

## OMC Calendar

June 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday <b>Worship:</b> 10:00 am  <b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 am					<b>1</b> 90th Anniv committee mtg 10 am	<b>2</b> Ladies & Girls Spring Tea & Luncheon @ Robin N's 11 am – 1 pm
<b>3</b> Patty Friesen preaching. Youth/parent mtg 11 am. Blanket exercise 12:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Education committee mtg 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> MCC Relief Sale. Youth work in Kid's Corner 11:30. Serve in Verenike booth 1-3 pm
<b>10</b> Sharing by RJC students & Terri Lynn Friesen . Pizza lunch & Semi-annual mtg @ noon.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Serve at Friendship Inn
<b>17</b> S. S. picnic at Pineview Farms 10:00 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Patty Friesen preaching	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. [www.omchurch.org](http://www.omchurch.org)**

**There will be no newsletter in July and August.**

## The Osler Mennonite Church JUNE 2018 Newsletter

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### A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



June 3 “Stephen, Full of Spirit & Good Sense” – Patty Friesen  
June 10 Service week sharing by RJC students and Terri Lynn F  
June 17 S.S. picnic – at Pineview Farms; OMC 90<sup>th</sup> and Present  
Day Stories  
June 24 “Tabitha, Rise Up” – Acts 9, by Patty Friesen  
July 1 Zachary Stefaniuk preaching

**“O LORD HOW MANIFOLD ARE YOUR WORKS! IN WISDOM YOU  
HAVE MADE THEM ALL; THE EARTH IS FULL OF YOUR  
CREATURES.” PSALM 104:24**

### **Pastor Patty's Ponderings on Pentecost:**

Powerful performances purge people on Pentecost in Acts 2. Plenty of patient prayer turns pain into praise. The promised Panacea is poured out to pierce disciples but perplex others. People think the disciples are pickled! But poised with power, they are prepared to propel the proof of Christ even though it brings persecution. Prayer, peace and shared possessions permeate the early church. Let us ponder these parables for us in present day.

### **Patty's Picks**

Best Places to Bird on the Prairies by John Acorn is a helpful spring birding tool.

The Songs of Trees by David Haskell is a delightful meditation on the natural world.

I, Tonya DVD is a revealing backstory to the Tonya Harding life disaster.

Rebel in the Rye DVD is a revealing backstory to John Salinger's famous Catcher in the Rye.

\*Anyone else have any books or movies to recommend - please e-mail oslermcoffice@sasktel.net!

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### **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.

### **Terri Lynn's Takes: ABOUT THE BLANKET EXERCISE**

On Sunday June 3, OMC will be hosting a **KAIROS Blanket Exercise @ 12:30** - Bring a bag lunch for yourself/ your family, and plan to join us, as we journey together as a church community along the path towards reconciliation. The Blanket Exercise is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Kaytee Edwards Buhler, on behalf MCC SK and others will lead us.

*Please come if you are able!* Perhaps you have participated in the Blanket Exercise in another setting, or maybe it sounds something you'd try to avoid - but please come if you are able. The hope for hosting a Blanket Exercise at OMC is for us to share the experience as a community, and the common ground of how we respond that experience moving forward. If you have questions or curiosities, please talk to me or Kaytee.

Below is a short description of the Blanket Exercise, summarized from the website: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/about/>

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history that hasn't - until recently - been incorporated into our education about Canada's history in a meaningful way. Recognizing that learning this history is an important step forward in walking together towards reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop. Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. The Blanket Exercise is meant to engage us on both an emotional and intellectual level. The exercise is followed by a debriefing session in which participants have the opportunity to discuss and begin to process the experience as a group. This often takes the form of a talking circle.

**\*I requested a reduction in my hours** from ¾ to half time. Lots of folks put thought and consideration into how this will work and I thank you.

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\*Congratulations to Kevin and Melanie Boldt on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pineview Farms!

\***OMC Women's Spring Tea & Garden Party:** Saturday, June 2, 11:00 a.m. at Robin Neudorf's. You don't want to miss out! Salad and dessert sign-up and directions on bulletin board, or call Loretta.

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\***Sunday, June 10:** Noon Pizza lunch and Semi-Annual meeting.

\***Sunday, June 17:** This year our annual Sunday School Picnic will be held at Pineview Farms. Worship Service at 10:00 am with BBQ to follow.

