

**MCC Connects:** Join MCC Saskatchewan on a learning tour to Palestine and Israel! Explore ancient historical sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, while experiencing "on the ground" realities, and gaining a better understanding of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. You will have the opportunity to meet with both Israeli and Palestinian organizations working for peace and justice in the region. For more information please visit [mccsk.ca/Palestine-Israel-learning-tour](http://mccsk.ca/Palestine-Israel-learning-tour) or call our office at 306.665.2555.

**\*My Coins Count, an MCC fundraiser**, encourages kids to collect coins to bring to the annual Relief Sale. This year's fund supports education in Bolivia.

\*June 8-9: **MCC Relief Sale & Auction** information is now in your church mailboxes along with "**Grow Hope**" brochures with information about **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** initiatives. Be part of the Relief, development and peace work of MCCS in the name of Christ.

### OMC CALENDAR

May 9 Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm  
 May 10 Council meeting, 7:00 pm  
 May 14 Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm  
 May 17 Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm  
 May 20 Pentecost and Communion

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Pianist: Lynette Janzen  
 Song leader: Kathryn Janzen Nursery: Sarah Buhler  
 Sound: Dan Schellenberg  
 Ushers: Harold Loewen, Dick Braun

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 May 6, 2018

Prelude  
 Welcome/Announcements

### Call to Worship: Psalm 98

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**All: God has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before our God.

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Creator who is coming to judge the earth.**

One: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Invocation

**\*Hymns: (on screen) "Holy Lord"**  
**Blue/HWB #343 "My hope is built on nothing less"**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Children's Time

Marlene Campbell

**Loose Change song: “Magic Penny”**

Collection of Loose Change for Syrian Kindergarten

Scripture lesson: Acts 5:12-41

**Hymn: Purple/SS #115 “Beauty for brokenness”**

Sermon: “From Healers to Persecutors to ...?” Heather Peters

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

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

\*Benediction: If we sow in the Spirit, we will reap in the Spirit. So let us not grow weary of doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all. Amen.

(\*Please rise)

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**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.

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**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**

- **Wednesday, May 9, 12:45 pm: Deacons mtg (rescheduled)**
  - **Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm: Council meeting.**
  - **Saturday, May 12, 6:30-8:30 pm: Youth meeting**
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**May 13:** The Community of the Spirit - Patty Friesen

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler

Pianist: Lynette Janzen

Song leader: Kathryn Janzen

Sound: Doug McKinnell

Children’s Time: Lacey MacKenzie

Nursery: Lucy Friesen

Ushers: Harold Loewen, Dick Braun

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: council; Fri: office, visits.

**Terri Lynn's Week:** Mon: MC SK youth ministry mtg; Tues (pm): youth ministry team mtg; Wed: office (am); Thurs: Council (pm); Fri: office (am); Sat: youth (pm)

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

May 20 Pentecost – Patty Friesen preaching

May 27 Jan Bigland-Pritchard preaching

June 3 Patty Friesen preaching

June 10 Terri Lynn Friesen preaching

June 17 Annual S.S. picnic - at Kevin & Melanie Boldt’s farm

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- Terri Lynn @ 1/2 time
- OMC 90 Schlorrendarp celebration
- Heather's work in restorative justice with MCC
- Lara’s surgery (daughter of George & Lynette)
- those in hospital and those recovering from surgery

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*We welcome Heather Peters** who works as the Peacebuilding Coordinator with Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan. She is married to artist and baker Joel Kroeker (Burntwood Makery and KroekerBaker) and together they parent 3-year old Rehema.

**\*Cornie and Sarah would like to thank everyone** for their kindness and concern through visits, prayers, food and rides.

**\*The 2018 CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is now posted and a copy is in your mailbox. Thank you for your participation and co-operation. **Dick & Kathy B and Matt B and Julie B** are scheduled for the week of May 7-12.

**\*The Alnouri family has arrived!:** We welcome Akram, Ana, Buthayna and Mohammad living at #423 - 310 Herold Road, Saskatoon. 306-280-0225.  
Bassam and Hiba living at 1912 Main Street, Saskatoon. 306-280-2161. (At this time they speak only Arabic)  
Their photos and family tree is on the bulletin board.

