

OMC Calendar

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion & Healing Service <u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am <u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am	2	3	4	5 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	6 Youth: RJC Friday Night Live Coffee House – leave OMC @ 6:30pm	7 Annual General Meeting 9:30 pm
8 RJC Chorale	9	10 “Do Art” Gr. 5-9 7:00pm Worship Meeting 7:30pm	11	12 Deacons Meeting 7:30pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday Service of Healing & Reconciliation 7:30pm	19 Missions & Service Comm. Meeting 7:30pm	20 Deacons Games Night for Adults 7:30pm	21
22 First Sunday of Lent	23	24	25	26	27	28

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. www.omchurch.org

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



Upcoming OMC Events

***Saturday, February 7, 9:30am: OMC 2015 Annual General Meeting** – all are encouraged to attend.

***Sunday, February 8, 10:00am: RJC’s Chorale** will present our morning worship service.

***Tuesday, February 10, 7:00pm – “Do Art” for students, Grades 5 to 9.** Come create beauty in art, learn, enjoy a snack and have fun with friends. This is a free event. You are welcome to bring your friends!

***Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. for anyone interested but particularly those needing healing or reconciliation with the church. We will bring our concerns and go through a service of scripture and prayers.

***Games Night for Adults/Youth:** Friday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. Please bring board games, crokinole, and snacks to share. Beverages provided.

Patty's Ponderings

Patrick and I have been praying through our Christmas cards during morning devotions. (Don't worry if you didn't send us one - I also pray through the directory:) It has been a delightful way to picture all of you in our minds and pray God's presence in your homes and workplaces.

Mark's gospel is full of Jesus' healing on every level - physical, spiritual, familial, communal. I need to be reminded of Jesus' healing so will preach a series on healing during Lent, culminating with an anointing service on Palm Sunday.

Patty's Picks

Detachment by Maurice Mierau is a heartfelt adoption story by a Winnipeg author.

The Comeback by John Ralston Saul is a helpful social commentary on Idle No More.

Thirteen Days in September by Lawrence Wright is an inside look at Carter, Sadat and Begin and the challenges of peacemaking in Israel and the Middle East.

Eating on the Wild Side by Jo Robinson is a fascinating guide to healthier eating.

Forest Prairie Edge by SK writer Merle Massie is an interesting historical reflection on the boreal prairie edge.

The Railway Man DVD with the amazing Colin Firth is pretty intense and violent but an amazing true story of healing.

Hawking DVD is an interesting story of Stephen Hawking.

An Idiot Abroad DVD had us laughing but a warning about language.

Sacred Journeys DVD with Bruce Feiler is a fascinating study of pilgrimage.

Downton Abbey Season 5 DVD - need I say more?!

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

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CONGRATULATIONS ... YOU HAVE BEEN VOTED
THE MOST VALUABLE PRAYER

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zeikowski



Jesus Saves

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.” (Victor Borge)

“What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul.” (Yiddish Proverb)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Registrations are now being accepted for the **MC Sask 2015 Annual Delegate Sessions** being held on March 13 & 14 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. You can pick up a registration form from the bulletin board, or go to www.mcsask.ca to register online or print off a copy (click on the registrations tab at the top of the page).

*The **Youth Farm Corn Maze is hosting Wintertainment** on **Saturday, February 7th** from 11am-7pm. Skating (bring your own skates), CORN MAZE!, carnival games, bonfire, fireworks, food served all day, and more!! Admission \$5. All proceeds go towards the ministry of the Youth Farm Bible Camp.

***Shekinah's Annual Winter Fun Day** is happening again on Family Day, February 16, 2015! Come out and share a day of skating, skiing, tubing and other kinds of family fun with us!

*See the bulletin board for details of **Academy of Discipleship seminar sessions "Patient Ferment: Peaceful Mission in the Early Church"** to be on February 13 & 14 at **Warman Mennonite Church**.

***Sunday, February 22, 2:30 pm - Book Launch at Bethany Manor:** Three writers will launch newly published books: Bethany resident Bob Wahl has written about the oldest school district between Saskatoon and Prince Albert, namely **Saskatchewan School** established in 1887 east of Warman, where he was a student. Nettie Balzer of Osler will launch **Raising Eight on Eighty** which is the story of her parents who raised 8 children on 80 acres. Henry A. Friesen of Regina will launch **Johann Friesen of Poland and His Descendants**. These 3 books will be available to purchase at this free event. Invite your friends and stay for Faspa. For more information, contact Jake Buhler of the Mennonite Historical Society at 244-1392.