\***“Borne to party!”** Rob and Brandee Borne invite everyone to their acreage near Redberry Lake on **Sunday, July 15**, for a wiener roast right after church. Hotdogs, buns and condiments will be supplied. **Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and your lawn chairs.** There are opportunities for you to spend the afternoon hiking, biking, swimming, or golfing (Course is 2 miles away) so bring along your bikes, golf clubs and swim wear.

\***Save the Date: Fall Worship Workshop, Saturday, September 22**, 10:00-2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Worship leaders, song leaders, scripture presenters, children's time people, preachers, sound people and youth encouraged to attend. Lois Siemens will present on how to flesh out scripture texts in creative ways and we will work in small group projects and come together to rehearse for the Sunday, September 23 service.

## OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

JUNE EVENTS:

**Saturday, June 9 - Kids' Corner @ MCC Relief Sale @ 11:30-2pm** - Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. MC SK is asking Youth Groups to facilitate the Kids' Corner again this year, so please mark this on your calendar. Each Youth Group has a time to be serving at the Kids' Corner - ours is 11:30-2pm (so no one has to get up early!). But, plan to come on Friday or come early or stay late on Saturday so that you can hang out and enjoy the rest of the sale! Please confirm with Terri Lynn that you can come.

**Thursday, June 21 - SAVE the DATE - RJC Musical - *Godspell***  
This is one of my favourite musicals - it's going to be great! Come cheer on Adam, Katherine & Vanessa! I'll follow up with details about times and rides.

**SUMMER:** Stay tuned for news and updates about a summer Youth Group Adventure, helping out with VBS, a BBQ, and more!

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\***Thursday, July 26, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.: MC Sask invites you to “Way Back: Re-learning the Ways of Peace”:** As we in MC Sask work towards reconciliation with our Indigenous Neighbours, we seek to learn more about each other and how our lives impact each other. Come to Wanuskewin Heritage Park on Thursday, July 26. Be there at 2pm for a traditional dance performance in the amphitheatre. Stay around to listen to some storytelling about resource extraction and Indigenous communities and/or explore the Wanuskewin grounds with a guided group or on your own. Bring your own picnic supper and eat together with friends and neighbours. At 7:00 p.m. Ted & Co. Theatreworks will present Discovery: A Comic Lament outdoors in the amphitheatre (weather permitting – otherwise we will go indoors). Bring your family for a day of entertainment, learning and community building--come for the full day, or for whatever piece you're available.

☼ **Pieces of Peace** ☼

Blessed be the ones who dance in the corridors or death, who sing in the hallways of terror, who laugh in the prisons of fear, who shout across the silencing walls, who love beyond the borders of hatred, who live to welcome home freedom, who die never turning their heads, who return as the rising of hope. —Jan Richardson

\*The church office will only be open Fridays in June, July, and the last two week of August, with the exception of July 7 instead of 6. The office will be closed August 1-12 as Loretta is on holidays. Phone numbers of Trustees and Deacons will be posted on the door in case of emergency. Patty's holidays: Aug 1-6; 17-28.

**Upcoming Summer Services**

**July 1** - Zac Stefaniuk preaching.

**July 8** - The Holy Spirit Comes to Cornelius, Acts 10, by Patty Friesen

**July 15** – Patty Friesen preaching on Acts 15 & 16. Special music by Keith Boldt & Merel Kreigsmann, Sandra & Steve Horst.

**July 22** - Lydia is Baptized at the River - Acts 16 by Patty Friesen.

**July 29** – Singing Service

**August 5** - Joint Outdoor Service and Communion with Warman & Aberdeen churches at Osler Mennonite churchyard. Potluck lunch to follow.

**August 12** - Paul in Athens with Greek snacks, Acts 17, by Patty Friesen.

**August 19** – Julie Bergen preaching.

**August 26** – Dave Feick preaching.

**September 2** – Patty Friesen preaching.

**September 9** - OMC 90 and Sunday School Kick-Off with Potluck.

**LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JUNE**

**June 3, 2018**

Observe the Sabbath  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23–3:6

**June 10, 2018**

Hope in the Lord  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 17, 2018**

Everything has become new  
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 24, 2018**

Peace, be still  
Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

**CAPSULE SERMONS**

\*The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth;  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than any place else on earth.

\*Kind hearts are the garden, Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruits.

