

OMC Calendar

March 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am</p> <p><u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am</p>		1	2 Youth Nite with Steph 7:30 – 9pm M & S Meeting 7:00pm	3 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	4	5
6 Lent 4 Worship Committee Meeting @ noon	7	8	9	10	11 ADS Barn Dance at Community Hall 9:30pm – 11:00pm – A Mega Menno Youth Event	12 Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
13 Lent 5 Willard Metzger here Loose Change Sunday	14 Blanket Making this week	15 Blanket Making this week Mon-Fri	16 Youth Discussion with Steph 7:30 – 9pm	17 Blanket Making this week Mon-Fri	18 Family Movie Night/ Youth Mini-Menno 7:00pm	19 Friendship Inn Volunteering
20 Palm Sunday & Baptism Noon: Youth Ministry Team mtg	22	23	24	25 Maundy Thursday Potluck 6pm	26 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm	27
27 Easter!	29					

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



March Worship Services

- March 6 - Lost Son #2 by Patty Friesen
- March 13 - Willard Metzger
- March 20 - Palm Sunday - Patty preaches
- March 24 - Maundy Thurs 6 p.m.
- March 25 - Good Friday 7 p.m.
- March 27 - Easter Sunday

Patty's Ponderings

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen and his reflections on Rembrandt's masterpiece are moving me as deeply this Lent as it did when it first came out in 1992. The timelessness of the parable becomes real again as it calls me once again to come home. I'm thankful for this Lenten season of spiritual reflection and promises of spring.

It will be an intense month with MC Sask Annual Delegate Session March 11-12 and lots of services. But it is also a joyful month as we host Mennos from around Sask and we hire another staff person and expand our ministries and celebrate the meaning of Christ's life Easter week.

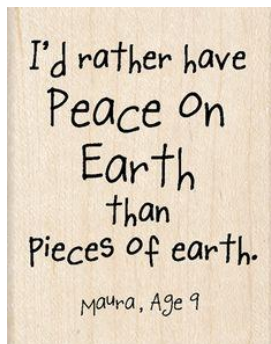
Patty's Picks

Lux CD by Voce8 has sent me into heaven and *Tracker* CD by Mark Knopfler has brought me back to earth.

The Good Wife DVD series has helped me get through winter and I enjoyed *Ex-Machina* DVD but it's not a family film.

This is Happy by Camilla Gibb explains the pain that creates good writers.

Like the New Moon poetry by Robert Bly makes you want to sit in a field under a full moon.



Humour ~ The Isaac Section

While attending a marriage seminar on communication, Jim and his wife listened to the instructor declare: "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed the men: "For instance, gentlemen, can you name your wife's favorite flower?"

Jim leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn't it?"

The rest of the story is not pleasant.

-from "Coffee Perks"



Thanks to Stephen Elsh (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2008

WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS

Celebrating March birthdays of our Children & Youth



Happy Birthday!

Micah – March 10

Jaret - March 18

Liam - March 26

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

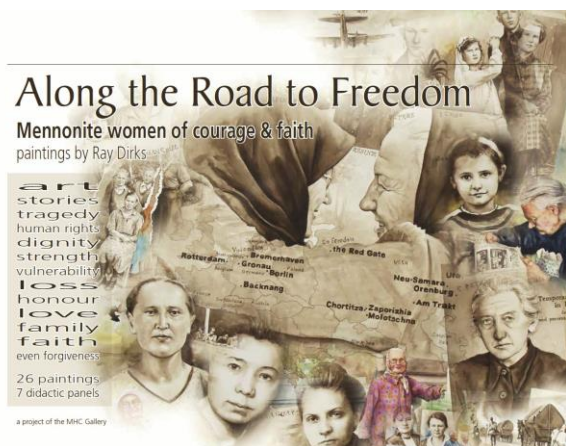
***MHSS March 5, Annual General Meeting:** You are invited to attend the Mennonite Historical Society of Sask AGM on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 9:30 am at Bethany Manor.

John Reddekopp will compare the spiritual life to softball.

