

OMC Calendar

June 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship: 10am</p> <p><u>Sunday School</u> @ 11:15am</p>			1	<p>2 Church Council 7:30 pm</p>	3	4
<p>5 Terri Lynn speaking</p>	6	<p>7 Education Comm mtg 7:00 pm</p>	8	9	<p>10 MCC Sale @ Prairieland Park, Saskatoon</p>	<p>11 MCC Sale @ Prairieland Park, Saskatoon</p>
<p>12 Church Picnic @ Janzen's in Blumenheim @ 10:00 am. No service at OMC</p>	13	14	15	16	17	<p>18 Foodgrains Bank Sale near Gruenthal</p>
19	<p>20 Semi-annual mtg @ 7:00 pm</p>	21	<p>22 Community garden mtg @ 7:00 pm. M & S mtg 8:00 pm</p>	23	24	<p>25 Heart to Heart @ McKinnel's 11:30- 1:30. Volunteer at Friendship Inn</p>
<p>26 Patty Friesen speaking</p>	27	28	29	30		

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 Worship Services at OMC

- June 5 Terri Lynn Paulson speaking
- June 12 Church Picnic at George and Lynette Janzen's acreage
- June 26, July 3, Patty Friesen speaking
- July 10 Assembly Worship service at TCU Place Saskatoon, 9:30 am. There will be no service at OMC.
- July 17 Patty Friesen speaking; Keith Boldt, Merel Kriegsman, Sandra Horst will bring special music.
- July 24 Patty Friesen speaking
- July 31 Jake Buhler speaking
- August 7, 14, 21 Patty Friesen speaking
- August 28 Outdoor Service of singing

Patty's Ponderings

What does a sick day look like for a pastor? I do spring colds up big time so sit wrapped up in my wool blanket and sneeze and cough and feel sorry for myself. My work is so people oriented that I'm incapacitated when I can't visit so what does that leave? I actually had to be quiet and pray for people. I was restless, wanting to do, talk or e-mail but to sit quietly for 2 days and focus on people turned out to be the best pastoring I've done since being here. I don't know if anyone felt a difference but I felt it within my soul and felt more relaxed and trusting people's situations to God. Maybe I should get sick more often!

Patty's Picks

-*A Jesus Pilgrimage* by James Martin, SJ was a lovely travelogue through the Holy Land by this entertaining priest who got me hooked on his other books, *The Abbey* and *The Jesuits' Guide to Almost Everything*.

-*Midsummer Murders Season 9* was British entertainment at its best.

-*A Walk in the Woods* DVD - I didn't like how women were portrayed but Nick Nolte was laugh out loud funny.

-*Shetland BBC* DVD - a luscious Scottish detective series on the isolated Shetland islands.

-*Inside the O'Briens* by Lisa Genova is as engaging a tale of illness as *Still Alice*.

-*Dark Money* by Jane Mayer is the riveting research into US politics and big money.

-*Alfred Delp*, a German pastor and writer, was executed by the Nazis in 1945 for his opposition to Adolf Hitler. He was an unlikely martyr, headstrong in his youth, but now composed while facing death. In jail, he wrote about seedtime:

"One thing is gradually becoming clear - I must surrender myself completely. This is seedtime, not harvest. God sows the seed and some time or other God will do the reaping. The one thing I must do is to make sure the seed falls on fertile ground. And I must arm myself against the pain and depression that sometimes almost defeats me. If this is the way God has chosen - and everything indicates that it is - then I must willingly and without rancor make it my way. May others at some future harvest find it possible to have a better and happier life because we died in this hour of trial."

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Climate Scientists Predict Global Shortage of Schmaunt Fat

Climate scientists in southern Ontario predict that, due to increasing temperatures, by the year 2030, there will be a global shortage of schmaunt fat.

The white cream gravy has been a staple of Mennonite diet for centuries, and scientists warn that as the world gets hotter, schmaunt fat supplies may be adversely affected.

"We're really concerned," said Mennonite cafe owner Bryan Koop. "We wouldn't want to have to resort to using sour cream gravy, or brown gravy, or any other kind of gravy, really. Our people depend on the schmaunt for their very survival."

The impact could go far beyond Canada, however. As temperatures warm in Mexico and Paraguay, Mennonites will be forced further north in search of suitable kielke toppings.

"It's not impossible that in a few decades, places like Manitoba and Saskatchewan will be inundated with schmaunt fat refugees," said Koop.

Government representatives in Mennonite-heavy areas have warned citizens not to start hoarding schmaunt. Meanwhile, Steinbach city council seem unconcerned about the pending shortage, turning down a request from local residents to fill the water tower with gravy.

Jim: "Hey John, how do you like this new state-of-the-art hearing aid I just purchased?"