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***Winter Walkers:** OMC gym will be open for walking Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m.

*Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca **Be an Outtatown Site Leader!** There are one-semester positions in Burkina Faso, and two-semester positions in Guatemala and South Africa. Currently we are accepting applications for the 2015/16 program year (start date late August, 2015); applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the positions are filled. For full job description, please visit cmu.ca/employment.



***OMC proudly adds our congratulations to Art (and Edna) Zacharias.** Art received a **"Lifetime Achievement Award"** for his volunteer work in the community at the Saskatchewan Senior Volunteer Awards banquet in Regina, October 9, 2014. "For many years Arthur was the maintenance person at Bethany Manor. It would be impossible to tell everything Arthur Zacharias does for his community of Osler and beyond. His volunteerism began in 1965 when he and his wife Edna, served with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Arizona, working in a Hopi village. Back home, Art volunteered with his church in Osler, with Meals on Wheels, and assisted seniors and anyone else who needed help. Now Art keeps the Seniors' Hall in tiptop condition, serves as chairperson of the Local Housing Authority Committee in administration and in practical ways – making repairs, doing plumbing and electrical work, building ramps and mowing lawns. He is always available to help seniors with home maintenance. He and his wife are on call with Mennonite Disaster Services and have served in many locations in Canada and United States. In his "spare time" he is a gifted musician and actor, performing with the Barn Playhouse Theatre and the Joy Singers."

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

February 1, 2015—Fourth

Sunday after Epiphany

Love builds up

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (1)

Mark 1:21-28

February 8, 2015—Fifth Sunday

after Epiphany

Lift up your

eyes

Isaiah 40:21-31

(26)

Psalm 147:1-11,

20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 15, 2015—Sixth

Sunday after Epiphany

Make me clean

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30

1 Corinth. 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 (40)

—or—

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 22, 2015—Lent 1

You are the God of my salvation

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10 (5)

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15



Happy New Year, Friends!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful time of celebrating Jesus with family and friends over Christmas and New Year. We're terribly sorry that we did not communicate during December; our internet was down for over 2 months and it was tough to get online. But we're only a few months away from coming back to Canada for itineration, and we're looking forward to getting back in touch as things gear up for these next few months.

We've updated our website with a new blog post called "[The Number Games](#)"; please feel free to take a look at that by clicking the link, or visiting www.ntdirks.com.

God is good all the time, and we're constantly reminded of his goodness through the encouragement which we receive from all of you. Thanks for that!

Peace,

Nate and Taryn

Mennonite Church Canada

Our Partners In Ministry in Botswana

❁ **Pieces of Peace** ❁

We have all taken risks in the making of war. Isn't it time that we should take risks to secure peace?

J. Ramsay MacDonald

British Prime Minister

* Introduction to Restorative Justice * Healing. Transformation. Community. Justice.

The Academy of Discipleship, in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, the Mennonite Central Committee, the Micah Mission, and Micah on Campus, is pleased to offer an *Introduction to Restorative Justice*.

The six-week course will meet Mondays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., from February 23 through March 30, at Resurrection Lutheran Church (310 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon). Cost is \$50, with assistance available.

To register or for more information, contact Cindy Wallace at cynthiarwallace@gmail.com or 306-381-7230.

Can justice restore individuals and communities in the wake of the harm done by crime? Can victims, offenders, and communities be made whole? What resources does Christian faith bring to this work? How can I get involved?

Join a team of experienced teachers and special guests for a six-week course that explores these questions. Learn how restorative justice operates and how it works for communities and individuals. Hear about opportunities to join in doing justice and working for restoration in and around Saskatoon.

Presenters will include **Dave Feick**, chaplain at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre; Peter Oliver, Catholic lay minister working as a reintegration chaplain with the Micah Mission; Heather Peters, Restorative Justice Coordinator for the Mennonite Central Committee; and Josh Wallace, Mennonite Pastor and board member for the Micah mission.

***Did you know that Mennonite World Conference has a prayer network?** You can sign up for monthly messages with meditations, stories, information about Pennsylvania 2015, and prayer requests. Join us in walking mindfully together in prayer, as we prepare to gather for the next MWC assembly. More info at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015prayernetwork.



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FB/Sue Fitzmaurice, Author

Since armies are legal, we feel that war is acceptable.

We have been brainwashed.

War is monstrous.

Its very nature is one of tragedy and suffering.

H.H. Dalai Lama