Henry Harms will speak at 11 am about his photography.

Lunch available. There will be a painting demo with

Ray Dirks at 1 pm to show how he created "Along the Road to Freedom."



***On Sunday, March 6** at 2:00 pm at the Diefenbaker Centre on the University Campus, will be the **Grand Opening of the *Along the Road to Freedom* Exhibition.** It features 26 paintings of Mennonite women of courage and faith. There will also be three displays of women who lived in the Valley area. They are Maria Buhler(1907-2002), Elizabeth Fehr (Bueckert) (1905-1983), and Justina Goertzen (Teichroeb) (1876-1957). Ray Dirks is the guest speaker. Faspa will be served.

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp** will be hosting our annual **Vereniki and Farmer Sausage Supper** on **Tuesday, March 8th**, 5-7 pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

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***Mennonite Church Sask Annual Delegate Sessions**

Osler Mennonite Church will be hosting the Mennonite Church Sask ADS on March 11 and 12. We are looking forward to this as another uplifting experience for our church. In order for this to happen **we need a large number of volunteers:**

1. Are you able to provide billeting for one or more delegates? If so, please let Margaret Dyck know.
2. Are you able to help out in areas such as food services, registration, setup, and cleanup? See the list on the bulletin board and sign up or speak with John Reddekopp.

***Delegates are needed for the ADS. If you are interested in representing OMC as a delegated, please complete a registration form and speak to Christy. Forms can be found on the table in the foyer.** Everyone is encouraged to attend! Registration deadline for meals is March 4. Also, see the Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for your opportunities to volunteer and help OMC host this event.



***OMC Story Quilt: Don't forget to bring small pieces of cloth that mean something to you or represent part of "your story".** Join the Worship committee in the project to make a **Story Quilt** to hang in our church. It can be anything that you like: work clothes, finery, tie-dyed, polyester plaid, baby wear, jerseys, etc... *(The plan is to cut 3 inch squares, so bring pieces at least that size - anything larger than that will be cut into 3 inch square pieces to use.)* Even "imposter" pieces will be accepted, if you don't want to part with the real thing. If your piece(s) have a particular story we would love to hear that as well. Thanks!

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

March 6, 2016:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

There is a new creation

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13, 2016:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Lord has done great things

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

March 20, 2016: Palm Sunday

You are my God

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

or Luke 23:1-49

March 27, 2016: Easter

Alive in Christ

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

(Adopted March 20, 1999)

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***Best kept secret.** Did you know the MennoMedia and Third Way websites provide current, [weekly commentary tied directly to the upcoming Adult Bible Study Sunday](#) school lesson?

For instance, this week's writer, Iris Leung, notes "If today's kids had to stay in tents for seven days [for the yearly Festival of Tents] **without** electronic devices, it would be a challenge for the parents to keep their children content." Here's the link: <http://thirdway.com/mennonites/adult-bible-study-current-connections-for-abs-lessons/>

***Art Space Volunteers Needed.**

For the upcoming *MC Canada Assembly, July 6-10 at TCU Place in Saskatoon*, we are currently looking for volunteers to take shifts to host the Art Space, and help with set up and take down.

Contact Marianne at mcsask@mcsask.ca if you are able to help out in this area.

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

There was never a good war or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin

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***Apple Pie!** As a student of RJC, Katherine is helping to raise money for the "**Have a Heart Fundraiser**". The money is going to the places that students will be visiting during ALSO (Alternative Learning Service Opportunities) week.... Guatemala, Alabama, Calgary, and Friendship Inn, as well as helping a refugee family in Rosthern. So Katherine is making **homemade apple pies** (frozen, unbaked) and **will be selling them each Sunday until March 6**. Cost is \$10/pie

***Bottle Drive Fundraiser:** You are invited to bring your recyclable pop and other bottles and cans to church for the next few weeks, to help Liam and Zach with **their RJC ALSO fundraiser**. Or speak to the guys about picking up your bottles, if that is more convenient.

