

**OMC Calendar
October 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am</p> <p><u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am starting Sept 8</p>		1	2	3 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	4 Youth Scaven -ger Hunt at church 7pm	5
6 World Communion Sunday	7 OMC Book Club meets 7:00pm	8 Ladies "Heart to Heart" 7:30pm	9	10 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	11	12
13 Thanksgiving Sunday	14	15	16	17 Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	18 Free Friday 7:30pm	19 Youth Volunteer at MCC Thrift Store in Warman
20 World Food Sunday	21	22	23	24 Worship Committee & Missions & Service Committee meetings 7:30pm	25 Guenther Family Soup & Pie Fundraiser	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. www.omchurch.org

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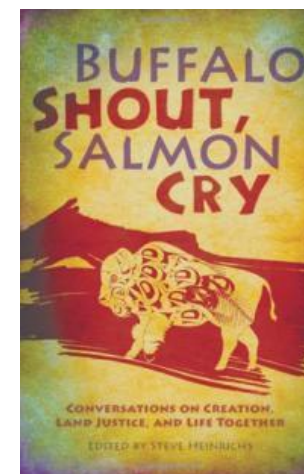
Upcoming OMC Events and Opportunities

***October 6: Communion Sunday**, during morning worship.

***OMC Book Club:** will meet on Oct. 7th at 7:00pm to discuss "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay.

***The Heart to Heart** women's group will meet on **Tuesday, October 8th**, at 7:30 pm.

***The Mosaic Sunday School** class will be discussing the book: *"Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry – Conversations on creation, land justice and life together."* In his review of the book, for the Toronto Sun, T. Harpur wrote that if you wish to understand how indigenous people "think about that past, about their hopes for the future, and if you are prepared to face some shocking truths about all of this — and more — this book is a must-read for you...." Check out the review at www.torontosun.com/2013/08/08/healing-heal-past-wounds-of-aboriginals Purchase or borrow *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry* at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2097 and download the free new study guide for the book here: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2131.



Pastor's Note:

FREE FRIDAY

For those who have a free Friday, the worship committee invites you to come to the church to sing, make music and hang out, every other Friday of each month. This is for everyone and all ages. Free Friday will be unscripted—without walls and barriers. It could be singing hymns around the piano or maybe a group learning new songs with guitars, keyboard and singers. If the youth or children get bored, they can play in the gym. Join the delight in making music for the simple joy of it, and bring song ideas, too, including old favourites.

FREE FRIDAY: a time for music.

- Every other Fridays at 7:30 pm, starting October 18
- for all ages
- bring an instrument, your voice and/or an ear to enjoy.

***Our Church is now on Facebook.** If you use Facebook, then search Osler Mennonite Church and become a friend

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

Where there is faith, there is love;
Where there is love, there is peace;
Where there is peace, there is God;
And where there is God; there is no need.

Leo Tolstoy

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

At his 103rd birthday party, my grandfather was asked if he planned to be around for his 104th.

"I certainly do," he replied. "Statistics show that very few people die between the ages of 103 and 104."
-Coffee perks

Flu going around?

A little girl sitting in church with her father suddenly fell ill. "Daddy," she whispered, "I have to frow up!" Her father told her to hurry to the washroom.

In less than two minutes the child was back. "I didn't have to go too far," she explained. "There's a box by the front door with a sign that says, 'For the sick.'"

For the bulletin:

Tithe if you love Jesus. Anyone can honk.

The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.

-humor submitted by Adeline

**Rosthern Junior College/
Canadian Mennonite U. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*October 4th & 5th - **RJC Alumni Weekend!** Come join in the fun as a participant or a spectator! Volleyball and Soccer (Saturday only - meet in Rehearsal Hall at 10:00 and bring a white and dark t-shirt). A delicious lunch sponsored by Alumni will be served between 11:00 and 1:00 in the Rehearsal Hall. Email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com to register for volleyball by September 30th or for information. Alumni and Friends Welcome!

