

MCC Connects: For a number of months, MCC Saskatchewan has been working with Wavelength Entertainment on an exciting new documentary series entitled *Bridging Borders*. The series features newcomer families and sponsorship groups who are part of MCC's unique private refugee sponsorship program. The six-part series will air on City TV Saskatchewan on Monday evenings at 10pm. For more information please visit the series Facebook page @BridgingBordersSeries or stream the episodes at citytv.com/Saskatchewan

***From MC Sask:** 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.

OMC CALENDAR

Mar 4	Choir practice 9:15 am
Mar 4	Worship committee meeting, 11:30 am
Mar 5	Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm
Mar 14	Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
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 11:00 am

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler	Pianist: Diana Buhler
Song leader: Ben Buhler	Children's Time: Jake Buhler
Sound: Dan Schellenberg	Nursery: Adeline Cox
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 4, 2018

Lent 3: "O Healing River"

Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship
Invocation

***Hymns: Blue/HWB #76 "Praise, I will praise you, Lord"**
Purple/SS #72 "We are often tossed and driv'n"

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/ Offertory Prayer

Children's Time Jake Buhler

Hymn: Blue/HWB #627 "There is a balm in Gilead"

Scripture lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Hymn: Purple/SS #45 "Calm me, Lord"

Sharing: MDS'ers Matthew, Dayna, Stephanie, Katie

***Hymn: Green/SJ #77 "The peace of the earth be with you"**

***Benediction:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rules, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, or depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.**
- **11:30 am: Worship committee meeting**

THIS WEEK

- **Monday, March 5**, Heart to Heart at 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY

- **9:15 am Choir practice**

Next Sunday, March 11: 4rd Lent: Mark 5:1-20 Jesus Heals the Demoniac by the Sea: Josh Wallace.

Worship Leader: John Reddekopp Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Song leader: Kevin Boldt Children's Time: Lacey MacKenzie
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk Nursery: Lucy Friesen
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Karl Martens

UPCOMING SERVICES for LENT: "O Healing River"

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. 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 Service and 11:15 am Brunch** with Lunch Group A-C (leaders Susan B & Rachel B) in charge.

Patty's Week: Mon: Heart2Heart; Tues: sermon; Wed-Sat: Brier in Regina & MC Sask Swift Current; Sun: Mennonite Nursing Home

Terri Lynn's Week: Tues/Wed CPE; Thurs: Holy week planning; Fri: office; Sat: youth service afternoon/games evening.

Remember in Prayer:

-thankfulness for winter break for students, teachers & MDS'ers
-MHSS -AGM
-OMC'ers attending MC Sask as Delegates /Attendees: Terry, Christy, Katherine P (youth), Dave, Patty, Karl M.
-OMC'ers attending Osler TRC: Julie, Margaret, John

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Calling all Singers: Easter Choir rehearsals** will start today, March 4 at 9:15 am and continue through the Lenten season.

***Monday, March 5, 7:00 pm: Heart to Heart.** We invite all ladies to come out for an evening of fellowship, singing and prayer. Our devotional will be led by Edna.

***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.

***Sunday March 11** at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, Saskatoon Chamber Singers concert, *All Around The Circle: A little bit of everything, rolled into one.* Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and \$20 in advance from Michelle McKinnell or Dan Richert!

***March 19-23: MCC Blanket Making here at OMC.**

*Compassionate Competitive Congregational Curling at the Granite Curling Club on Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 am.

***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.

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 10 - Service Day/Games Night in Warman/Saskatoon

We're mixing things up with a fun day of volunteering at the Warman MCC Thrift Store. We'll *meet at the store*, and help sort donations and help out from **2-4pm**. From there we'll head to Saskatoon - we'll stop at a park along the way to get some outside time, and then at **5:30pm** we'll meet at Sarah & Charlie's home for supper and a games night, until **8:30pm**.

Please let me know in advance if your youth can come, so we can plan for drivers and food. **We'll need extra drivers for this event (for to and from the city)**. Thanks in advance to folks willing to drive, and to Sarah and Charlie for hosting.

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

Finally, 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/19S534MNs74I2rLgGY3evtKXTZ2jWG1kpxJTNdZgx7c/edit?usp=sharing>.

***Friday, March 9, 4:30-7:30 pm:** Perogie Supper in support of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, at Brian King Centre in Warman.

***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.

***Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** is sponsoring Ted & Co. production Discovery: A Comic Lament (based on the Doctrine of Discovery) this coming July – at Wanuskewin or Roxy Theatre. We are attempting to engage supporting churches (both Mennonite and ecumenical) and facilitate this production in Saskatoon. Given the ongoing tensions in race relations in our province, we see this show as very timely as it helps us consider our own attitudes and biases. If each of our churches plus Ministries Commission contribute \$500.00, then we will have covered the costs. Check out www.tedandcompany.com. Please write checks to OMC: Doctrine of Discovery event.

***Thursday, March 15, 2018, 5-7 pm**, at Warman Mennonite Church: Keilke, Ham & Sausage Supper. This is a Fundraiser for Kitchen Repairs/Updates.

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

*Mount Royal Mennonite Church invites applications for the half-time Office Administration job with a start date of April, 2018. The job description is posted at <http://mountroualmennonite.org/wp/we-are-hiring/>. Inquiries and resumes can be directed to Shelley Bueckert, MRMC Personnel Committee Chair, shelleybueckert@gmail.com. Application deadline is March 15, 2018.

****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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-41 Jesus Stills a Storm

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

***Please pray for our Regional Church - Mennonite Church Saskatchewan**, who will be meeting together March 9 & 10 at Zion Mennonite in Swift Current for our annual meeting as they "Refresh, Refocus, Renew – God is Doing a New Thing – Explore, Experience, Engage."

--Tom & Christine Poovong (Witness workers – Thailand) shared recently that they have been working with the Blu tribal people in northern Thailand. These mountain people are subsistence farmers mostly and are treated lower than "second-class citizens" in Laos and Thailand. Tom said that in his recent visit to a village of the Blu people, he saw a need for water – more wells to be dug; more adequate sanitation given that there are many sanitation-related diseases and for prayer, these mountain people are persecuted and treated as outsiders, even as criminals. Tom and Christine have a heart for sharing Christ with the Blu people and already envisioning how they can mobilize other Christians and organizations to provide some of the basic human needs of these people. Please pray along with the Poovongs for the Blu mountain people and for this new opportunity to demonstrate the love of God.