

OMC Calendar

November 2015

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am	2 Blanket- making 9:00am	3 Blanket- making 9:00am MCSask Meeting with Ryan Siemens 7:00pm	4 Blanket- making 9:00am Church Council 7:30pm	5 Blanket- making 9:00am	6 Blanket- making 9:00am	7
8 *Loose Change Sunday 11:15am Youth CatechismClass Nov.8,15,22	9	10	11 Youth Discussion Nite with Stephanie 7:30 – 9pm	12	13	14
15 *Baptism and Communion *Faspa and Games Nite 5:00pm	16	17	18	19	20	21 Volunteering at Friendship Inn
22 Memoriam Sunday	23 Heart to Heart 7:30pm	24	25 Intergener- ational Hanging of the Greens 7:00pm	26 Missions & Service Comm Mtg. 7:30pm	27 Youth: Mega Menno at Wildwood Theatre of the Beat 7:30pm	28
29 First ADVENT - Deacons Meeting 11:15am	30					

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

***Please speak to Christy if you are interested in representing OMC at the Annual MCC SK sessions in Regina on November 7.**

***Blanket Making for MCC, November 2 - 6 at the church starting at 9:00am each morning.**

***Upcoming Sunday Services**

Nov 1 - Giving Thanks for Service - Larry Stoner, MDS

November 8 - What We Learned at CMU – Patty Friesen and Zachary Stefaniuk (Also, Loose change Sunday)

November 15 - Ian Osmond's baptism and communion

November 22 - Memorial Sunday - Patty Friesen

November 29 - First Advent

***Youth Catechism classes: 11:15am, during the Sunday school hour – November 8, 15 and 22.**

Patty's Ponderings

In November, we continue our Season of Thanksgiving with giving thanks for Mennonite Disaster Service, Ian's baptism and communion and Memorial Sunday. We will also host an MCC Remembrance Day service here Nov. 11, at 11:00 a.m. with Ramiz Shama from MCC Lebanon. Finally, November is the month for remembering those who have died and laid such an important foundation for our faith. That is something to be most thankful for.

Patty's Picks

Walking Distance by Martha and Robert Manning outlines some of the best hikes in the world.

Walking with Abel by Anna Badkhen is a delightful account of her time among the Fulani people.

Wild Rose by Sharon Butala is a luscious tale of a pioneer woman in southern Saskatchewan.

A Full Life by Jimmy Carter is an amazing memoir of an amazing man.

Stalin's Daughter by Rosemary Sullivan is a mesmerizing biography of the life and defection of Stalin's daughter.



Being a Christian Is Like Being A Pumpkin

A lady recently asked her co-worker what it was like to be a Christian?

The lady replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.,

and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

-submitted.

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Grow Spiritual fruits, not religious nuts.

-submitted by Erica D.

Recipes.

Mennonite women don't share recipes; they carry them into battle. These weapons are used on all the major battlefields of life – Christmas, funerals and weddings. Mennonite women tell me I'm wrong. Although competitive, they protest there's no secrecy about recipes or ingredients.

Liars. They are genetically competitive women who express love and devotion through food. The idea they would be secretive about their cooking success is not a leap. It's genetically predisposed.

If you ask how Aunt Anna made her schmaudnt fat, she'll smile ever-so-sweetly and offer vaguely, "Oh, take a lump of this and smidgen of that, Nah Yo!?"

Fantastic, another *detailed* Menno-recipe for your collection.

Don't trust her. Aunt Anna will not give you her recipe. Everyone loves it. It was passed down by her mother on her death-bed, who got it from her mother on her death-bed, who got it from her mother right before hopping the last buggy out of Russia. How dare you ask close family relative for her schmaudnt fat recipe. You might have married her favorite nephew. She might be the children's god-mother. You did generously give Aunt Anna a kidney. None of that matters. The only woman getting Aunt Anna's schmaudnt fat recipe is the one who hears her dying words.

Excerpt From:

<https://latetoeveryparty.wordpress.com/2014/08/22/the-mennonite-kitchen-exposed/>

Honoring our Forebears
Abram G. Janzen June 8, 1920 – May 21, 2015

Abram Janzen lived long and he lived well.

As the Weisenamt for the Old Colony Church, he listened carefully before meting out measures tha assisted many who were in need. He was a mediator who could get disagreeing parties to come to peace. As a Sunday school teacher, he combined his love for history and his respect for *de Schreft*; his students respected him. Respect is earned, and Abram worked with Old Colony, Bergthaler, Conference, Mennonite Brethern, Rudnerweider, and other Mennonite groups. He was held in high esteem by all.

Abram and Gertrude held education in high regard and encouraged their children to pursue learning beyond the country schoolhouse. As a school trustee, Abram partnered with others to ensure that basic teaching and learning took place at Renfrew S.D. to the best of their abilities.

Abram appreciated history. He wrote about trying times and times of joy. He wrote about his experiences as a Weisenamt. He wrote a history of Aeltester Johann Loeppky and of his mother-in-law, Gertrude Bueckert Wiebe. He wrote about the history of Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church. The Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan has a collection of his papers.

Abram contributed stories used in Low German broadcasts by John D. Friesen and Ed Martens. He wrote hundreds of articles for *The Mennonitische Post* and *The Valley News*.

We have heard that Abram was not exactly an accomplished carpenter. If that is indeed true, may he be granted grace and may he be forgiven! Abram was a deeply spiritual man who believed his faith should be practically applied to life's many situations. He was a progressive Mennonite Christian.

