

MCC Connects: Save the date! the MCC Relief Sale & Auction will be held on June 8 & 9 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, SK.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 19-23 Blanket Making
Mar 29 Maunday Thursday Potluck & Communion, 6:00 pm
Mar 30 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
Apr 1 Easter Service 10:00 am; Brunch 11:15 am. Easter Egg hunt for the children!
Apr 12 Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Apr 13 OMC 90th committee meeting, 10:00 am
Apr 14 Seedy Saturday, 1:00-2:30 pm
Apr 15 Seniors Pizza supper at Bethany Manor, 5:00 pm

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

***Saturday March 24 - Youth @ OMC - 6:30-8:30pm**

If you are willing to volunteer and spend an evening with our youth, please sign up at the link below!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19S534MN74I2rLgGY3evtkXTZ2jWG1kpxJTNdZgxB7c/edit?usp=sharing>

***Save the Date: April 5-6 - Honouring the Earth** – a MegaMenno weekend event. More details to come.

Worship Leader: George Janzen Pianist: Diana Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler Nursery: Marlene Campbell
Sound: Chris Buhler Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Karl Martens

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

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

Palm Sunday - Lent 5: "O Healing River"

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lent calls us to a journey, this and every day, following Jesus where he leads us.

People: Lent calls us to journey to the place where God covenants with us in mutual fellowship.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to share among ourselves and with all generations the good news of Easter.

People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope and peace to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the one who bore the cross.

People: Lent calls each of us to trust the one who gives us life.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

People: Let us worship God, who walks with us this and every day.

Invocation

***Hymns: Purple/SS #45 "Calm me, Lord"**
Purple/SS #44 "When Jesus the healer"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn: Blue/HWB #379 “O Christ, the healer”

Scripture lesson: Mark 3:1-12

Sermon: “Withered Hand Healing Part 2” Patty Friesen

Anointing Service (**Sing HWB #377 during this time**).

***Hymn: Purple/SS #58 “O God, how we have wandered”**

*Benediction: Guardian of the seasons, keeper of every time, tune us to your rhythms that we may know the occasion for stillness and the moment for action. May we be so prepared, so aware, so awakened in our waiting, that when you prompt us into motion, our hands may be your hands and our purposes your own. Amen.

*(*Please rise)*

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping 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.
- **Choir practice, 9:15 am**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15 am.**
- **11:15 am: Faith Exploration class**

THIS WEEK

- **Blanket making all week starting at 9:00 am.**
'After Hours' Blanket Making: Thursday March 22 - If you are busy with work or family during the day time but would like to participate in blanket making, mark this date on your calendar. Come anytime in the afternoon/evening, we'll break for pizza supper at 5pm (please bring \$2). All ages and expertise welcome!
- **Saturday March 24 - Youth @ OMC - 6:30-8:30pm**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **9:15 am Choir practice**
- **11:15 am: Faith Exploration class**

Next Sunday, March 25: 6th Lent: Mark 6:45-56; Mark 8:11-13,22-29 “Crossing Dangerous Waters” : Patty Friesen.

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Children’s Time: Terri Lynn Friesen
Sound: Chris Buhler Nursery: Diana Buhler
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Karl Martens

Patty's Week: Tues: leading John Nickel’s funeral at NPMC; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: Bethany Manor; Fri: office, visits.

Terri Lynn's Week: Today: Faith exploration class (11:15); Tues/Wed: Final CPE classes; Thurs: Holy week prep, blanket making (pm); Fri: office, youth prep; Sat: youth (pm).

UPCOMING SERVICES for LENT: “O Healing River”

Mar. 25 Palm Sunday: Mark 6:45-56, Mark 8:11-13, 22-29.
“Crossing Dangerous Waters”: Patty Friesen

Mar. 29, 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Service – **Potluck & Communion:** Terri Lynn Friesen. **Lunch Group M-Z (leaders Carl MF & Diane M) in charge of potluck.**

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

April 1, 10:00 am: Easter Sunday: Mark 16:1-8. “O Healing River”
Patty Friesen. **Brunch @ 11:15 am with Lunch Group A-C (leaders Susan B & Rachel B) in charge.** There will also be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

Remember in Prayer:

-Doug's healing
-youth service @ Warman Thrift & games at Simon's
-those served and those serving at Friendship Inn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Thank you to Dick and Eugene** for installing the snappy new carpet in the foyer and library. A job well done!

***Kevin and Melanie are looking for some missing music scores** from Christmas 2017. They were borrowed from the MC Sask Music Library and to avoid penalty, we need to find:

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella - 1 missing

Away in the manger - 1 missing

If you happen to have a copy at home or in your music binder, please place in Kevin and Melanie's church mailbox so we can return them.

***Congratulations to Braeden Martens-Funk** on his gold medal hockey game and to **Benjamin Penner** on his gold medal dance, and also to **Vanessa Stefaniuk** for silver medal in dance.

