

**OMC Calendar
November 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am <u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am						1
2	3	4	5	6 Church Council meeting 7:30pm	7	8
9 Peace Sunday	10	11	12 Heart to Heart 7pm	13 Deacons meeting 7:30pm Missions & Service Comm Mtg 7:30pm	14	15 Youth- Bowling Meet @ 6:45pm
16 Loose Change Sunday	17	18	19 Worship Committee meeting 7:30pm	20	21	22 Men's breakfast & book study 8:30am OslerCafe
23 Memorial Sunday & Communion 30 First Sunday of Advent	24	25	26	27	28	29 Fall Banquet & Silent Auction Fundraiser

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 OMC Events



***The Mennonite World Conference** is being held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in July 2015. We, **Osler Mennonite Church**, would like to send as many youth (Grade 8-12) that would like to go to go to this Assembly, plus a sponsor or two. The cost is \$1000 per person, each youth is asked to contribute \$500 of their own money and so we would like to raise the remainder of that amount, as well as cover the whole cost of the sponsor(s) to go. So there are many ways that you can help make this happen....1) Order Menno shirts through our Menno Inspired T-shirt fundraiser, 2) Come out to the Church Banquet November 29th and participate in the Silent Auction, the funds raised at this event are designated for the youth and 3) Just simply write a cheque and designate the funds to the Youth – World Conference. But of course we need your prayers, this is a huge undertaking and a huge trip for our youth!

***Church Christmas Banquet, Saturday, November 29th....Save the Date!** The Congregation is asked to sign up to bring food items; the signup sheet has been posted. If you are coming, please sign up on the attendance sheet so we how many people will be attending. Don't forget about the Silent Auction....what cool item will you contribute?! Money raised at this event will help our Youth attend the World Conference in July 2015. If you have any questions please talk to Shelley Penner

Patty's Ponderings

Minnesota radio host Garrison Keillor always began his show with "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon where the women are strong, the men good looking and the children above average." I'll begin this pondering with "It's been a great month at Osler Mennonite Church where the elders are wonderful, the children and youth amazing, and everyone else, very cool."

If I knew interim ministry was going to be this fun, I would have done it a long time ago. It has felt like an easy transition, like sliding into old slippers. OMC is very motivated and high functioning which makes my job a lot easier. I've been impressed with the level of commitment and talent in the congregation. I feel privileged to walk alongside you for this next year. I see my job as encouraging and affirming what everyone is already doing, visiting and getting to know people more deeply, and preaching how I see God may be leading the congregation and me personally in this time of transition.

I've been struck with the lectionary texts in Exodus and Deuteronomy this fall. The children of Israel are in a transition time. It can be quite unsettling and a time of testing to be in-between pastors and visioning next steps. It takes a lot of work, patience and waiting on God. I too am in transition, somewhere between chaplaincy and retirement. We are all waiting to see what happens next. May the shekinah presence of God in the wilderness gently lead us in this time.

Patty's Picks

The Butterfly Mosque by G. Willow Wilson is a memoir of an American convert to Islam and the many levels in which her conversion impacts her spiritual life, marriage and national identity. *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque* by Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little Mosque on the Prairie was also helpful for me to understand the faith and practices of Muslim women.

Rain Shadow DVD is a delightful series about two female veterinarians in Australia during climate change and the devastating effects of drought on farming communities.

The Intouchables DVD is a delightful portrayal of social contrasts in a care-giving relationship that evolves into a touching friendship.

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"

A man, down on his luck, went into a church which catered to the "uppity". Spotting the man's dirty clothes a deacon, worried about the church's image, went to the man and asked him if he needed help. The man said, "I was praying and the Lord told me to come to this church." The deacon suggested that the man go pray some more and possibly he might get a different answer. The next Sunday the man returned. The deacon asked, "Did you get a different answer?" The man replied, "Yes I did. I told the Lord that they don't want me in that church and the Lord said, 'Don't worry about it son; I've been trying to get into that church for years and haven't made it yet.'"

-submitted by Adeline



***Pastors and Business leaders** are invited to the *Business Leaders and Pastors: Partners in Leadership and Ministry*, a half day workshop prior to the start of the MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Convention) on Nov. 6 in Winnipeg.

www.meda.org/business-leaders-and-pastors-workshop

This is an opportunity to strengthen your ability to meaningfully empower one another for ministry and mission in your congregation and community.