**\*OMC stories** The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee hopes you have been enjoying the weekly OMC stories shared by OMC congregants and read before each Sunday worship service. These personal stories are a vital part of OMC history. As a church family we have shared much and continue to share a lot. Please share your OMC story. Send it to Sandra Grismer at [sgrismer1@sasktel.net](mailto:sgrismer1@sasktel.net) (remember to include the "1") or drop it off in the Grismer church mailbox. New attendee or lifer, old or young, there are not limitations for authorship. Please keep your story to 250 word maximum. Missed a story? Each week, the latest story is added to the Anniversary Facebook page at *Osler Mennonite Church's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*.

### **OMC YOUTH CALENDAR**

#### **MAY EVENTS:**

Sat May 12: 6:30-8:30 – Youth meeting  
May 25-27: Jr. Youth Retreat - Registration forms on Bulletin Board (or talk to Terri Lynn).

#### **JUNE EVENTS:**

Save the Date: June 9 -MCC Relief Sale - Kid's Corner

#### **\*Prayer request from MC SK:**

--Please keep the MC Canada Joint Council and Executive Staff Group (ESG) in your prayers as they meet in Toronto this weekend. Our **moderator, Terry Stefaniuk** and our MC Sask rep, Jacquelyn Janzen are there on our behalf for Joint Council, and our Executive Minister, Ryan Siemens, is part of ESG.

--Please pray for Emmaus Mennonite Church, Wymark, as they hold a special meeting to vote on closing their doors. Details on the bulletin board.

**\*Deacons Sick Kits seeking donations** of comforting CDs, funny DVDs, interesting audiobooks, beautiful picturebooks, nice magazines, crossword puzzles, adult colouring books with pencils that people could check out of the church library for their recovery in and out of hospital. Please write a funny or comforting word in the book jacket and we will stamp with church name. We'll be collecting in the church office. Please speak to a deacon or pastor with questions: George, Loretta, Cornie, Adeline, Loretta.

**\*Gardeners: Please plant extra** tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, peppers for the Al-Nouri family this summer.

**\*May 9, 7:00-9:00 pm: Indigenous Awareness Presentation** at the Brian King Centre in Warman. There are more details on the poster on the bulletin board.

**\*RJC SPRING CHOIR CONCERT – Friday, May 11, 7:00 pm in the RJC Gymnasium** – The finale of the choral year at RJC will feature performances by Concert Choir and Chorale. Everyone is welcome.

**\*Thomas & Terri Lynn** are hosting the Vine & Table's 1st Open House - we'd love to share with you this labour-of-love in progress! Please feel free to stop by for snacks and a tour!  
– **Friday May 11** (5-8pm) and **Saturday May 12** (2-5pm) at 419 Ave E South. You can learn more about our vision for the Vine & Table at [vineandtable.ca](http://vineandtable.ca).

\*Artists or Wannabees: Wet Paint Pottery 50-632 1st Avenue North on **Saturday May 12 at 1:00 pm** to play with colour. The cost is \$9 per person plus the item(s) you decide to paint. Then after it's fired we go pick it up. Contact Patty if interested.

\*Sunday, May 13, 3:00 pm: Bethany Manor is hosting "Joy of Vox" choir on Mother's Day in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Center. All are welcome!

**\*Save the Date: OMC Women's Spring Tea and Garden Party:** Saturday, June 2, 11:00 a.m. at Robin Neudorf's. Bring hats, flowing dresses and your best British accent. Please invite your mother, grandmother, daughters, sisters, neighbours! Salad and dessert sign-up and directions on bulletin board.

**\*Please consider signing up to bring snacks** and making coffee.

\*Want to learn more about the Book of Acts and the World of Apostle Paul? June 8-21, 2018, guided by Mennonite New Testament scholar Tom Yoder Neufeld, learn about the cultural contexts that shaped the Apostle Paul, his message, and his congregations. Also see locations of interest in Rome & Greece. [www.tourmagination.com](http://www.tourmagination.com).

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:12-41**

### **The Apostles Heal Many**

12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. <sup>16</sup>A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

### **The Apostles Are Persecuted**

17 Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, <sup>18</sup>arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>'Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.' <sup>21</sup>When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to

have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>'We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.' <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. <sup>25</sup>Then someone arrived and announced, 'Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!' <sup>26</sup>Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. <sup>35</sup>Then he said to them, 'Fellow-Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. <sup>36</sup>For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!'

They were convinced by him, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonour for the sake of the name.