCC Connects: Did you know that between 300 and 400 Palestinian children and youth (under the age of 18) are held in Israeli military jails at any one time? Did you know that almost all of them experience psychological and physical violence during arrest and interrogation? Please join Mennonite Central Committee in saying that military detention is *no way to treat a child*. Learn more and sign a petition calling on the federal government to protect Palestinian children: mcccanada.ca



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 11, 2018

OMC CALENDAR

- Feb 11 Adult S.S. – “Streams of Spirituality” with Terri Lynn Friesen, 11:15 am
Feb 17 Serve at Friendship Inn, 11:30 am
Feb 22 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
Feb 23 Classical Music concert with Nate & Nina 7:00 pm
Feb 25 Fabulous February Faspa & Games night, 5:00 pm - a family event, sponsored by the Deacons. Lunch Group D-L in charge of set-up and clean-up.
Mar 1 Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Mar 5 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm

Youth Calendar

- Feb 11 “Sunday Night Fever” at RJC, 5:00-8:00 pm. Supper & Coffee House.
Feb 12 Valley-Wide Youth Worship Night in Hepburn 7:00-9:30 pm
Talk to Terri Lynn if interested.
Feb 24 Youth Group at OMC 6:30 - 8:30

Worship Leader: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leader & Guitarist: Kathryn Janzen Sound: Doug McKinnell

Ushers: Harold L, John G Nursery: Diana Buhler

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: Let us hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to us, to those who turn in their hearts.

People: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who turn their hearts that God's glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet: truth and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before our God and will make a path for the steps of peace.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #648 “Morning has broken”
Blue/HWB #521 “Come, thou fount”**

Commissioning of Mennonite Disaster Service Workers: HWB #796

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time/Loose Change Collection

Marlene Campbell

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

Scripture lesson: Mark 1:4-11; 9:2-8

Sermon: “O Healing River: Transfiguration and Conflict
Transformation” Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #151** **“Marvelous grace of our loving Lord”**

*Benediction: Our souls are sealed with fire. Our souls are sealed with Life. Our souls are sealed with the character of God as the air is full of sunshine. Glory to God in the highest, who has sealed us with holiness, sealed us all together, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thomas Merton

*(*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.**
- **Adult S.S:** “Streams of Spirituality” with Terri Lynn
- **Youth: Sunday Night Fever at RJC.** Meet here at 4:30 pm.

THIS WEEK

- **Wed, Feb 14,** 10:00 am: last Bible Study on Mark 14-16
- **Saturday, Feb. 17:** Serve at Friendship Inn.

Next Sunday, Feb. 18, First Lent: Mark 1:16-28 The Call of the Disciples by the Sea and Healing in the Synagogue: Julie Bergen
Worship Leader: John Reddekopp Pianist: Lynette Janzen
Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Children’s Time: Wilf Buhler
Sound: Doug McKinnell Nursery: Sarah Buhler
Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES for LENT: “O Healing River”

Feb. 25: 2nd Lent: Mark 3:1-12 Another Healing in the Synagogue and the Multitude by the Sea: Dave Feick

Mar. 4: 3rd Lent: Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm: MDSers report on Wildfire Storm: Communion.

Mar. 11: 4th Lent: Mark 5:1-20 Jesus Heals the Demoniac by the Sea: Josh Wallace

Mar. 18: 5th Lent: Mark 6:45-56 Jesus Walks on Water and Heals: Patty Friesen

Mar. 25 Palm Sunday: Mark 11:1-11/Mark 8:22-29 Jesus Heals with Spit and Anointing Service: Patty Friesen

Mar. 29, 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service with Communion: Terri Lynn Friesen

Mar. 30, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

April 1, 10:00 a.m: Easter Service and Breakfast

Patty’s Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: Bible study, visits; Fri: office; Sat. Feb. 17-Sat. Feb. 24 Hot Holiday in Herschel (emergency contact – Patty’s new cell -306-260-6069).

Terri Lynn’s Week: Today: Streams of Spirituality workshop, youth event at RJC; Mon: office/visit; Tues/Wed: CPE; Thurs: Faith Exploration Class planning (working remotely). (off Fri -Sun)

Remember in Prayer:

- IVEP conference in Saskatoon
- MDS trip to CA
- MDS Meeting in Winkler
- Dave’s dad in hospital
- Dennis and Margaret babysitting
- Ruth’s recovery
- winter break for teachers and students
- John Friesen in hospital
- Bill C-262 passed on Indigenous Rights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Pastor Patty’s new Cell: 306-260-6069 - call, text, voicemail.**

“Helen Peters says I’ll love it.”

Patty’s church landline number is now cancelled, as is our church fax line.

***Happy Birthday to Helen Peters on February 14!** She loves texts at 306-491-1484 and cards sent to Helen Peters, Warman Special Care Home, Box 100, Warman, SK S0K 4S0.

