

MCC Connects: Service Opportunity – MCC Representative for Honduras: The representative is responsible for providing team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Honduras. The five-year position begins November 26, 2018. For more information contact Erica at 306.665.2555 or mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-representative-honduras

OMC CALENDAR

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

CANCELLED: Honouring the Earth has been cancelled by MC SK for this year ☹

Regular youth nights:

Sat April 14: 6:30-8:30
Sat April 28: 6:30-8:30

***Save the Date:** Jr. High Retreat (Gr. 6-9) May 25-27 at Youth Farm Bible Camp

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Nursery: Diana Buhler
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 25, 2018

Palm Sunday “O Healing River”

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: HWB #667

Invocation

Palm Processional by the children (Choir: “Jesus is coming”)
Children’s Choir: “Holy Lord”

Children’s Time Terri Lynn Friesen

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #237 “All glory, laud and honor”**
Blue/HWB #238 “Hosanna, loud hosanna”

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering (Choir: “Oh, how good is Christ the Lord”)
Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Blue/HWB #565 “My faith looks up to thee”

Scripture lesson: Mark 6:45-56; Mark 8:11-13, 22-29

Hymn: Purple/SS #45 “Calm me, Lord”

Sermon: “Crossing Dangerous Waters” Patty Friesen

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #143 “Amazing Grace” vs 1,2,3,6**

*Benediction: Now may Jesus Christ himself who has loved us and through grace has given us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort and strengthen our hearts in every good work and word. 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.
- **Choir practice, 9:15 am**
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:15 am.**

THIS WEEK

- **Thursday, Mar. 29, 6:00 pm:** Maundy Thursday Service – **Potluck & Communion. Lunch Group M-Z (leaders Carl MF & Diane M) in charge of potluck.**
- **Friday, Mar. 30, 7:00 pm:** Good Friday Service

NEXT SUNDAY is EASTER SUNDAY

- **Choir practice, 9:15 am**
- **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.

Easter Sunday, Apr 1: Mark 16:1-8 “O Healing River” – Patty F
Worship Leader: Christy Martens-Funk Pianist: Diana Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler Children's Time: Glen Grismer
Sound: Dick Braun Nursery: Sarah Buhler
Ushers: Anna Peters, Carl Martens-Funk

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon, visits; Wed: office; Thurs: Maundy Thurs service; Fri: office, service, Sunday: Easter!

Easter Break: April 3-8 Edmonton/Calgary with family, April 10-12 SK Historic Church Tour. For emergencies: please call/text cell: 306-260-6069

Terri Lynn's Week: Mon: MCC/RJC event; Wed/Thurs: away for funeral; Thur: Maundy Thur potluck; Fri: office

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 8 - “Easter Part II” by George Janzen
April 15 – “Peter and John Went to Pray” by Patty Friesen
April 22 – “Peter and John on Trial” by Patty Friesen
April 29 - Dan Richert preaching

Remember in Prayer:

-Marge B in hospital
- Terri Lynn's Grandma May Kippan passed away Wednesday, March 21. Please hold Terri Lynn's Mom and her family in your prayers as they celebrate her life and grieve their loss. Terri Lynn will be away Wed/Thurs to attend the funeral service in Carlyle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***A very big THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to make blankets for MCC last week. 107 blankets were finished!!

* **Thank you to Dick, Art and Bill** for installing new toilets in the washrooms.

***Needed: a small microwave** for our Refugee family. If you have one please contact Lyle and Linda.

***Please have all April newsletter submissions** in to the office by Wednesday, March 28. Thanks.

***House Show:** Terri Lynn & Thomas have called their house a home for a year now, and wanted to celebrate with sharing some good music with you on Easter weekend! Our friend Kristen Mark Westwood is in town briefly to share the album he is writing on the Gospel of Mark. If you don't have plans on **Saturday night (March 31)**, come join us! There will be popcorn and beverages, and a \$10 cover charge that will go towards the costs of recording this beautiful album. **Doors open at 7pm, music at 7:30** - we can fit about 40 people, so come early to get a seat! 419 Ave E S, Saskatoon.

*Loretta's hours this week will be Wednesday and Thursday morning due to Good Friday stat holiday.

*Bethany Manor Choir is presenting "Easter Memorial", Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

***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.

***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.

***This is an open invitation** to 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.

***Starting plants? If extra, please consider the Osler Community Garden Plant Sale, Friday, May 25.** Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, flowers are popular.

***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!

***RJC anticipates openings in the teaching and/or residence staff for the 2018-2019 school year.** If you are interested in more information, please contact Jim Epp, Principal 306-232-4222, jim.epp@rjc.sk.ca

*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!

*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.

****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.

***Come build a cabin at Shekinah! April 3-7** we are looking for 20-25 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. Work will go from 9am-5pm every day, lunch and coffee breaks are provided, overnight accommodations possible. Bring a hammer and cordless screw gun if you have one! Call the office for more details; 306-945-4929, director@shekinahretreatcentre.org

***Shekinah Spring Fundraising Banquet.** Saturday, April 7 at 6:00pm at the Timber Lodge. Come early and tour the first Timber Frame Cabin site, enjoy a fantastic meal, and hear from our NEW Co-Executive Directors, Ron & Sue Schellenberg. **RSVP to the office by March 31;** 306-945-4929. office@shekinahretreatcentre.org

***Station Singers presents "Requiem for the Living" and "water music themed songs"** April 14th, 7:30 pm at Rosthern Mennonite church and April 15th, 7:30 pm at Grace Westminster United Church (Saskatoon). Tickets available at Station Arts Centre, McNally Robinson, and choir members.

***April 22 2:00 pm Zoar Mennonite Church (Langham) Closing Service of the 1910 Building** in preparation for move to New Building, followed by lunch.

*For a number of months, **MCC Saskatchewan** has been working on an exciting documentary project with Wavelength Entertainment. **Bridging Borders** is an inspirational documentary series that goes beyond the international headlines to showcase the incredible stories of everyday Canadians who band together to sponsor Newcomer families fleeing persecution. You can view the first episode at <https://www.citytv.com/saskatchewan/shows/bridging-borders/> (note updated link)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Mark 6:45-56; Mark 8:11-13, 22-29

Jesus Walks on the Water Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When evening came, the boat was out on the lake, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the lake. He intended to pass them by. ⁴⁹But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ⁵¹Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Demand for a Sign ¹¹The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. ¹²And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, 'Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.' ¹³And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side.

Jesus Cures a Blind Man at Bethsaida ²²They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. ²³He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' ²⁴And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' ²⁵Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.' ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'