*Registration is open for Mennonite World Conference Assembly! You can find the program schedule, information about lodging and travel, and registration online at

<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015>. Join Anabaptist sisters and brothers from around the world for the 16th Mennonite World Conference gathering, held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

***Featured prayer request from the wider church (selected from PrayerNet:** Daniel and Joji Pantoja, Mennonite Church Canada workers in the Philippines, are spreading peace by facilitating the development of Peace and Reconciliation (PAR) teams throughout the country with their ministry, Peacebuilders Community Inc. Pray for continued energy and enthusiasm as they strive for one team in each of 80 Philippine provinces by 2020. An August 2014 reported noted 24 PAR teams are already in place.



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*The **Youth are pre-selling Menno inspired shirts** to raise money to help those interested in attending the Mennonite World Conference. A poster with the different style of shirts available is on the bulletin board. To place an order, please talk to Melanie, Jan or Shelley. Order deadline is November 9th. The shirts will be delivered in lots of time for Christmas.

***Mission and Service Committee** has become aware of the need and interest of individuals from the church and community who would benefit from transportation to Saskatoon for appointments and other reasons. If you are interested in having such transportation service or know of individuals who would be, please contact John Gascho at 306-230-4084. If you are willing to provide transportation, please phone John as well. Thank you.

***2014 MCCS Encounter & AGM – Saturday, November 1, 2014** - 8:30am to 4:00pm at Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Drive Saskatoon, SK *Restorative Justice: A Healing Journey Stories from South Korea to Saskatchewan* –storytelling by **Jae Young Lee**, restorative justice practioner from South Korea. OMC delegates will be: Frieda Rempel, Jim and Margaret Dyck, Jake Buhler, and Cornie and Sarah Guenther.

***URGENT Mennonite Church Canada Leadership Assembly Request** - Wildwood Mennonite Church is requesting your assistance in providing billeting and transportation for the Assembly being held from Monday Nov. 10 to Saturday Nov. 15. **If you are able to help out in any way during this week please contact the Hosting Committee** - wildwoodhosting@gmail.com or contact Linda Martens (306-384-4786) or Phyllis Penner (306-955-1009).

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

November 2, 2014—Proper 26 - You are witnesses
Micah 3:5-12, Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (10) Matthew 23:1-12

November 9, 2014—Proper 27 - Keep awake
Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 (13)

November 16, 2014—Proper 28 - You have been our dwelling place
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 (1)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2014—Proper 29 - The richness of God's glorious inheritance (CEB)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23 (18) Matthew 25:31-46

November 30, 2014—Advent 1 - Shine
Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (3)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37



**We do not need
guns and bombs
to bring peace,
we need love
& compassion.**
-Mother Teresa



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*Apply to CMU before November 30 for the 2015-2016 school year and the \$50 application fee is waived! Don't delay – go to www.cmu.ca to check out Christian university education that emphasizes excellent academics in a faith-filled community with degree programs and courses in arts, science, theology, business, and music.

*Canadian Mennonite University invites applications or nominations for tenure-track positions in **Biology, Music, Psychology,** and **Conflict Resolution Studies** (Menno Simons College). To view the full job descriptions, please visit cmu.ca/employment. Thank you.

*Canadian Mennonite University invites inquiries and applications for the full-time positions of **Maintenance Technician** and **Café Manager**. Full job descriptions at cmu.ca/employment. Applications should be submitted immediately and will be accepted until the positions are filled. Inquiries should be directed to Dianna Robson, Director of Human Resources at drobson@cmu.ca or 204-594-0532.

***Face 2 Face | Restorative Justice: Soft on Crime or Building Community Security? November 13, 2014 | 7:00 PM | Great Hall, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg** CMU's Face2Face events are a series of conversations with CMU faculty and special guests designed to engage the community on a wide variety of current events and issues at the intersection of faith and life. Come out to listen, question, and discuss. Admission is free to all Face2Face conversations. All are welcome. Full details can be viewed at cmu.ca/face2face.



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***Learning Tour to the Philippines | April 27 – May 17, 2015**

Led by [Wendy Kroeker](#), a study tour to the Philippines is being planned for students studying in the area of Peace & Conflict Transformation Studies (IDS/Geography relevant). The course will provide students with opportunities to study the impact of development on local communities and the implications for peacebuilding, resilience, and social justice. For details, please visit cmu.ca/philippines.

***Middle East Study Tour | April 29 - May 18 2015**

Led by Gerald Gerbrandt and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, a CMU tour to Israel deliberately focuses on the Holy Land both as the ancient land of the Bible, but also as a land of contemporary conflict. We will study both the “ancient stones” of archaeology, and interact with the “living stones” in the land today. The tour includes significant features often not included in tourist-oriented tour packages. Visit cmu.ca/met2015 for details.