*Thank you to the following for agreeing to be Lunch Group leaders for the next year:

Rachel Buhler & Susan Braun – Group A-C

Kathy Braun & Rob and Brandee Borne – Group D-L

Carl Martens-Funk & Diane McKinnell – Group M-Z

***Our 90th Anniversary committee** consists of Patty, Dick, Jake, Sandra G and Brandee.

***Shekinah is looking to hire a Program Director.** The position is full-time, year-round, and salaried. Job will oversee school programming and summer camp, working closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the mandate and vision for Shekinah.

Visit www.shekinahretreatcentre.org for more info, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at 306-945-4929, or director@shekinahretreatcentre.org.

***Shekinah** Retreat Centre invites you to **Winter Fun Day on February 19th from 10am-4pm!** Come join us for sledding/tubing on Quill Hill, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing (snow permitting!), skating, curling, a hot dog roast and a lot more! Free for all ages. Donations welcome.

***From MC Sask: The annual Lenten Prayer Guide** from the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada is again available for use individually and in congregational small groups. Join this guided seven-week prayer process and delve deeper into the Lenten scriptures many congregations use in worship during Lent. Find all the information you need, and the link to register here – www.commonword.ca/go/1436.

The annual At-Home Lent devotional booklet is again available to guide families from Shrove Tuesday through Easter Sunday. Join the Lenten journey with Chris, Selah and Gloria. Free download – www.commonword.ca/go/1430.

*Osler Community Garden is growing and desires a few new sprouts to serve on the committee, help with Seedy Saturday April 14, raise plants for May 25 Osler Garage/Plant Sale, or help plant, maintain Food Bank Potato Plot. Talk to Adeline Cox if interested.

***Faith Exploration Class:**

Youth or young adults thinking about baptism or joining OMC as member or associate member, or just want a place to discuss and explore your faith? There will be a **faith exploration class starting Feb 25 over lunch.** 6 Sessions will run bi-weekly - see poster and talk to Terri Lynn if interested or have questions.

On May 20 Pentecost there will be a baptism/communion service.

***Sunday, Feb 25, 5:00 pm: Come one, Come all, to our Fabulous February Faspa & Games Night!** Please bring faspa food to share and your favourite table games. You don't want to miss out on this evening of good food, great fellowship and fearless fun! **We are asking the Lunch Group D-L, with Group leaders Kathy Braun and Rob & Brandee Borne to be in charge of set-up and clean-up.**

***Loose Change Project.** For the last number of years the money collected on Loose Change Sunday's has supported MCC Colombia "Education Brings Hope" project. This program has discontinued and M&S Committee has chosen a new project for 2018. With the expected arrival of the Al Nouri family from Syria we thought it would be appropriate to chose a project helping Syrian refugee children living in Lebanon. When children arrive in Lebanon they must adjust to a new home and school system where the classes are in English rather than their native Arabic. A kindergarten supported by MCC's education program helps them make the transition, providing a safe place for them to learn, play and grow. This kindergarten project in Beirut is supported through MCC's Education fund. Please support this project with your donations and help Syrian refugee children receive an education.

***Needed: A supper meal for IVEP'ers on Monday, February 19th:** The Mid-Year **IVEP** meetings will be held in Saskatoon on February 13-20 and our church has been asked to help out. If you can help, please speak to Kaytee Edwards-Buhler. Phone: 306-221-1729 or email: kaytee.edwards@yahoo.com.

***To battle the cold temperatures**, warm your heart by volunteering—just a couple of hours at the **Friendship Inn**. Please sign up. Our dates are **Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21**.

***Billets needed April 7 & 8 for Westgate Choir & Band from Winnipeg: Please sign up** if you are able to host. We need to provide lodging and breakfast for 15-18 students. Their schedule is as follows:

The students will arrive Saturday evening (after supper), the host will pick them up from Nutana Park around 7 or 8.

Sunday day morning they will need breakfast before being dropped off at Nutana for the morning service (perhaps around 9 am)

Sunday evening pick up from Nutana

Monday morning host provides breakfast and drop them off at Nutana around 8-8:30 or earlier if host needs to get to work. Osler we will have a pick up, perhaps at Osler Mennonite on their way to RJC that morning.

***The April – June Worship Schedule will soon be printed.** If you know of any dates that you are unavailable to be on the schedule, please let the office know asap. Thanks!

***Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, 7:00 pm:** Come enjoy an evening of **Classical Music with Nate and Nina**. Cellist Nathaniel Froese and pianist Nicola Davies will present an evening of music in our sanctuary. See bulletin board poster for more information.

***The 2018 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions are on March 9 & 10 at Zion Mennonite Church in Swift Current**, co-hosted by Emmaus Mennonite and Zion Mennonite. Registration is now open and you can register online at www.mcsask.ca or on paper forms available on the bulletin board. The sessions begin at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 9. **Please let Wilf know if you are interested in going.**

***Check out the exciting things happening at the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan.** See info on the bulletin board

***Pyper's Tours is offering "Exploring Churches Through Time" April 10-12.** In this three day trip you will see the most amazing churches built by our early day settlers. For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board. These tours book up fast so don't miss the bus – book early!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Mark 1:4-11

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Baptism of Jesus ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 9:2-8 The Transfiguration

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.