

## OMC Calendar

May 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am.  Sunday School: 11:15 am.	1	2	3 Exec mtg 1:00 pm Deacons mtg 2:30	4 Council mtg 7:00 pm	5	6
7 Cindy Wallace Preaching. S.S. Purim party	8	9	10	11 Education mtg 7:00 pm	12 Youth at RJC Friday fun night	13
14 Patty Friesen Preaching. Loose change collection.	15 Worship committee mtg 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Youth discussion night	20 Serving @ Friendship Inn
21 Patty Friesen Preaching. Celebrate 20 yrs in our present building	22		24 M & S mtg 7:00 pm	25	26 Jr High Retreat weekend @ Shekinah	27 "West of the Third" fundraising concert 7:00 pm
28 Patty Friesen Preaching.	29	30	31 Exec mtg 1:00 pm. Deacons mtg 2:30			

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

## The Osler Mennonite Church MAY 2017 Newsletter

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



### Upcoming Worship Services at OMC

- May 7 - Queen Esther by Cynthia Wallace and S.S. Purim Party by Terri Lynn Friesen (Patty at Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home)
- May 14 – Justice for all - Exodus 21-23 by Patty Friesen
- May 21 – The Building of the Tabernacle & Celebration of OMC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our building
- May 28 – The Golden Calf – Exodus 32 by Patty Friesen

**“THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION – WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE – OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?”**

**PSALM 27:1**

### **Patty's Ponderings:**

I don't like cooking but I bravely signed up for a few meals last month. Patrick said the process looked less like creating and more like wrestling with tomato sauce all over the cupboards and floor. Usually I enter the endeavor with hard rock music to help push me through the pain. But I decided since this cooking was for healing church folks, I should pray for them in silence as I chopped and stirred. Cooking actually was a calming and loving act, initially, until the meat burned and the noodles stuck together. I hope church people know I love and pray for them even if the results are inedible.

Easter has come along with the spring hopes of gardening. I was touched by a group of guys at Friendship Inn sharing seeds and talking about which brand of tomatoes they like best. A huge thanks to Wilf Buhler who spread manure, lovingly applied Round-Up and set up a water line for the Osler Community Garden. We have 12 gardeners along with a Friendship Inn/local needs plot of potatoes and carrots. Thanks to Adeline Cox who is managing that. We 12 gardeners feel like the 12 disciples starting off on an adventure of faith and working together. If homeless men know where good food comes from and can get excited about tomatoes, then so can we!

### **Patty's Picks**

-Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance was a fascinating memoir on why hillbillies voted for Donald Trump.

-Conquering Fear by Harold Krushner who also wrote Why Bad Things Happen to Good People was a refreshing sociological, psychological and biblical reflection on fear.

-The Eagle Huntress DVD - literally and figuratively uplifting.

-Planet Earth II DVD - also uplifting.

-Hell or High Water DVD - There are few movies Patrick and I can agree were good and this is one. Not too violent or sexy.

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

### **Terri Lynn's Takes:**

#### **“It would not have been God's table”**

*On their own, the bread and wine are nothing.  
To become a foretaste and a promise  
of love made real and a world made whole,  
they need a story and a blessing  
and a people who believe...*

It would not have been God's table  
if they hadn't all been gathered around it:  
the betrayer and the friend  
the power-hungry and the justice seeker  
the faithful and the fickle.

When Jesus poured the wine, and the bread was broken;  
when everyone could eat -  
the outcast and the beloved  
the arrogant and the gracious  
the wrong-doer and the wrongly done by -  
the table became a foretaste  
of love made real  
and of a world made whole.

Your company at the table  
will include the betrayer and the beloved  
the wrong-doer and the wrongly done by.  
It would not be God's table without them.

And the promise is  
that when you are together,  
when you tell the story and give the blessing  
when you break the bread and pour the wine  
you will discover a foretaste  
of love made real  
and of a world made whole.

### Old Testament Worship Themes for May

- May 7 -Queen Esther – Cindy Wallace  
Purim Party during the Sunday School hour – led by Terri Lynn Friesen
- May 14-Exodus 21-23 – Justice for All – Patty Friesen
- May 21-Exodus 26 – The Building of the Tabernacle & celebrating 20 year anniversary of our OMC building – Patty Friesen
- May 28-Exodus 32 – The Golden Calf – Patty Friesen

### ❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

**“For it isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.  
And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”**

Eleanor Roosevelt

### YOUTH CALENDAR

- May 12 - RJC Friday Fun night
- May 19 - Discussion Night
- May 20 – Serving @ Friendship Inn
- May 26-28 - Jr. High Retreat @ Shekinah
- June 9 - Relief Sale Youth Night 7-9pm
- June 17 - Church Picnic Sleepover
- June 22 - RJC Musical Youth Night

### 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.

### You're invited to a Purim Party!

Described in the Book of Esther, Purim is the Jewish festival celebrating the deliverance of the Hebrew people during the Persian empire.

