

OMC Calendar

June 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday</u> Worship: 10:00 am.</p> <p>Sunday School: 11:15 am.</p>				<p>1 Council mtg 7:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Patty Friesen preaching. Pentecost & Communion</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Men's group 7:30</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 MCC Sale @ Prairieland Park</p>	<p>10 MCC Sale @ Prairieland Park</p>
<p>11 George Janzen preaching. Semi-Annual Mtg 12:30 pm. Bring bag lunch</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Men's group 7:30</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Serving @ Friendship Inn. CFGB Sale @Walter Wiebe farm</p>
<p>18 Church picnic @ Wif & Ruth's. Terri Lynn's licensing</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Men's group 7:30</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Terry Stefaniuk Preaching.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Men's group 7:30</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

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 4 "The Glory of God"
-Pentecost/Communion – Patty Friesen
- June 11 Favourite OT Stories – George Janzen
- June 18 Church Picnic & Licensing Service for Terri Lynn Friesen – Ryan Siemens
- June 25 Favourite OT Stories – Terry Stefaniuk

"PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE, O SERVANTS OF THE LORD,
 PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD."

PSALM 113:1

Patty's Ponderings:

At the Sunday School picnic at Buhlers Sunday, June 18, the children will bless my backpack, hiking boots and poles for my 6 week national park adventure (2 weeks vacation/4 unpaid leave). They will especially bless my bear bell (hopefully not a dinner bell!) for protection on the trails.

I'm thankful for this gift of time to be with Patrick at Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland and time to be by myself in Grasslands and Waterton National Parks.

I've begun physical training with long walks on the Meewasin trail and I've begun spiritual training with a spiritual director as well. She helps me see the movements of God in my life, especially when I'm having trouble seeing them. She's been helping me train for these 6 weeks by using hymns and scriptures about walking with God. My hope is for physical and spiritual renewal for many more years of ministry.

Patty's Picks:

-Books for Living by Will Schwalbe is a springboard from his last book about Books for Dying that he read with his mother before her passing.

-How to Shovel Manure by Gwen Petersen helped me laugh through spring gardening.

-The Little Book of Hygge by Miek Wiking was lovely on Audio CD read by the author in his Danish accent about the Danes key to happiness. (Made me think of Torben!)

-Fallen Glory by James Crawford chronicles the rise and fall of history's great buildings.

-Our Little Sister DVD is a lovely Japanese story of family and females.

-Lion DVD is a powerful Australian/Indian film about family.

-Manchester by the Sea DVD is a hopeful/heart-breaking story of family.

-Homefires DVD Season 2 is a brilliant British series about women and WWII.

*Please feel free to send in your book and movie, CD recommendations

Terri Lynn's Takes:

**Terri Lynn has a full schedule of youth events in the planning and is also stepping in to lead our pastoral team during Patty's extended leave this summer.

JUNE YOUTH CALENDAR

RJC Spend-A-Day - June 2/3 - Details on poster at church and by emailing val@rjc.sk.ca

MCC SK Relief Sale June 9, 7-9 pm. Youth (& Terri Lynn) are running programming the Kids Corner. This will be a blast! OMC youth shift is from 7-9pm on Friday. Please let me know if your youth are willing to serve in this way. If we have enough help, we can divide into 1-hour shifts.

Serving at Friendship Inn, Saturday, June 17 - 11:15 am- 1:30 pm. TL won't be attending this Saturday, but Patty will be serving and can help arrange carpooling.

Saturday, June 17/18. Church picnic overnight @ Buhler's! The Buhler family is graciously making space for us to camp out on Saturday night. Please let me know if your youth wants to camp out, so I can make plans for tents, supplies, snacks, and breakfast.

Thursday, June 22. 7 pm. RJC Musical Youth Night. Meet at OMC at 6:30pm. I can drop youth off afterwards. \$5/youth. GenNext students are free.

SUMMER YOUTH CALENDAR

Mystery camping trip for all MC Sask youth and friends. August 1-3. Location to be revealed.

VBS @ OMC. August 8-10. 6-8 pm. Please keep this date in mind for potential campers and helpers!

OMC CALENDAR

June 1	Council meeting, 7:00 pm
June 9-10	MCC Relief sale at Prairieland Park
June 11	Semi-Annual mtg 12:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch.
June 17	Serving at Friendship Inn
June 18	Church Picnic at Wilf and Ruth's farm
Aug 2	Executive mtg 1:00 pm; Deacons mtg 2:30 pm
Aug 3	Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Aug 8-10	VBS, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

*A Thank you note from Helen Peters, Warman Special Care Home:
“Thanks so much to everyone at OMC for having me on Easter Sunday. It was wonderful to see you all and the service was wonderful too. Thanks to Bill P for taking me to church and to Anne P for the bag with the magazine and treats.”

