

**MCC Connects:** In Colombia, MCC helps Sigifredo Godoy, a former professional soccer player, help youth avoid joining gangs by engaging them in a soccer school, and helping them with education and life-skills. The work of MCC is about transforming lives through education and peace programs and helping train community and church leaders to serve in the name of Christ. We seek your help to meet these urgent needs. For more information and to donate, please call the MCC office today at (306) 665-2555 or goto [www.mccsk.ca](http://www.mccsk.ca).

**\*Sunday, September 23:** CFGB 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Educational & Carnival. See poster for details.

\*MC Canada is already planning for the national gathering happening June 28 - July 1, 2019 in the Langley, BC area: "Re-imagining the Church". **Terri Lynn is the volunteer from SK** that is on the planning committee. Have your voice in the topics and speakers that help shape this conference - let Terri Lynn know what suggestions you have, **and mark the dates on your calendar for Assembly 2019!**

### OMC CALENDAR

Sept 13	Worship Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 14	Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
Sept 15	Serve at Friendship Inn. Please sign up!
Sept 16	Heart Sunday. Please wear red.
Sept 22	Worship Workshop, 10 – 2. Lunch provided.
Sept 28	Love Soup Making Bee, 10:00-noon.
Oct 7	Thanksgiving & Communion

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox                      Sound: Stephanie Siemens  
 Song leader: Michelle McKinnell      Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
 Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Dick Braun      Nursery: Marlene Campbell

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## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
 A Welcoming Christian  
 Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 September 9, 2018

Prelude  
 Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship / Invocation

**\*Hymns: Blue/HWB #176 “Comfort, comfort, O my people”**  
**Green/SJ #45 “In the morning when I rise”**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time                      Adeline Cox

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #653 “Abide with me”**

Scripture lesson: Acts 27:13-44

**Hymn: Green/SJ #103 “Why should I feel discouraged”**

Sermon: “Shipwreck and Sustenance”      Patty Friesen

\*Spoken Benediction: God of surprises, you sow your storied word in us with compassion. As this day breaks upon us, may we remember your mercy and extend it to others as we live for the sake of your reign. Amen.

**\*Sung Benediction: Blue/HWB #546 “Guide my feet”**  
 (\*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.

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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.
- **Potluck lunch at Noon. Lunch Group D-L, with group leaders Kathy Braun & Rob & Brandee Borne, in charge of set-up and clean-up.**
- **Potluck seating:** We will have a chance to sit at a table according to what we did this summer: camping, gardening, reading, city fun (Jazz Fest, Shakespeare, Taste of SK), family reunions, biking, golfing, fishing.

**THIS WEEK:**

- Thursday, Sept 13, 7:00 pm: Worship committee meeting.
- Friday, Sept 14, 12:45 pm: Deacons meeting.
- Saturday, Sept 15, 11:30 am: Serve at Friendship Inn.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

- **Please wear Red for Heart Sunday.** Before and after Sunday School, you are encouraged to Jump Rope for donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Do the jumping yourself or pay someone to jump for you.  
**We have paper hearts** for all those who have had strokes and heart surgeries and their families to wear.

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**Next Sunday, Sept 16:** "Heartfelt Worship: Songs & Scriptures of The Heart".  
Worship Leader: Patty Friesen  
Children's Time: Jake Buhler      Songleader: Michelle McKinnell  
Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg      Sound: Doug McKinnell  
Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Dick Braun      Nursery: Diana Buhler

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**Patty's Week:** Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, visits; Thurs: worship meeting; Fri: office, Deacons; Sat: Shekinah bike-athon.  
**Terri Lynn's Week:** Today: Sunday School Kick-Off; Wed: office; Thurs: RJC football game; Fri: visit/office (am).

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**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Sept 23** Lois Siemens  
**Sept 30** Heather Driedger, Person to Person program  
**Oct 7** Thanksgiving and Communion

**Remember in Prayer:**

-the start of Sunday School      -Adeline's knee surgery  
-Dick's 70th birthday and recovery from surgery  
-Russ and Val Regier and family      -harvest safety  
-Mark's new job as MCC Refugee Coordinator

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Sunday School Teachers Needed:** The sign-up sheet includes topics, so pick your favourite and please sign up for a 3 week rotation (or less if need be) for Children and/or Youth. **Sunday School starts today so let's support the program and sign up today!**

**\*COFFEE & SNACK TIME starts today! Please sign up!**

**\*Wednesday, Sept 12, 6:30-8:30 pm: Sonrisa Women's Choir** invites singers to our first rehearsal at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. This term we invite men to join us for Wednesday rehearsals for Handel's Messiah which we will prepare for a December concert. Contact Lynne Driedger-Enns at [gord.lynne@sasktel.net](mailto:gord.lynne@sasktel.net) for further information. Come join us!

**\*Know someone who could use 20lbs potatoes?** Please contact Shyla Cross at [oslercommunitygarden@sasktel.net](mailto:oslercommunitygarden@sasktel.net). The BIG DIG of Community Garden potatoes will conclude Thurs. Sept. 13, 5:30-6:30 pm, behind Floating Gardens. A big thanks to Buhlers for garden space and Guenthers for cold storage space!

