

## OMC Calendar

May 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  Sunday School: 11:15 am		1	2	3	4	5 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary blessing at home-site of first meeting
6 Heather Peters preaching	7	8	9 Deacons meeting 12:45 pm	10 Council mtg 7 pm	11	12 Youth Group meeting
13 Patty Friesen preaching.	14 Worship mtg 7:00 pm	15	16	17 M & S mtg 7:00 pm	18	19 Serve at Friendship Inn
20 Patty Friesen preaching. Pentecost & Communion.	21	22	23	24	25	26 Jr Youth Retreat @ Rosthern Youth Farm
27 Jan Bigland- Pritchard preaching	28	29	30	31		

**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 2018 Newsletter

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A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



May 6 Heather Peters, MCC SK, preaching on Acts 5:12-41  
 May 13 Patty Friesen preaching  
 May 20 Pentecost & Communion - Patty Friesen preaching  
 May 27 Jan Bigland-Pritchard preaching

**“ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL, ALL CREATURES  
 GREAT AND SMALL, ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL,  
 THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL.”**

-HYMNAL, A WORSHIP BOOK, PAGE 156

### **Pastor Patty's Ponderings:** The Church of Brene Brown

Driving home from Edmonton one Sunday morning, I was listening to Brene Brown's Rising Strong Audio Book and Brene was talking about forgiveness in families. It felt like I was in church listening to a much needed sermon. (It is a relief to listen to someone else's sermon for a change!) I had just spent the week with family which always stirs up conflict as we try to help our mom move into assisted living. It's a drama that we have been at for years and that stirs up all kinds of anxiety from past conflicts. Our families of origin are our first rehearsals of conflict and forgiveness. It is much easier to rehearse the hurts than do the forgiving. My family needs to practice and rehearse forgiveness, time and time again in order to move forward.

While at the Church of Brene Brown on Hwy 16, I missed our church and the congregational singing that would have accompanied the sermon on forgiveness and sealed the deal, confirming the message in my soul. I prayed for our church and our church families in crisis. I prayed for our own relationships in church that need forgiveness and release in order to move forward in healthy ways. May God help us in this hard work of forgiveness in marriages, family and church this Easter season as we wait for spring (and Jesus) to come again.

### **Patty's Picks:** Other Great New Movies

- \*The Darkest Hour about Winston Churchill was better than the other movie titled Churchill, I thought. Powerful monologues.
- \*Murder on the Orient Express was a modern rendition. I think I liked the older version better.
- \*Loving Vincent was awesome. Van Gogh's art brilliantly rendered into moving pictures.
- \*Patrick and I watched The Florida Project on Good Friday and we thought it a fitting Passion Week film with its' Christ figure in Willem Dafoe and Mary Magdalene figure in Hailey. It's not a family film and not an easy watch but I would love to watch it with church folks as a Faith and Film series to discuss the theological implications. Powerful.
- \*Books for Living by Will Schwalbe did for me what I try to do with the Bible: make connections between the book and real life.
- \*Exit West by M. Hamid is an engaging read about refugee life and resettlement.

### **Spring Prayers**

I am the one whose praise echoes on high.  
I adorn all the earth.  
I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.  
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.  
I am led by the spirit to feed the purest streams.  
I am the rain coming from the dew  
that causes the grasses to laugh with the joy of life.  
I am the yearning for good.

*-Hildegard von Bingen*

Delicious Creator God,  
I taste your glory in the tangy crunch of a crisp apple.  
I taste your glory in salty tears of emotion.  
I taste your glory in cool, clear, life-giving water.  
I taste your glory in the heavy sweetness of dark chocolate.  
Your glory flavours the early peas and new lettuce of spring,  
the raspberries and sour cherries of my backyard,  
the mealy goodness of new potatoes and butternut squash,  
it steeps in my tea and bakes in my peach cobbler.  
For the nibbles and feasts of your glory and for my taste buds,  
I give you thanks.

*-Donna Mast, Scottdale, PA from Simply in Season cookbook*

**\*Doctrine of Discovery:** A Comic Lament by Ted and Co at Wanuskewin, Thursday, July 26. There will be a dance performance at 2:00 p.m. as part of the regular Wanuskewin programming. They can also arrange for a smudge and prayer by elders at the opening of the Discovery: A Comic Lament presentation. They will see if the restaurant will stay open until 6:00 instead of the regular closure at 4:30 p.m.

This day has the potential to communicate powerfully the beauty and tragedy of our relationship with First Nations kin; a half day picnic of exposure to new understandings. Folks have free access to the park if they come to attend this show.

*-Sponsored by Ministries Commission of Mennonite Church SK*

## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**\*Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am: 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessing** on the site where the first meeting was held to plan the start of Osler Mennonite Church. Complimentary Wiener Roast to follow at Ross & Val Wiebe's farm. Please bring your own lawn chairs. A map to the site is on the table in the church lobby. Everyone welcome!

-Sponsored by the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee

**\*OMC 90th Anniversary "Celebrating Diversity" Updates:**

**-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.

**\*"Thanks to the deacons for the Seniors Pizza and Pop Party at Bethany Manor. It made us feel like teenagers again."**

\*Bethany Manor is hosting "Joy of Vox" choir on Mother's Day, May 13 at 3:00 pm in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Center. All are welcome!