When Alfred Lord Tennyson's close friend Hallam, died, he wrote this as a tribute: 'Tis better to have loved and died, than never to have loved at all.' We believe Abram loved much.

-Board of Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan/ mhss.sk.ca

**OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

***Tuesday, November 3, 7:00pm** - The first Regional **Meeting with Ryan Siemens**, MC Sask Area Church Minister, will be **here at Osler Mennonite Church** for OMC, Warman MC and Rosthern MC. Everyone is invited to come!

(A list of all the meetings is posted on the Bulletin Board.)

A note from Ryan Siemens: "As I move into my new role as **Area Church Minister, congregational and pastoral relations**, I look forward to getting to know you and your congregation better as we seek to be Christ Centred and Sent in our particular locations and together as an Area Church. As we build up to the delegate sessions in Osler in March, 2016, the **MC Sask Council will hold regional meetings** with the purpose: 1) of hearing what congregations are doing locally to live out their mission, 2) to discuss how MC Sask can help encourage this work, 3) to talk about the programs we do together as an area church, 4) and to better communicate what is happening within our body. These meetings are open to all congregational members/attendees."

*You are invited to an **MCC Sask Remembrance Day Service** at 11:00 am on **Wednesday, November 11** at the Osler Mennonite Church. Rami Shamma, the Program Manager at a national Lebanese NGO called Development for People and Nature Association, will be sharing. DPNA aims at reaching a non-violent democratic society where individuals enjoy all their rights and freedoms without discrimination.

***Forever in Motion Walking: Wednesdays, November 18 – Fridays, December 18.** Come and walk anytime between 9am and Noon on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Any questions? Please speak to Susan Braun or Patty Friesen.

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***HEY! We need you!** The **fall youth calendar** is out and we have some fantastic volunteer opportunities. We need some folks to plan and host a **Christmas party** --- could be a progressive supper or at someone's house. Please sign up!
Thank you!

***Blanket Making for MCC on November 2 - 6, 2015** starting at 9:00am each morning. There are millions of refugees and displaced people in the world and MCC provides material aid assistance to these people. Usually OMC makes blankets in Jan/Feb but this year there is the desire to add another week in fall and help the many needy people in the world. Please come out and spend the day, a few hours or the week making blankets.

*There will be **Youth Discussion Nights with Stephanie** on Wednesday, November 11, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

*Our next opportunities to **serve at Saskatoon's Friendship Inn** will be November 21 and December 12. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Coming in January 2016

***Deacons Winter Study:**

1. End of Life Discussions on Sunday, January 10 - Julie Bergen and Patty Friesen.

Why is it so hard to talk about death? What makes a good death?

How can we begin preparing spiritually for death now?

2. Sunday, January 17 - Karl Martens - Power of Attorney, Wills and Living Wills - how can we help our families prepare?

3. Sunday, January 24 - Death with Dignity - What is the role of the church in this hot topic?

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

November 1, 2015

As a gift from the spring
of the water of life
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34
or

All Saints (additional scriptures)
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8, 2015

Two small coins
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15, 2015

Like the stars
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18),
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22, 2015

Your temple will always be beautiful
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 29, 2015: First Sunday of Advent

Hope: I will fulfill my gracious promise
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating November birthdays of our Children & Youth



Happy Birthday!

Benjamin – November 10

Zoe – November 29

Sydney - November 25

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***“Fall Variety Evening”** will be held at **Zoar Church, Waldheim Sunday, November 1st @ 7:00 pm** featuring an assortment of music, drama, readings, etc. performed by Zoar’s in-house talents. Refreshments to follow. Free will offering will be taken.

***The MCCS Encounter & AGM** will be held at Parliament Community Church in Regina on November 7, 2015 from 10:00am-5:00pm. Visit mccsk.ca for more details and plan to attend. **To represent Osler Mennonite Church as a delegate, please talk to Christy.**

***Speaking Out: Expressions of Our Mental Health** We all have mental health. Some of us struggle with it; some of us take it for granted. How can our faith and community help us walk together towards healing and wholeness? Join us at **Wildwood Mennonite Church on Sat, Nov 14, 7-9pm**, for an evening of intentional listening, worshiping, and praying together.

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***Thursday, November 5th: Lord of the (Sausage) Rings fundraiser** for Osler town rink. Tickets are \$45/ticket, available from the town office.

***MCC Sask Remembrance Day Service**, Wednesday, November 11, 11:00 am, here at OMC. Speaker: Ramiz Shama, MCC Lebanon

* **November 24 – 26, “This Will Lead to Dancing,”** a new play by *Theatre of the Beat* that addresses LGBTQ inclusion, at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. All shows at 7 p.m. RSVP in advance to production@theatreofthebeat.com to ensure a seat. **Our Youth** will be going to the **Friday, November 27th** performance – if you can drive, please speak to Jan, Melanie or Shelley.

***Warman Thrift shop has new Christmas extended store hours** starting Nov. 16th. Mon., Tues, Wed, & Friday 10-6:00pm, Thursday: 10-8:00pm, Sat.10-4:00pm. The store is looking for volunteers to help from 3:30-6:30pm. Ages 13 & up. If interested, call Sheila at 306-933-3293 or fill a volunteer form at the store.

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

We are all equal in the great circle of life.
No one in front of you. No one behind you.
No one above you. No one below you.