**\*A Snowsuit, Boy's size 3, is needed for the Alnouri family.**

Please talk to Linda Stucky.

**\*The 2018 CHURCH YARD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** is now posted. Thank you for your participation and co-operation.

**John Reddekopp, Adeline Cox, and Dave & Joanne Feick are scheduled for the week of Sept 10-15.**

**\*Calling Artists of All Kinds:** Our 90th celebration includes art of all sorts - another wonderful OMC diversity. We are pondering all forms of artistry so think about what you can share. Naomi and Glen are planning these activities so please talk to them.

**\*Saturday, Sept 15: Shekinah Bike-a-thon:** Saskatoon to Shekinah or Waldheim to Shekinah, donation forms on the lobby pulpit.

\*Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting our annual Fall Supper on Thursday, September 27th. Turkey, roast beef and all the trimmings! Admission by donation; come and go at the camp Quonset, 5-7 pm.

**\*New mailing address for the Warman Mennonite Special Care Home** for our members Helen Peters and John Wall: #500-201 Centennial Blvd, Warman, SK S0K 0A1

**\*Friday, October 26, 6:30-8:00 pm – Bethany Manor presents “An evening with tenor Keith Boldt” and special guest Merel Kreigsman. See poster for ticket details.**

**\*Mennonite Disaster Service Awareness Supper and Information Evening** Friday October 26, 6:30 PM at the Waldheim MB Church. Call 306-342-4344 by October 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve a seat.

\*Job opportunity: “In our effort to bring financial peace to residents of Saskatchewan, Mennonite Trust Ltd. is looking to add to our team and is currently seeking applications for the position of Account Manager. For more details see website at <http://mtrust.net/jobs/>”

**\*Worship Workshop, Saturday, Sept 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Worship leaders, musicians including song leaders, those of us who read scripture and/or present Children's Time, preachers, ushers, sound technicians, those interested in visual arts and those who come to our worship services (that sounds like all of us!) are encouraged to attend.

The lectionary readings we will be working with are Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, Mark 9:30-37. Please read and ponder before the workshop.

**Lois Siemens** will talk about the value worship and its meaning for us as individuals and as a congregation. We will split into groups based on our specific roles for part of the day as we explore what worship means to us, especially when we gather Sunday mornings. Lois will also help facilitate planning and rehearsal for our church service the next day, where she will also serve as our speaker.

**Please sign up on the sheet at the back** - lunch is provided. We look forward to a fun and productive time together!

-Worship Committee

**\*Love Soup-Making Bee: Friday, Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m.-12:00.**

Soup lunch included. Please bring peelers, hand blenders, food processors, soup pots. Looking for donations of onions, potatoes, chard, tomatoes, basil, squash. We'll fill the freezer with 2 person/4 person soup containers for local and church need this winter. Talk to Deacons or Mission and Service.

**\*OMC 90 is in 5 weeks!** We are looking for original art works (talk to Naomi or Glen) and performances for Sat night Oct. 13 7:00 (talk to Terry). There are already the Mennonite Wailin' Jennys quartet and The Merry Wives of Osler comedy sketch for the Saturday night show. We are also looking for favourite songs through the hymnals of our 90 year history - the 1930 blue hymnal, 1957 red hymnal, the 1970 Sing and Rejoice as well as our current 1990 blue, purple and green hymnals. Please write favourite on the sign-up sheets by these hymnals on lobby tables.

\*A Cemetery Tour is included in our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Please consider brightening up your loved ones plots with a basket of fresh or silk flowers.

**\*Ride for Refuge - Saturday September 29.** This year's **Ride for Refuge** is being hosted by *Mennonite Church Canada* - our very own Kirsten Hamm-Epp is the race director! You can show support by *riding* on September 29th, or by *donating on-line* (search Ride for Refuge 2018 Saskatoon). The day begins at 8:45am at the Lutheran Seminary and the lunch for riders begins at 11am.

### **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**\*\*Youth Begins *Sat, September 22!*** We'll be meeting Second Last Saturdays of the Month! 6:30-8:30pm at OMC. Bring a friend and a snack to share!

**\*\*MegaMenno: September 29th!** The kick-off for MegaMenno will be at **Mount Royal Mennonite Church from 6-8:30pm**. It will be a 'Peacemeal' so supper is provided! RSVP to Terri Lynn by **Sept 25th**. We'll need *volunteers for drivers and a sponsor or two* for this event.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 27:13-44**

#### **The Storm at Sea**

13 When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. <sup>14</sup>But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. <sup>15</sup>Since the ship was caught and could not be turned with its head to the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. <sup>16</sup>By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. <sup>17</sup>After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea-anchor and so were driven. <sup>18</sup>We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, <sup>19</sup>and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>I urge you

now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup>For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup>and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>26</sup>But we will have to run aground on some island.'

27 When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. <sup>28</sup>So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup>Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. <sup>30</sup>But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup>Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, 'Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.' <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

33 Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, 'Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.' <sup>35</sup>After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. <sup>37</sup>(We were in all two hundred and seventy-six persons in the ship.) <sup>38</sup>After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

#### **The Shipwreck**

39 In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. <sup>40</sup>So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. <sup>41</sup>But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. <sup>42</sup>The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; <sup>43</sup>but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, <sup>44</sup>and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.