**\*Save the Date: OMC Women's Spring Tea and Garden Party:** Saturday, June 2, 11:00 a.m. at Robin Neudorf's. Bring hats, flowing dresses and your best British accent. Feel free to invite your mother, grandmother, daughters, sisters, aunts. Salad and dessert sign-up and directions on bulletin board.

\*Want to learn more about the Book of Acts and the World of Apostle Paul? June 8-21, 2018, guided by Mennonite New Testament scholar Tom Yoder Neufeld, learn about the cultural contexts that shaped the Apostle Paul, his message, and his congregations. Also see locations of interest in Rome & Greece. [www.tourmagination.com](http://www.tourmagination.com).

## OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

MAY EVENTS:

Saturday May 12 - Youth Group

Monday, May 14th - Valley-Wide Youth Worship Night at Waldheim MB; 7-9:30pm. ([5003 2nd Ave E, Waldheim, SK](#)). I'd be happy to coordinate rides from OMC if any youth are interested in going. It would be a great chance for youth to be part of a bigger youth event. Please let me know if your youth are interested.

May 25-27 - Jr. Youth Retreat @ Youth Farm for Grades 6-9. I'll pass on registration info when it's available!

JUNE EVENTS:

June 8-9 - MCC Relief Sale @ Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. MC SK is asking Youth Groups to run the Kids' Corner again this year, so please mark this on your calendar.

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May 9	Deacons meeting, 12:45 pm
May 10	Council meeting, 7:00 pm
May 14	Worship committee meeting, 7:00 pm
May 17	Missions & Service meeting, 7:00 pm
May 19	Serve at Friendship Inn
May 20	Pentecost and Communion

### ✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

**"Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. Put Christ into each other's hands, He is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance, and share it like a treasure."**

*-Sing the Journey Songbook, page 87*

## **CAPSULE SERMONS**

“Earth is so kind that just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest.” -*Douglas Jerrold (1803-57)*

“Each blade of grass has its spot on earth whence it draws its life, its strength; and so is man rooted to the land from which he draws his faith together with his life.” -*Joseph Conrad (1857-1924)*

From the seeds of our mistakes grow the fruits of wisdom and good judgment.

## **HUMOR**

A fisherman from the city was out fishing on a lake in a small boat. He noticed another man in a small boat open his tackle box and take out a mirror. Being curious, the man rowed over and asked, “What is the mirror for?”

“That’s my secret way to catch fish,” said the other man. “Shine the mirror on the top of the water. The fish notice the spot of sun on the water above and they swim to the surface. Then I just reach down and net them and pull them into the boat.”

“Wow! Does that really work?”

“You bet it does.”

“Would you be interested in selling that mirror? I’ll give you \$30 for it.”

“Well, okay.”

After the money was transferred, the city fisherman asked, “By the way, how many fish have you caught this week?”

“You’re the sixth,” he replied.

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My wife came in today and asked if I would go do some wood turning on the lathe.

“Sure” I said, “what do you need? Maybe a new salad bowl or possibly a rolling pin or a vase? I have Hickory, Mesquite, a little bit of Walnut and some Oak. What would you like?”

“Oh, I don’t care. I just need about six bags of shavings for the flower beds.”

## **LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MAY**

### **May 6, 2018**

You are my friends

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

### **May 13, 2018**

Their delight is . . . the Lord

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

### **May 20, 2018, Pentecost**

The Spirit helps us

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 *or* Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### **May 27, 2018**

That the world might be saved

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

## Will You Share an OMC Story?

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee hopes you have been enjoying the weekly OMC stories shared by OMC congregants and read before each Sunday worship service. **These personal stories are a vital part of OMC history. As a church family we have shared much and continue to share a lot. Please share your OMC story. Send it to Sandra Grismer at [sgrismer1@sasktel.net](mailto:sgrismer1@sasktel.net)** (remember to include the "1") or drop it off in the Grismer church mailbox. New attendee or lifer, old or young, there are not limitations for authorship. Please keep your story to 250 word maximum. Missed a story? Each week, the latest story is added to the Anniversary Facebook page at *Osler Mennonite Church's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*.

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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.

### **"To My Mother"**

I was your rebellious son,  
do you remember? Sometimes  
I wonder if you do remember,  
so complete has your forgiveness been.  
So complete has your forgiveness been  
I wonder sometimes if it did not  
precede my wrong, and I erred,  
safe found, within your love,  
prepared ahead of me, the way home,  
or my bed at night, so that almost

I should forgive you, who perhaps  
foresaw the worst that I might do,  
and forgave before I could act,  
causing me to smile now, looking back,  
to see how paltry was my worst,  
compared to your forgiveness of it  
already given. And this, then,  
is the vision of that Heaven of which  
we have heard, where those who love  
each other have forgiven each other,  
where, for that, the leaves are green,  
the light a music in the air,  
and all is unentangled,  
and all is undismayed.

----- *From "Entries" by Wendell Berry.*