John: "That looks like a good one. What kind is it?"

Jim: "Three o'clock."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

***Spruce River Folkfest** will be held at Spruce River, near Prince Albert, on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Activities include music, food, and silent auction,

From Bethany Manor:

We are very excited to be planning a 30th Anniversary celebration for Bethany Manor! The event will take place on Sunday, August 28th in Bethany Manor's backyard from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. We invite our 12 supporting churches to participate in this happy occasion!

- Music is an important part of the Mennonite experience. We invite each church to provide two or three numbers for an afternoon of outdoor music. This could be a group or a family or pretty much anything that works for you. A sound system will be provided.
- We invite each church to provide a cake for an auction. This can be a cake of your choice – a high cake, a fancy cake, a cheesecake – anything you wish, with proceeds towards Bethany.

From Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

Walking the path committee invites you to join us in reading and discussing, *Wrongs to Rights: How Churches can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. We will be meeting for 5 sessions starting on May 29, 7pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Please come having read the first section. Copies of the book are available through the common word resource centre (talk to Krista, kmfloewen@gmail.com, if you are interested in a group order). Hope to see you then!

***World Refugee Day is June 20th** – The World Refugee worship resource, including a video, is on the MCC Canada website at <http://mcccanada.ca/stories/world-refugee-day>.

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From Frieda Rempel: A Jewish doctor who works with Frieda's daughter Karen Hargrove in Phoenix, AZ had a tree planted in Israel in memory of Jeff. Every time we read about trees in the Bible, we can think about Jeff's tree growing there. A comforting thought.

From the Missions and Service committee:

Calling All Gardeners: Please plant and prepare to share extra produce this September with Fall Veggie Hampers for Osler School families.

From Helen Peters, living at the Warman Special Care Home: "Thanks to OMC for the wonderful fellowship. It was so nice to see everyone."

*Everyone is invited to join in the conversation about an **Osler Community Garden**. This is taking place at OMC on **Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm**.

***Vacation Bible School** will run from Tuesday, August 2 to Thursday, August 4 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

OMC CALENDAR

Thurs June 2	Council meeting 7:30 pm.
Sun June 5	Terri Lynn preaching.
Tues June 7	Education meeting 7:00 pm.
Sat June 11	MCC Sale, Prairieland Park.
Sun June 12	S.S. Picnic at George & Lynette's, 10:00 am.
Sat. June 18	Foodgrains Bank sale near Gruenthal.
Mon June 20	Semi-annual meeting, 7:00 pm.
Wed June 22	Community Garden mtg 7:00 pm; M & S mtg 8:00 pm.
Sat June 25	Ladies Heart to Heart luncheon at Diane McKinnell's
Sun July 10	Assembly Worship service at TCU Place 9:30 am. There will be no service here at OMC .
Sun July 17	Keith, Merel, Sandra will special music.
Tues Aug 2 – Thurs Aug 4	VBS from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

June 5, 2016: Proper 5

You have healed me

1 Kings 17:17-24

Psalms 30

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

June 12, 2016: Proper 6

Your faith has saved you

2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13-15

Psalms 32

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36–8:3

June 19, 2016: Proper 7

You are all children of God

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2016: Proper 8

In you I take refuge

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Our Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Osler Mennonite Church
is to be a supportive community in which people can meet God
through worship and fellowship.

We seek to teach
an Anabaptist understanding of scripture,
led by the Spirit to imitate Christ in word and deed.

We strive to nurture faith and discipleship,
committing ourselves individually and corporately
to respond to the needs of others.

OMC OPPORTUNITIES

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

“Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”

-Jill Jackson Miller-

***The 2016 MCC Relief Sale & Auction** will be held on **June 10 & 11** at Saskatoon Prairieland Park. New this year: Kid’s Peace from 9-3, run by Shekinah Retreat Centre; Busking – musicians (any age), please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or denisemartens@gmail.com

**God doesn’t give us what we can handle.
God helps us handle what we are given.**

“We must soon be aware that as the universe continues to expand, as a result of something quite mysterious and profound, so too does truth continue to reveal itself as a result of the passing generations. We learn from our history, and this happens despite our protest. We cannot resist what is true.

If our intention is to stall the process of enlightenment, then we best be prepared for humiliation. It’s all good, really!

Welcome everyone no matter what the circumstance! Grant them all the opportunity to grow into love!

Our enemies are waiting earnestly to be moved, shaken and transformed!

Invite the peace that abides in all of us to become our primary sustenance, and as we become seduced by this peace, radiate with love, for we are becoming that catalyst!

Others will marvel at our courage, and be drawn to our passion. We must continue to feed on the mystery of love!”

-Submitted by John Gascho-