

MCC Connects: MCC Connects: Tonight, young adults from around the world will showcase traditional song, dance and music at the **IVEP International Worship Festival** at Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Dr, Saskatoon, SK. 7:30 - 9:30pm. Contact Kaytee Edwards Buhler for more information at 306-665-255 ext. 237 or KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca



OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
February 18, 2018

OMC CALENDAR

- Feb 22 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
 Feb 23 Classical Music concert with Nate & Nina 7:00 pm
 Feb 25 Adult SS Forum, 11:15 am: Part 2 "Streams of Spirituality" with Terri Lynn
 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 4 Worship committee meeting, 11:30 am
 Mar 5 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm
 Mar 14 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
 Mar 29 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 pm
 Mar 30 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm

Youth Calendar

- Feb 24 Youth Group at OMC 6:30 - 8:30

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| Worship Leader: John Reddekopp | Pianist: Lynette Janzen |
| Song Leader: Kathryn Janzen | Sound: |
| Ushers: Harold L, John G | Nursery: Sarah Buhler |

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Lent 1: "O Healing River"

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to worship, trusting in God's mercy and love, and longing to know and learn more about God's ways.

People: We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth, to experience the joy of God's salvation.

Leader: Today, we also begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

People: Let us worship God, and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #332 "Blessed Assurance"**
Purple/SS #31 "Jesus, be the center"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Wilf Buhler

Dance: "By the Rivers of Babylon" Anna Neufeld

Scripture lesson: Mark 1:16-28

Hymn: Purple/SS #45 **“Calm me, Lord”**
(on screen) **“Worker’s Prayer”**

Sermon: “Splashed in the Face” Julie Bergen

***Hymn: Purple/SS #45** **“Calm me, Lord”**

*Benediction: As we each follow our path from these doors into our week, may we do so with open eyes and open hearts and a desire for God’s justice to come on earth. 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.

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

- **Thursday, Feb 22, 7:00 pm: M & S meeting**
- **Friday, Feb 23, 7:00 pm: Classical Music Concert with Nate & Nina.**
- **Saturday, Feb 24, 6:30-8:30 pm – Youth Group meeting**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **11:15 am: Adult SS Forum – Part 2 of Terri Lynn’s presentation on “Streams of Spirituality”.**
- Noon: 90th Anniversary Committee meeting @ Osler Café
- **5:00 pm: Family Fспа & Games Night**

Next Sunday, Feb. 25: “Another Synagogue Healing” -Patty Friesen
Worship Leader: Adeline Cox Pianist: Diana Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler Children’s Time: Adeline Cox
Sound: Dan Schellenberg Nursery: Sarah Guenther
Ushers: Harold Loewen, John Gascho

UPCOMING SERVICES for LENT: “O Healing River”

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

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 – Potluck & 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: Hot Holiday in Herschel

(emergency contact – Patty’s new cell -306-260-6069).

Terri Lynn’s Week: Thurs: M & S; Fri: Classical concert; Sat: Youth

Remember in Prayer:

- Doug’s surgery -our MDS’ers in California -Dave’s dad’s move
- Julie’s credentialing as Spiritual Care Specialist
- OMC’s start 90 years ago. -Boushie family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

***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.

***Church Directory Updates:**

-Dave and Joanne Feick no longer have a box number. Their mailing address is the street address listed, Neuanlage, SK S0K 1X1

-John Gascho's new Cell number is 306-222-4060

***Historical Note:** Feb. 4, 1928, the first group of Osler Mennonites from various backgrounds met in the home of the Kasdorf's (Daughter Louise Sawatzky lives at Bethany Manor.). The group formerly met September 9, 1928. The 90th Anniversary Committee is working on a fall supper celebration and various celebrations throughout the year. **The 90th Anniversary theme is "Welcoming Refugees for 90 Years."** Committee members are Dick Braun, Jake Buhler, Patty Friesen, Brandee Borne, Sandra Grismer.

***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!

***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.**

***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.

*Loretta's office hours for this week will be Thursday, Feb 22 and Friday, Feb 23.

***Next 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.**

***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.

***Check with Kaytee to see if a meal is still needed 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.

***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.

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

***Seedy Saturday,** March 10, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Station 20 West in Saskatoon. See Posters for more information.

*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.

***Tuesday, March 20, 5-7 pm: Vereniki Supper** fundraiser for Youth Farm Bible Camp at the Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

***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.

***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!

***MDS Prayer Concerns:** MDS has workers in more than 18 locations in Canada and the U.S. Please pray for MDS volunteers as they travel to and from locations, handle tools, repair, and build homes and bring hope to disaster survivors.

Please pray for the families of the two Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) volunteers killed in a vehicle accident in North Carolina last week. MDS mourns their loss and expresses condolences to the families and staff of CAM.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:16-28

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Man with an Unclean Spirit

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.'²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!'²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.'²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.