*Are you looking to challenge yourself? Learn a language, volunteer to provide clean water and housing for others and explore caves together in a community of new friends in Outtatown’s Guatemala program. Apply now to CMU’s **OUTTATOWN** discipleship program for fall 2015. Find details online at www.outtatown.com or contact Kate kschellenberg@cmu.ca 1.204.487.3300 ext. 661 for more information.

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*You are invited to **The Micah Mission** Corporation Meeting, Monday, November 3, 7:00 pm. at 226 Avenue V South Saskatoon. This will be a brief meeting to share about the work of TMM. For more information please call Dave at 306-653-3099 or email.

***Peace, Pies and Prophets** fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams at 7pm on Saturday November 8 at Nutana Park Mennonite Church. Ted and Company will be performing, auctioning pies and helping to support our CPT. Mark your calendars and watch for more news.

***MEDA Supper event at Bethany Manor**. Join us on November 12th to hear Helen Loftin, VP for Women’s Economic Opportunity. Reception at 6:00 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$22. Please RSVP by calling 306-242-9019 by November 8th.

*With joy and thanksgiving, **Warman Mennonite Church marks fifty years** of worshipping together in November this year. Please join us on November 8 to celebrate these fifty years of God’s goodness. Festivities begin with coffee and games at 3 p.m. at The Legends Centre in Warman, followed by a meal at 5 p.m. (RSVP by Oct 21 please). Activities then move to our church building for a program at 7 p.m. Also join us for a special worship service on Sunday, Nov 9, 10:45 a.m. followed by a light lunch.

Pieces of Peace ☸

“By peace we mean the capacity to transform conflicts with empathy, without violence, and creatively — a never-ending process”

Johan Galtung

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***Bethany Manor Craft Sale**, November 15 – 10am to 4pm.

***RJC Corporation AGM, Sat. Nov. 22, 2014, 5:00pm:** RJC Annual General Meeting will be held in the RJC Chapel. All supporters of the school are encouraged to attend this meeting. Report booklets will be available by November 7.

***RJC Annual Fundraising and Appreciation Banquet**, November 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm. This year's event will be celebrating CBC's Top 40 Under 40 - 3 Alumni and Past Staff of RJC will share their story in a talk-show setting. Music for the evening will feature brother and sister duo Philip and Leah Klaassen. There will be a silent and live auction, and offering for RJC programming and the evening will culminate with an exciting announcement of RJC's 5-Year Development Plan. To reserve your complimentary tickets call 306.232.4222 or email office@rjc.sk.ca by Nov. 14, so that we can prepare for the numbers expected.

***Restorative Justice Week** takes place November 16-23, 2014. To celebrate Restorative Justice programming in Prince Albert and area, join us on Friday, Nov 21 at Calvary United Church (114 25th East, PA) for a Soup and Pie Fundraiser Supper. Enjoy homemade soup, bread and pie, listen to live music and hear stories about the impact restorative ministries like CoSA, P2P, Supporting Friends and chaplaincy have in our communities. Starts at 6pm. Dinner by donation. Donations over \$15 will receive a tax-receipt. For more information contact Ryan Siemens at 306.763.6224 or persontoperson.prj@sasktel.net. All proceeds will go to the work of Parkland Restorative Justice.

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*November 28 & 29: **Truth . . . and Reconciliation – What's next?** The Ministries Commission of MC Saskatchewan is planning a Friday evening, Saturday event at the Youth Farm Bible Camp that will tackle the question of Mennonite Churches' response to the recent Truth and Reconciliation process. How do the Gospel and the witness of residential school survivors inspire us to be instruments of reconciliation? More info is coming, but mark your calendars!

***Shekinah is looking for some causal food services assistants (2-3)** to have on our lists of people to help with catering for timber lodge groups! Do you enjoy working with food and with great people?? Do you have availability on the weekends or even on the occasional weekday? Do you love Shekinah? This could be for you! For more information or to apply, please contact Kristy Letkeman at Shekinah Retreat Centre at admin@shekinahretreatcentre.org We look forward to hearing from you!



Looking ahead....

A Buncha Guys Christmas Concerts

Sat. Dec. 6 7:30 pm at Knox United Church, Saskatoon

Sat. Dec. 13 7:30 pm at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Doors open at 6:45 pm

Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson Book Sellers in Saskatoon,

Russ Regier (306-249-3650), any of the Guys, **or at the door.**

An offering will be taken to support Shekinah Retreat Centre.