

OMC Calendar
January 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am <u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am					1	2 Youth: 7:00pm Movie Night at Ben & Diana's
3 11:15am – Sharing Faith Stories (Patty's Office)	4	5	6	7 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10 11:15am – Winter Study: "Dying Well" 1 Noon: Worship Comm. Mtg.	11	12	13	14	15	16 Friendship Inn Volunteering
17 11:15am – Winter Study: "Dying Well" 2 Noon: Youth Pizza Lunch, 2pm RJC Theatre	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 11:15am – Winter Study: "Dying Well" 3 & POTLUCK	25	26	27	28	29 SMYO Sr. Youth retreat Shekinah Jan 29 - 31	30 SMYO Sr. Youth retreat Shekinah Jan 29 - 31
31 Deacon's Meeting 11:15am						

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

***Youth: January 2, 2016, 7:00pm – Movie night** at Ben and Diana's. Bring your favourite movies.

***Deacons Winter Study:**

- 1. End of Life Discussions on Sunday, January 10** – Led by Julie Bergen and Patty Friesen.
Why is it so hard to talk about death? What makes a good death? How can we begin preparing spiritually for death now?
- 2. Sunday, January 17 - Karl Martens** - Power of Attorney, Wills and Living Wills - how can we help our families prepare?
- 3. Sunday, January 24 – Having things in order** – Harold Empey

Patty's Pastoral Ponderings

Epiphany is the season of growing light in northern hemispheres and in the church year as we look to the Gospel of Luke to describe the compassionate Jesus. January's scriptures of Jesus' baptism guide us through our ongoing conversations about baptism and church membership. We look forward the energy and wisdom new members share with us as they formally join our congregation this new year.

Patty's Picks - just books, no movies this month.

Rising Strong by Dr. Brene Brown is her latest powerful professional and personal reflections on failure and rising strong.

The Gratitude Diaries by Janice Kaplan is also hot right now as we try to reorient our pessimism.

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz is a young adult book that I couldn't put down.

Rewilding the Way by Todd Wynward is a Mennonite manifesto on environmental care and theology.



Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Farm Puter' Talk

Log On Makin' a wood stove hotter.
Log Off Don't add no more wood.
Monitor Keepin' an eye on the wood stove.
Download Gettin' the farwood off the truk.
Mega Hertz Win yer not keerful getting' the farwood.
Floppy Disc Whatcha git frum tryin' ti kerry too much farwood.
Ram That thar thing whut splits the farwood.
Hard Drive Gettin' home in the winter time.
Prompt Whut the mail ain't in the winter time.
Windows Whut to shut when it be cold outside.
Screen Whut to shut when it be blak fly season.
Byte Whut dem flys do.
Chip Munchies fer watchin TV.
Micro Chip Whut's in the munchie bag.
Modem Whatcha did to the hay fields.
Dot Matrix Ol' Dan Matrix' wife.
Laptop Whar the kitty sleeps.
Keyboard Whar ya hang the keys.
Software Dem plastic farkes an' knife.
Mouse Whut eats the grain in the barn.
Main Frame Whut holds up the barn ruf.
Random Access Memory When ya cain't member whut ya paid fer the rifle when yore wife asks.
Mouse Pad That there hippie talk fer the rat hole.

-submitted by Art Zacharias

Dieting - New Year Resolutions

2011: I will get my weight down below 180 pounds.

2012: I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200 pounds.

2013: I will develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

2014: I will work out 3 days a week.

2015: I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***RJC Winter Theatre - January 17, 2016**, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.
The Theatre Arts Class will present "The Fearsome Pirate Frank" in the Pit Theatre – with our own **Katherine Penner** as one of the narrators. The play is a child appropriate (and adult friendly!) pirate adventure/comedy. Tickets are \$10 (rush seating) and will go on sale in the new year.

Should we dress as pirates to attend?

***RJC Tournament of Memories - January 8 & 9, 2016** - Basketball and Hockey are waiting for you! Alumni, family and friends should register by January 1st by email (deneldafast@hotmail.com) for basketball and hockey. Basketball will include a friendly skills competition in addition to the usual fast paced court action! This will be the second year for our STREET HOCKEY tournament. The games will be played on campus with teams of four. Reconnect with old classmates and friends and exercise your mind, body and spirit at the same time! Your alumni bulletin "RJC CONNECT" will be in the mail soon (and is already on the RJC website) with more details. If you have questions contact Denelda at 306-221-2846 or RJC office at 306-232-4222.

*The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism is pleased to support "**Engage Difference: Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry**" Register now for *Engage Difference!* @ www.ccforum.ca/duim
5 Days focused on faith, heart, mind, and skills for the art of intercultural ministry -**Winter 2015: Saskatoon, SK January 25-29, 2016** - See the Bulletin Board poster for more details.
Registration deadline December 28. Spring 2015: Beausejour, MB.
Registration deadline: April 2015

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January Worship Services:

During these next six weeks of the season of Epiphany, our lectionary readings examine who Jesus is. We will also look at the Mennonite Confession of Faith on the occasion of its 20th anniversary (and it is probably time for a new one!) As a follow-up to youth catechism this fall and our December discussions on baptism and church membership, we all may benefit from a catechism refresher course since so many Confessions of Seeking and Doubt have arisen:)