***RJC Kielke & Sausage Supper Fundraiser - Monday, October 21st** at **Bethany Manor** (110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon). There will be two seatings for supper - the first seating will be at 4:30pm for Bethany residents and family/guests, and the second seating will be at 6:00pm for everyone! Admission is by donation, and the RJC Chorale will be performing. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to val@rjc.sk.ca or call 306-232-4222. *If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Valerie White or the RJC Office (val@rjc.sk.ca or office@rjc.sk.ca).*

***CMU: The 2013 PIT** (Peace it Together) youth conference hosted by Canadian Mennonite University is fast approaching. PIT takes place this October 18 – 20, and will be one of the best yet. Come hear **Shane Claiborne**, come sing together, eat together, play together, and participate in Acts of Peace (new this year!). On Saturday afternoon, there will be opportunities for everyone to practice peacemaking. Visit the website, and the new PIT blog for more info, video and breaking news on this year's conference. www.cmu.ca/pit

*Is **Canadian Mennonite University** the right place for you? Find out for yourself by coming to visit our campus, **October 25, 2013**. Contact info@cmu.ca for travel assistance information and further details. www.cmu.ca

**OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

***Daily Bible Reading Reflections:** Please contact Gordon if you would like to receive, an almost daily email, reflection on the daily lectionary readings. These brief reflections can contribute to your daily contemplative time, and they usually tie into the upcoming Sunday's theme.

***Youth Update:** For the past several years Leslie Allaby has been graciously leading our youth and meeting with them twice a month with activities and devotions. Due to work constraints she is having to step back from this role. The Education Committee is very pleased that Lacey Braun will continue to lead and plan youth evenings until the end of December and if anyone in the congregation is willing and able to help her out in any way, shape or form, please contact her directly. I would like the Congregation to seriously start thinking about the direction that we as a Church would like to go with our Youth Program. We currently have a very nice strong group of youth and would like to see that continue, so may that be a paid Youth Pastor/Minister, finding someone within our Congregation to lead the Youth or? *Shelley Penner, Education Committee Chairperson*

*The Mission and Service Committee will again **serve hot chocolate** to those walking the streets on the night of October 31. The youth will be helping to host, and others are welcome to help, too.

***The Community Aid Fund** is for those in emergency and desperate situations, and this fund is not part of our regular budget. Thank-you for donating to this fund.

* A new Senior Youth Sunday School class is now meeting upstairs, and happily now have a mini-fridge. The following items would be welcome for their gathering place: **a small sofa, multiple bean bag chairs, and some big throw pillows for the floor.** Also, feel free to pop in upstairs after worship service this fall, say hi to the senior youth and see the room as it is being transformed! Leslie A.

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

October 6, 2013 – World Communion Sunday

Write the vision
 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (2:2)
 Psalm 37: 1-9
 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
 Luke 17: 11-19

October 13, 2013

Full of honor and majesty
 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c
 Psalm 111
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17: 11-19

October 20, 2013

And will not God grant justice?
 Genesis 32: 22-31, Psalm 121
 2 Tim. 2:14-4:5, Luke 1:1-8

October 27, 2013 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday

I have kept the faith
 Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22,
 Psalm 4: 1-7,
 2 Timothy 4: 6-, 16-1
 Luke 18: 9-14

November 3, 2013 – Mission Month

You surround me with songs
 Isaiah 1: 10-18, Psalm 32: 1-7
 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12,
 Luke 19: 1-10



October 2013 OMC Youth Group ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
1 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am		2	3	4	5 Scavenger Hunt 7 pm at church	
6 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19 Volunteer at Warman Thrift Store : meet at the church. Senior Youth 10-noon Junior Youth 1-3pm
20 Worship - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship Service - 10 am Sunday School - 11 am	29	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> Serving hot chocolate (meet at the church 5pm)		

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***Warman MCC Thrift Store** is now accepting resumes for the position of Shipping/Receiving Coordinator. Please stop by the store to pick up a full job description. Interested applicants may submit a cover letter and resume to warmanthriftshop@hotmail.com. As well you may drop your resume off at the shop or mail to Warman Thrift Shop marked "Attention: Board, Box 779 Warman Sask. S0K 4S0." Everyone is welcome to apply!!! Note: Volunteers are still needed – for as many or as few hours as you can contribute. Thank you.

***Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** will be held October 4 – 6, 2013. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, a calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline: September 15, 2013. See the poster and brochure on the bulletin board for details and registration forms.

***October 18 & 19: Annual Women's Retreat** at the Timberlodge, Shekinah beginning at 5:00pm. Cost is \$120.00; register by Oct. 1 to Ruth Quiring Heppner, Box 1292, Rosthern SK S0K 3R0. Guest speaker is Elsie Goerzen on the theme "Courageous Women of the Bible." See bulletin board poster or mcsask.ca/events.

*A **Stepping into Restorative Ministry Workshop** will be offered October 19th at Holy Family Cathedral, including 4 prison visits, followed by a **Retreat**: November 23rd at Queen's House of Retreats. Registration: \$60. Contact MCC Sask. or Micah Mission for more information or see the bulletin board poster for details.