OMC Employment Opportunities

1. Pastor/Minister of Faith and Community.

At our AGM, our congregation has approved this new position. This person will help fill the gap in our youth program, but the position is actually much more broad - focusing on faith and relationship building with youth, children, families, and the wider community. A big job; which we're only filling part-time at this point. We are hoping to fill this position quite quickly if the right candidate finds us. The position is now advertised on our Church website home page, and the job description is there as well.

Know someone who would be a good fit? Preferred start date is as soon as possible. Questions and applications to: Christy Martens-Funk martensfunk@gmail.com; 306-225-2200 or by mail to Christy Martens-Funk c/o Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, SK S0K 3A0. **Applications should be received no later than Feb. 26, 2016.**

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2. Adeline is resigning from her position as our **church office administrator**. We will be looking for someone to fill this position by mid-April. If you are interested, please talk to anyone on the church executive: George, Christy, Diana, Jim or Patty.

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Sun Feb 28	Lent Three – Patty Friesen preaching
Sun Feb 28	11:15am - Deacons Meeting
Mon Feb 29	7:00pm Heart to Heart
Wed Mar 2	7pm – Missions & Service Comm. Meeting
Wed Mar 2	7:30pm – Youth Discussion with Steph
Thur Mar 3	7:30pm – Church Council meeting
Sun Mar 6	Lent Four – Patty Friesen preaching
Sun Mar 6	Noon - Worship Committee meeting
Fri Mar 11	Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
Fri Mar 11	9:30pm Barn Dance at Osler Community Hall
Sat Mar 12	Annual Delegate Sessions at OMC
Sun Mar 13	Lent Five - Willard Metzger preaching
Sun Mar 13	Loose Change Sunday
Mar 14 – 18	Mon-Friday mornings – Blanket making
Sun Mar 20	Noon: Youth Ministry Team meeting (bag lunch)
Thu Mar 24	6pm: Maundy Thursday – Potluck and Communion
Fri Mar 25	7pm - Tenebrae Service
Sun Mar 27	Easter Sunday

We cannot possibly plant our garden if we choose to fling dirt!

The soil is precious and very necessary - it's mystery, and yet to many it may seem humiliating, unbecoming!

Let us learn tolerance, acceptance, patience, especially when we witness the open wounds and scars of others. It's what is hidden that is aching to be revealed.

-submitted by John Gascho



***On Sunday, March 13, 3:30pm, there will be a special screening at the Roxy Theatre, Saskatoon, of the documentary “RESERVE 107:Reconciliation on the Prairies.”** In 2006, through the work of Leonard Doell of MCCS, Ray Funk, Chief Ben Weenie and others, the Mennonite community and St John’s Lutheran Church (Laird,Sk)entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Young Chippewayan/Stony Knoll First Nations and Mennonite Community. It’s an important time to begin to share this story and highlight the story of the Young Chippewayan/Stony Knoll First Nations. **Everyone is invited to attend. Roxy Theatre, 320 20th St W, Saskatoon - Sunday, March 13 at 3:30pm. Free Admission.**

Check out an “Official teaser” online @ <https://vimeo.com/150321815>

This story of reconciliation and Indigenous land justice recently received a Merit Award at the Speechless Film Festival in USA.

More on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/reserve107thefilm/>

FILM REVIEW - - ED BIANCHI, KAIROS CANADA

"Reserve 107 is a beautifully photographed, wonderfully accessible documentary – part history lesson, part current affairs class - that teaches us that reconciliation is about relationships and that relationships evolve, need nurturing, and are built on foundations of friendship, sharing and respect. From Reserve 107 we learn that while the road to reconciliation is a bumpy one with many switchbacks and more than a few obstacles, the destination is well worth the journey. By tackling the land issue head on, and by letting those closest to this remarkable story talk openly and honestly about all the emotions this journey generated for them - fear, apprehension, anxiety, guilt, hope and pride – the Stony Knoll experience will resonate with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people across the country who find themselves similarly entangled in history. It should be required viewing for everyone in Canada who is serious about reconciliation and, perhaps more importantly, for those who are not."