Jan. 3 - Epiphany: Mark Bigland-Pritchard
Jan. 10 - Jesus' Baptism: Patty Friesen
Jan. 17 - Mennonite Confessions of Faith: Patty Friesen
Jan. 24 - The Holy Trinity: Patty Friesen
Jan. 31 - The Church: Patty Friesen

January Winter Study on Dying Well

Sun. Jan. 10 - 11:15 Dying Well: Julie Bergen, chaplain, City Hospital
Sun. Jan. 17 - 11:15 The Legal Aspects of Dying Well: Karl Martens
Sun. Jan. 24 - 11:15 Just in Case: Having Things in Order: Harold Empey

Other January meetings:

Tues. Jan. 12 - 4:30 p.m. Youth Committee OMC
Sun. Jan. 10 - 12:00 Worship meeting OMC or Osler Cafe
Sun. Jan. 17 - 12:00 Pizza and Youth at RJC Winter Theatre
Sun. Jan. 24 - 12:00 Potluck
Sun. Jan. 31 - 11:15 Deacons Meeting

**Mark your calendars:*

**OMC Annual General Meeting will be held on
Saturday, February 6, 2016 – 9:30am**

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

January 3, 2016: Second Sunday after Christmas

The true light
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

or

Epiphany (additional scriptures)
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10, 2016: Baptism of the Lord

You are precious in my sight
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17, 2016: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Your righteousness is like
the mighty mountains
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 24, 2016: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Bring good news
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2016: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Where I send you, you must go
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

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Mennonite Church Canada

Indigenous Relations - New Book for Children



Your gifts help teach children about the history of Indigenous-Settler relations.

Set in an oak forest, *The Harmony Tree* is a new book aimed at children ages 6 – 9. Author, professor, and ordained minister Dr. Randy Woodley of the North American Institute of Indigenous Theological Studies tells the story in parable form. It will be published in 2016.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation process is over, but the work has just begun - and you can help.

<https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/indigenous-relations>

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

"No one is so foolish as to prefer war to peace, in which, instead of sons burying their fathers, fathers bury their sons."

- Herodotus

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating January birthdays of our Children & Youth



Happy Birthday!

Sarah B. – January 9

Children's Prayer

Thank you God for all you give,
For food, for love, a place to live,
Thank you for our families too,
And help us always trust in you.

-Thank you, Lynn for sharing this prayer.

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- Sat Jan 2** 7:00pm - **YOUTH Movie Night at Ben & Diana's**
Sun Jan 3 11:15am – **Sharing of faith stories in Patty's office**
Thur Jan 7 7:30pm - **Church Council Meeting**
Sun Jan 10 11:15am – **Winter Study 1 – “Dying Well”**
Noon – **Worship Committee Meeting**
Sat Jan. 16 11:30am – **Friendship Inn Volunteering**
Sun Jan 17 **Loose Change Sunday**
11:15am – **Winter Study 2 – “Dying Well”**
Noon – **Youth Pizza Lunch, followed by:**
2:00pm – **Youth attend RJC Winter Theatre**
Sun Jan 24 11:15am – **Winter Study 3 – “Dying Well”**
Noon – **POTLUCK Lunch**
Jan 29-31 **Senior Youth: SMYO & MegaMenno Retreat at Shekinah for Senior High Youth (Gr 9-12)**
Sun Jan 31 11:15am – **Deacons' meeting**

Senior High Retreat ... As I have mentioned before, I am really excited about this year's theme and speaker. Cory Funk is young adult originally from Manitoba with a passion for this year's theme, *Sharing the Well: Faith and Diversity in a time of Fear and Division*. He grew up being involved in Manitoba's MMYO youth retreats and events, and is really looking forward to getting right in there and interacting with our youth all through-out the weekend, and not just in session times. And if that weren't enough, I want to share with you the following background information, which is what really got me excited:

“I was born and raised in Winnipeg, MB, I graduated Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and then went to the University of Winnipeg and got a BA in History (mainly of the Middle East) and Religious Studies (where I studied Islam and Arabic). I am now a Masters student at Memorial University of Newfoundland, where I'm writing my thesis on Islam and how Canadian Muslims express their religion on the Internet. On the side I'm also a research assistant where I'm helping do research on Muslim Minorities in Canada as well as Muslim Women's use of Hijab and Niqab. And just in case anyone is wondering why I'm studying Islam, in short, it's because I believe that part of loving your neighbor is taking the time to gain a nuanced understanding of them and their culture, and in this day and age Muslims are the neighbor that we need to get to know a lot better, because the absence of love is causing a lot of fear. And I study this so that I can share what I learn with others as well. Possible session topics: Session one: Good, Bad, or Different? The Importance of Perspective in Christianity

Session two: Islam 101: Discussing our differences and casting aside common misconceptions

Session three: Stories and Faces: Hearing from Canadian Muslims

Session four: Turning Knowledge into Love and Love into Action: Advocating with our Neighbor”

I think this retreat has a lot of potential for a positive impact here in Saskatchewan, so I encourage you to print the attached registration letter, start distributing it in mailboxes, and make sure your youth know this is a weekend they SHOULD NOT miss. Poster will be coming soon. Also, please note that in an effort to help make the retreat more accessible, youth can now request financial assistance from a Retreat Aid fund. If you have any questions, about the fund or other parts of the retreat, please let me know.

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