*Mennonite Central Committee has supplied us with updated lists of supplies needed for various **Relief kits** sent overseas. See the bulletin board for a copy or visit: <http://mcco.ca/kits>

*To Gordon and my OMC family - A Prayer Request

I'm writing to ask for your prayers. This week a grade 8 student of mine, Leandro, and his friend Ben (who is the same age but dropped out of school last year) were in a motorcycle accident. The accident was fatal for Ben, he died at the scene. Leandro is alive and recovering in the hospital, with no broken bones or internal bleeding, but very swollen and bruised. Though I'd only met Ben a couple times and did not know him, he was a good friend of many of my students, and was a student of Whitney's (my roommate) last year. The funeral was today, and it seemed the whole community was there. His doctors also allowed Leo to come back for it. Please pray for the family of Ben, which includes his parents, 5 brothers (the youngest who is in my grade 5 class) and 2 sisters, as they mourn the loss of their brother. Please pray for the students (especially the boys) who knew Ben and are trying to grasp and understand what has happened. Please pray also for Leandro and his family. Pray that God would grant him peace and comfort as he too tries to comprehend all that has happened. Thank you.

Stephanie Siemens - from Bolivia

Spirit of the Land: Building a Community Land Ethic

Conference Dates: November 1-2, 2013

University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose, Alberta
The conference will address our deeper connections to the land and its people, focusing in particular on the need for a careful land stewardship that considers future generations.

Keynote Speaker - Sylvia McAdam (one of the four *Idle No More* founders), Roger Epp and Janice Makokis – Addressing Treaty Land from Indigenous and Settler Perspectives
A panel will help participants with building the community land ethic.

The conference will address our deeper connections to the land and its people, focusing in particular on the need for a careful land stewardship that considers future generations.

Conference costs: \$35 – Whole conference (couples \$50, students \$10)
\$10 – Friday evening (students free)

Web : <http://spiritoftheland.ca>

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Elements of Justice

KAIROS InterGenerational Gathering 2013

October 24-27

North Vancouver Outdoor School

Friends,

We hope you are all enjoying the last weeks of summer/first weeks of fall! As you may know, [registration is now open](#) for Elements of Justice: KAIROS InterGenerational Gathering 2013 on October 24-27 on gorgeous Squamish Nation Territory, north of Vancouver. Registrations need to be received before September 24 to guarantee your spot.

That's a short timeline now that the fall season has begun. **We need your help to get the word out about this event!** There is another email attached with more about the substance of the gathering; it can easily be forwarded. Please help us by passing it on to all your networks and contacts, particularly in western Canada. While this event is open to everyone, we will focus on the three regions west of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

All ages are welcome to this intergenerational gathering, including children. We are putting a special emphasis on invitations to young adults and welcome your help spreading the word in your colleges or other young adult gathering places.

Registration costs \$290 per person and includes the program, food from Thursday supper to Sunday lunch and shared accommodations in heated cabins with washrooms.

There are subsidies available at the rate of \$100 per person. Priority for these spots will be given to young adults, Indigenous and other racialized peoples, low income people, people with disabilities, families, and those from the farthest corners of our western regions. To apply for the subsidy, contact Caroline Foster

at events@kairoscanada.org or by phone 1-877-403-8933 ext 221.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or require additional information.

With many thanks for all your help, Caroline and Shannon
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1-877-403-8933 x221 or x239

Saskatoon, Thursday, August-08-13 – Canada World Youth is currently looking for families interested in providing accommodation to a young Canadian and a Nicaraguan youth who are participating in our international educational program, Youth Leaders in Action. Saskatoon has, once again, been selected to host a group of eighteen youth, aged 18 to 24 from December 3rd 2013 to March 3rd 2014. Half the group will be made up of young people who come from all regions of Canada, and the other half are youth from Nicaragua. During their stay in Saskatoon, the young people will take part in various volunteer projects in the community.

You can get involved by becoming a host family! We invite all types of households—retirees, singles, single parents, same sex etc.—to share their daily activities with Canada World Youth participants. You won't have to alter your lifestyle in any way: one goal of the program is to integrate participants into everyday family life. By hosting two participants, you will also discover a new culture! In addition, host families receive a weekly allowance of \$180.

Arrival of Canadian and Nicaraguan youth volunteers in Saskatoon: December 3rd 2013 - Living with families: December 3rd 2013 to March 3rd 2014. If this experience interests you or you would like more information, please contact Marieke Knight:

mariekecc@hotmail.com or 306-716-0292

About Canada World Youth

Canada World Youth (CWY) offers international educational programs to young people aged 15 to 35. Since 1971, more than 36,000 youth from Canada and around the world have participated in CWY programs in 69 countries. Website: www.canadaworldyouth.org.