*If anyone else needs congratulating for anything please let us know at the church office.

***Easter Choir rehearsals at 9:15 am Sunday mornings.**

***Sunday, April 15, 5:00 pm at Bethany Manor: The invitations are out for our Seniors Appreciation Pizza supper!** Please rsvp to Patty, Loretta or church office.

*Mennos at the Movies: Sound of Music Singalong Broadway Theatre, Sat. Mar. 24, 7:00 p.m. \$20. Talk to Patty.

***This invitation** is for those who would like to participate in an evening of short meditation, followed by a time of sharing and reflection, then a time of silent prayer. **We meet Tuesday's at 7:30 pm** in the youth room. Any questions can be directed to John Gascho, Dave Feick, or Harold Loewen.

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

*Saturday, March 24: Prairie Meadow Place, a Seniors Residence in Rosthern, is having an Open House from 2 – 4 pm. 510-4th Ave, so folks can tour their facility.

*The commissioning service for Lois Siemens, the new Spiritual Care Coordinator at Bethany Manor, will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 10:45 am in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre, 110 La Ronge Road. Everyone is welcome!

***RJC Guys & Pies Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 15, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Join us for an evening of music and desserts. Listen to A Buncha Guys and the RJC ManChoir while enjoying delicious pies. The evening will include a dessert auction - bid individually, as a table, as a family, or form a consortium. Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea and pie will be served during the evening. Everyone is welcome!

*Camp Elim is currently looking for Cabin Leaders, CIT's, Lifeguard's and Kitchen help for Elim's Summer Camp program this year. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining us out on Lac Pelletier for a couple of weeks, you can go to www.campelim.ca for more information about Camp Elim and on how to apply.

*Applications are now being accepted for a **Youth and Pastoral support person at Nutana Park Mennonite Church.** This is an 11 month term position to fill a number of maternity leaves within the leadership of the church. It includes opportunities in both Youth and Family Ministry. We invite interested applicants to find out more about the position requirements by visiting www.npmc.net and reviewing the full job description. Please contact Tammy Forrester, Board Chair for further information or submit your resume directly to Nutana Park Mennonite Church, Attn: Tammy Forrester
Email: npmc@npmc.net
Mail: 1701 Ruth St. E., Saskatoon, SK, S7J 0L7
Application Deadline: April 15th, 2018

*MC Sask invites you to a **ReLearning Community Taster Day** on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon at 9:30am. Norm Dyck, Mission Engagement Minister of MCEC will be leading the workshop. Cost will be \$10 (to cover lunch). Please register at www.mcsask.ca or call Ryan at 306.249.4844.

****Will You Share an OMC Story?**

When you think about your OMC life, what comes to mind? Is there an OMC event you often remember? Perhaps you recall a time with a friend that makes you laugh, a time with family that brought you closer, a time you did something special or important, or a time with God that changed your life. These personal stories are a vital part of OMC history. As a church family we have shared much and continue to share a lot. The 90th Anniversary Committee knows there are stories special to you, young and old, and they are important to us all.

We want you to write down your story. Stories will be compiled for all to read and, during this anniversary year, a story will be read out in church each Sunday and perhaps on other occasions.

We also want you to help us gather these stories. Over 90 years there have been many people in the OMC family who no longer attend but whose stories are equally important. If you know of someone, tell them about our project and ask them to share a story. If you like, have them contact Sandra Grismer at (306) 380-4576, or sgrismer1@sasktel.net.

There is a catch! Even though the topics are endless and the stories will not be censored (well, we hope not), they should be only about 250 words long, just like this notice. Please email your story to Sandra or drop them in her box at church.

***Shekinah is looking for volunteers! Saturday, March 24** we are looking for 7-8 people to help get things ready for our NEW Co-Executive Directors. **April 3-7** we are looking for 10-12 people to help raise our very first **Timber Frame Cabin!** Strong backs are especially needed on April 3, but volunteers of all strengths and sizes are welcome throughout the week. Call the office for details; 306-945-4929, director@shekinahretreatcentre.org

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Mark 3:1-12

The Man with a Withered Hand

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' ⁴Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

A Multitude at the Lakeside

7 Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; ⁸hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; ¹⁰for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. ¹¹Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, 'You are the Son of God!' ¹²But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

***MC Sask would like to thank Zion Mennonite Church and Emmaus Mennonite Church** for hosting the 2018 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions. Those gathered were blessed with great hospitality, beautiful singing, warm fellowship and the Communion of the Spirit. In total, 138 people registered, including 74 delegates and 2 youth delegates and were given lovely MC Sask green tote bags which were supplied by Emmaus and Zion; 26 of 28 MC Sask congregations were represented. Betty Pries' slides and presentations will be made available online this coming week, as well as other highlights from the weekend.