*(Like a Garden by Sara Covin Juengst)*

## Reeves in the RM of Warman #374

We have records from 1909 to 1969 showing names of reeves and councillors of the Rural Municipality of Warman #374

From 1909 to 1922, no Mennonites had been elected reeves. Names like Barager, Dekker, Woods, Crane, and Serviss, served as reeves.

In 1923 Abram Driedger from Osler, was elected reeve. He would be reeve again in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, and 1930. He moved to Dalmeny.

In 1931, JB Boldt of Osler was elected and he continued to be reeve in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937.

Both Driedger and Boldt were prominent people in the community, and capable leaders. There appeared to be some competition between the two.

In 1938, Driedger was elected, and continued in 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942.

In 1943 and 1944, JB Boldt was reeve.

In 1945 FJ Goosen from Dalmeny became reeve.

Then from 1946 to 1956, Clayton Pascoe from Clark's Crossing was reeve.

George Guenther, HE Quiring, PP Unger, and Dick Friesen were reeves from 1957 to 1969.

Peter Driedger was a councillor on 5 several occasions but never a reeve.

Abram Driedger was the son of the entrepreneurial Johann Driedger (1859-1920) who settled at Osler just before 1905. Johann was an Old Colony Mennonite who was excommunicated from his church for owning a car and for being controversial.

Jacob B Boldt (JB) was the son of Jacob J Boldt who came from Minnesota just before 1905. Jacob J Boldt developed a large farm east of Osler.

Both Abram Driedger and JB Boldt were founding members of Osler Mennonite Church in 1928. Jacob J Boldt was also a founding member.

JB Boldt and Abram Driedger were early community figures. They were both members of Osler MC, but there is no evidence in the records of them not getting along as members. They may have taught us that it is possible to hold various views without prejudice and without inflicting harm. Both were Mennonites who came to Osler MC using different routes. We thank them and others for their contributions.

\*\*Submitted by Jake Buhler, May 23, 2018.

Additional information can be found in *Osler The Early Years and the One Room School*, ed JG Guenter 1999. Leonard Doell contributed the section I used here.

## Breath of the Living God By Osvaldo Catena Translated by *The New Century Hymnal*

Breath of the living God,  
who in the beginning moved o'er the waters,  
Breath of the living God,  
by whom all creation was first conceived;

Come now and live within us,  
come, let your gifts enrich us,  
Breath of the living God,  
our Creator Spirit, eternal Source.

Breath of the living God,  
whose eternal Word came to dwell among us,  
Breath of the living God,  
By whom all creation has been renewed;

Come now and live within us,  
come, let your gifts enrich us,  
Breath of the living God,  
our Creator Spirit, eternal Source.

(submitted by Stephanie Siemens)

## **HUMOR**

--A woman walked into my father's carpet store. She'd just moved out of her parents' home and needed something for her new living room floor. "Do you know how big the room is?" my Dad asked. "Yes," she replied. "It's 22 flip-flops long by 18 flip-flops wide... and I wear a size 8."

--Unexpected cold snaps had destroyed the buds on my father's young peach tree for two years in a row. This spring Dad was ready. He replanted the sapling in a large box, mounted it on wheels, and put the tree in the garage whenever the temperature dropped. One warm spring day Dad was wheeling the tree out into the yard, and stopped to give our dog a drink from the garden hose. A neighbor watched the scene with amusement. "Frank," he finally commented, "You're the only man I know who walks his tree and waters his dog!"

## SEEDING THEN.....



Johann J. Neudorf seeding in mid 1920's with 4 horses at Schlorrendarp with a four-and-a-half foot modified seeder and a home-made wooden harrow. Neudorf was a founding member of OMC in 1928.

*(Photos submitted by Jake Buhler & Diana Buhler)*

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### **\*OMC 90th Anniversary “Celebrating Diversity” weekend:**

**-Sat. Oct. 13,** 4:00 p.m. Open House: visiting, art show, cemetery tour, 5:30 pm - Diversity Potluck, 7:00 Music Program. Open to community.

**-Sun. Oct. 14,** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service followed by Celebration Coffee and burying of OMC 100 Time Capsule.

## AND SEEDING NOW



Carl Martens-Funk is standing in front of a 460 HP tractor and a

66 foot seeder. Photographer is Carl and Christy's daughter, Lanae.

Lanae Martens-Funk inside the wheel of John Deere tractor.