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

**“I will not play at tug o’war; I’d rather play at HUG o’war,
Where everyone hugs instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles and rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses and everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles and everyone wins!”**

Shel Silverstein

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*The MCC Relief Sale will be at Prairieland Park on June 9-10. They are starting things off with a supper on Friday, June 9 from 5-7 pm.

*The 37th Annual Charity Foodgrains Bank Sale will be on Saturday, June 17th at the Walter Wiebe farm, near Gruenthal, SK. Breakfast at 7:30 am. Sale starts at 9:00 am.

*Spruce River Folkfest will be held at Spruce River, near Prince Albert, on Saturday, August 12.

Excerpts from a letter from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan:

“In mid-March, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan began a year-long process called **Refresh, Refocus, Renew** to ask ourselves what it means to be the church in the 21st Century. The first phase of this time of renewal was an online survey sent to all our congregations to take a “pulse” of who we are. At the end of April roughly fifty people from across MC Sask, representing 26 congregations, gathered at Mount Royal Church for phase two; a mini-retreat led by Betty Pries. Betty articulated that the journey of renewal leads through a season of prayer. Over the next four months, we are inviting all of us to enter this season of prayer together. Whether this time of prayer is done individually, or as congregations in worship, or both, we are asking all of us to spend time in prayer, listening for God to open our hearts to receive Him, to open us to God’s healing, and to open us to God’s future. Along with these prayers, as we consider our life together as Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, we have three questions:

Lord, what are You calling us to embrace?

Lord, what are You calling us to let go of?

Lord, what are You calling us to live into?

As we pray through these statements and questions, please journal, reflect and take note of what comes to you. We will all have the opportunity to share at our second mini-retreat, September 15-16 at Wildwood Mennonite Church. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact myself, Kirsten Hamm Epp, Pauline Steinmann, Josh Wallace, Anita Retzlaff or Christy Martens-Funk.”

Yours in Christ, Ryan Siemens, Area Church Minister

HUMOUR

Country Mouse/City Mouse or Osler Mouse/Saskatoon Mouse

P: “Ah,” said the country mouse, breathing in deeply. “I love the countryside in Osler. I wake up early. I breathe fresh air. I eat fresh food, and I sleep peacefully” he said.

TL: One day, his cousin City Mouse came from Saskatoon to visit while Country Mouse was working in his garden. They went into the house for lunch and ate cucumbers and tomatoes.

P: “These are fresh from my garden,” Country Mouse said proudly. “I grew them myself.”

TL: “Why do you work so hard, Cousin?” City Mouse laughed. “In Saskatoon, we have tapas and sushi. We don’t even need to work hard. Come visit me in the city and see how good we have it.”

P: Country Mouse thought, yes, a change would do me good. So off they went. Their first stop was the China Buffet on 22nd St. Country mouse couldn’t believe all the food he had never seen in Osler, cashew chicken, leek salad and pot stickers. But soon they heard swearing in Chinese and had to run from the chef swinging a knife.

TL: Their next stop was the Farmer’s Market on 19th St. Country Mouse began to feel right at home with all the fresh vegetables displayed at the Floating Gardens booth. He was about to bite into a nice purple eggplant when Ruth Buhler swatted at him with a broom.

P: Country Mouse and City Mouse ran around the Farmer’s Market dodging mousetraps and outside dogs lunged at their leashes to get them. Huffing and puffing, they took shelter in Village Green and hunkered down to sleep through the night but Country Mouse couldn’t sleep with all the street noise in the hood, sirens and people yelling.

The next morning Country Mouse announced, “City Mouse, Your life in the city is not easy. You live in constant noise and fear.”

TL: City Mouse said, “You learn to block it out and you learn to run fast. It’s an exciting, easy, entertaining life in the city.”

P: Country Mouse said, “But I don’t want an exciting, easy, entertaining life. I want to live in peace and quiet and have many children. I’m going back to Osler where I belong.” And so he did, where he lived happily ever after, until a weasel got him.

TL: The end.

This City is Your City (to the tune of “This land is your land”)

*This city is your city, this city is my city,
From Silverwood to Stonebridge, from Riversdale to Rosewood
This city was made for you and me.*

As I was walking along Meewasin,
there were some awesome pelicans
And all around me – they were calling:
This city was made for you and me. Chorus...

We may not have NFL, we may not have NHL
We may not have IKEA, we may not have light rail,
But something we do have, is a Mennonite mayor!
This city was made for you and me...Chorus...

A pessimist is a person who wears “woes”-coloured glasses!