**It is a party of joyful remembering!** After the season of prayer and fasting, the Jewish people were commanded to remember the event with gladness and feasting!

We would like to celebrate the story of Esther with our own Purim party at OMC. Cindy Wallace will be speaking at our May 7 worship service, on the book of Esther, and afterwards *all are invited* to join in the **Purim festival** in the multipurpose room.

### To prepare for Purim!

1) **wear a costume on Sunday, May 7!** There are no required themes: you could be a character from the story of Esther, or you could be a something else! you choose!

2) **bring a noise-maker!** During the telling of the story, tradition is to 'blot out the name of Haman' (the bad guy), with noise. A box of macaroni or dried beans/peas works great!

### 3) **Gifts of (non-perishable) food:**

Purim is celebrated by giving food to friends, but also by recognizing that everybody should be able to celebrate - and giving gifts to the less fortunate. May 7 is a special invitation to bring items for the Friendship Inn and Community Support collection boxes (if you like, your noise-maker can double as a gift!).

### 4) **Snack with us!**

We'll be making Hamantaschen - cookies traditionally baked for Purim - for coffee after the worship service. Please grab your snack and then join us for the party (or your regular Sunday school class)

-**OMC Seniors With 'Barn Playhouse Season Tickets'** who want to attend with other fun OMC seniors and pastors book the following dates: Jake and the Kid Weds. June 21, Cotton Patch on Sun. Sept 3, Prairie Trio on Sun. Oct. 15, Christmas on Sun. Dec 3.

-**Shekinah Fundraising Banquet**, Saturday, May 6, 6:00 pm at Mount Royal Church in Saskatoon.

-**Saturday, May 27th, 7:00 pm, the (Chelsea) Cox/Hecker/Macnab family, now known as "West of the Third"** will bring an evening of music and spoken word entertainment to Osler Mennonite Church as a fundraiser for our Syrian Refugee family. Their 4th annual concert here will again feature tenor Spencer McKnight and pianist Mark Turner and an evening of great music and fun is anticipated. Admission will be by donation, with proceeds to our Refugee fund. Mark your calendar and please tell your friends!

### HUMOUR

1st Farmer: "Hi, I'm your new neighbor. What kind of farm do you run here?"

2<sup>nd</sup> Farmer: "I've been raising sheep for nearly thirty years."

1<sup>st</sup> Farmer: "How many sheep do you have?"

2<sup>nd</sup> Farmer: "I don't know. Every time I try to count them, I fall asleep!"

### CAPSULE SERMONS

Patience is the ability to let your light shine after your fuse has blown.

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If a thing goes without saying, let it.

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Time is like money; the less we have of it the further we make it go.

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

\***Mennonite Disaster Service** is beginning its response in Fort McMurray and at the Hague satellite site. The Saskatchewan Unit is inviting local daily volunteers, those who want the opportunity to serve with MDS but due to other commitments cannot serve for a full week, to sign up for **the Hague satellite service opportunity** by calling the project office at 431-777-4820 to register.

\*Valley West Community Justice Committee AGM  
May 18 @ 7 p.m. at the Martensville Civic Centre, 66 Main St., Room #11. (Martensville Community Access Centre/Wheatland Library). Dr. Robert Henry will be speaking on his research with Indigenous Street Gangs and his involvement with STR8 UP – an organization that helps people leave gangs. The public is invited.

\***Mission and Service Committee would like to encourage individuals from our congregation to attend** the Valley West Community Justice Meeting on Thursday, May 18 in Martensville. We see this as a meeting that could be of particular interest to those who visited the Willow Cree Healing Lodge in March as well as others. Plan to attend and learn more about restorative justice. If you would like to attend please indicate this on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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May 3	Executive mtg, 1:00 pm; Deacons mtg, 2:30 pm
May 4	Council meeting, 7:00 pm
May 11	Education meeting, 7:00 pm
May 14	Loose Change Sunday
May 15	Worship mtg, 7:00 pm
May 20	Serving at Friendship Inn
May 24	Missions & Service mtg, 7:00 pm
May 27	Cox/Hecker/Macnab family (West of the Third) concert, 7:00 pm.
May 31	Executive mtg, 1:00 pm; Deacons mtg, 2:30 pm