

**OMC Calendar
October 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am			1 Feast & Share 6:00pm	2 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8	9 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	10	11
12 Thanksgiving Sunday	13	14	15 Worship Committee meeting 7:30pm	16 Education Committee meeting 7:30pm	17	18 Men's Breakfast- Osler Cafe 8:30am
19	20 Ladies Heart to Heart 7:00pm	21	22	23 Missions & Service Comm. meeting 7:30pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Youth: 6:30pm Corm Maze Stomp	

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



***Tonight - Wednesday, October 1, 6pm - Feast-and-Share** gathering will be here at Osler Mennonite Church. The meal is **potluck**, starting at **6 p.m.** Bring a dish if you

wish! After the meal all will form a large circle where **everyone** will have the opportunity to speak. All are welcome in this circle: Aboriginal neighbors and leaders and others they may wish to invite; people from congregations and others they may wish to invite. Come and join us as we continue to learn from one another and find ways to work together for healing. Sponsored by Saskatoon Native Ministry along with OMC's Missions & Service Committee.

*The National Church Bikeathon is almost here! On Sat. October 4, join other Mennonite Church Canada congregations from across Canada on the Ride for Refuge – a first ever national church bikeathon. Join riders in every major city across this country to ride in support of Witness workers Nathan and Taryn Dirks (Niagara United Mennonite Church) to help build a soccer play space for at-risk youth in Botswana. **Stephanie Siemens, Art Zacharias and Mark Bigland-Pritchard will be participating. They invite other riders and also will gratefully accept sponsorship.**

***There are nice shiny, sharp new pencils** on the sign-up sheet for volunteers who want to take a turn making coffee and cleaning up after Gathering time! And, don't forget, you could also sign up for the fun task of bringing snacks for the Sunday School kids and for the Gathering Time for adults, too. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming OMC Events and Opportunities

***YOUTH: Friday October 31 - Corn Maze Stomp** at the Rosthern Youth Farm! It might get spooky! Meet at 6:30 at the church. If you are able to transport youth to this event or provide a snack at the church afterwards, please contact Kevin or Melanie.

*OMC is cooperating with Osler Community Church and Osler Mission Chapel in **teaching of the Bible in the 6th grade** at Osler Elementary School. Instruction began last week with Jake Buhler teaching the Old Testament section.

***The Student Bursary fund** was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who will be attending one of our church schools. A once in a lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student will be made available for as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify the applicant or its parents must be members of Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. If you feel you qualify this year, please fill out the application form available from the office or bulletin board.

“A few answers for those who are wondering about the outcome of our announcement several weeks ago about our relatives from Ukraine. Sergii and Rita Ovseychik with daughters Vanessa and Rozaliia arrived Tuesday morning, September 16th with no complications at the border. An answered prayer! The adults are both age 29, the children 7 and 4. Vanessa began school on Monday, September 22nd. Sergii will probably begin work the beginning of October for Henry Janzen. Rita converses easily in English; Sergii will need lots of help. He understands a lot but is reluctant to speak. They are living with Ed and Mary Hildebrandt for several weeks and will move into Osler on October 1st. Please remember them in your prayers, as well as their families in Ukraine as they adjust to lives apart.”

—Art & Edna

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, “Fried chicken.” She said I wasn’t funny, but she couldn’t have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too, especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal’s office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal’s office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don’t understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn’t like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, “Colonel Sanders.”

Guess where I am now.....

-submitted by Joe Guenther

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

One must look hard through history to find when a clear understanding of the truth moved anyone to fire the first shot.

~Robert Brault, rbrault.blogspot.com



*Wame Chiepe of Gaborone, Botswana shares his dream to reach at-risk youth by building a futsal (soccer) pitch and kids' playground in the video "Futsal Dreams" at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2415. Then join or support a rider in the National Church Bikeathon at www.rideforrefuge.org. For more info, contact Daniel Horne at dhorne@mennonitechurch.ca, 1-866-888-6785 ext. 107.

*"We all serve the same Jesus" said Thelma Meade at Native Assembly 2014. A Wisdom Slide Show of the event can be found at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2413. Whether you were there or not, you can reflect on or taste anew the wisdom that was shared via these 21 quotes and images of keynote speakers.

Canadian Mennonite University cmu.ca <http://cmu.ca/>

***J.J. Thiessen Lectures | October 14-15, 2014 | CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.** *Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness and Gentle Discipleship* presented by Dr. John Swinton, Professor and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen. Dr. Swinton is an ordained pastor, a practical theologian and former psychiatric nurse, whose work has focused primarily on the area spirituality and a theology of disability, particularly mental illness and dementia. The lectures will be of interest to health care professionals, pastors, and anybody who is living with or walking alongside people with disabilities. For lecture details, please visit our website, cmu.ca/jjt.

***Campus Visit Day | October 24, 2014 | 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM**
Is CMU the right University for you? A day on campus will help answer questions about financial aid, student life and residence, athletic opportunities, Outtatown and more during scheduled information sessions. You will also be able to attend a class, eat lunch with current students in our dining hall, tour campus, and meet faculty in our student-run coffee shop. Sign up for a campus visit day now at cmu.ca/campusvisit.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*The Worship committee is looking for help with the decor for the church and sanctuary. If you can help, please contact Melanie or any Worship Committee person to volunteer.



Some of OMC "Thanks-Giving" Notes

"Thank you Deacons for the work you put into hosting the Fall Fiesta! Much appreciated!"

"Thank you to all the people who helped at the funeral service of Rita Guenther. As a family, these acts of kindness go a long way to ease the pain of losing a loved family member. –Kathy Braun, on behalf of the extended family of George & Rita Guenther.

A long thank you note from the MCC VBS Troupe, expressing their gratitude to OMC for hosting VBS is now posted on the bulletin board.



***October 3 & 4 - RJC ALUMNI WEEKEND!** Email Denelda at deneldafast@hotmail.com to register for volleyball by September 30th or for information. Alumni and Friends welcome!

***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.

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

October 5, 2014—Proper 22

Be found in him

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14 (9) Matthew 21:33-46

October 12, 2014—Proper 23

Goodness and mercy

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 (6)

Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

October 19, 2014—Proper 24

I will go before you

Isaiah 45:1-7 (2) Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

October 26, 2014—Proper 25

We speak . . . to please God

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (4) Matthew 22:34-46



Volunteers needed

*The Warman MCC thrift shop is looking for volunteers to help in the areas of: cash, sorting and pricing items, or organizing (decor). For more information please stop in at the shop or call [\(306\)933-3293](tel:3069333293)

***L'Arche Saskatoon and MCC** (Mennonite Central Committee) are looking for a family to host an international volunteer until early July. The volunteer is a 23 year old woman from Indonesia studying to be a pastor. She arrived in Saskatoon in August and is volunteering with L'Arche through IVEP, an MCC program. For more information, contact Wyndham at 306-262-7243 or wthiessen@larchesaskatoon.org

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*Vern Ratzlaff will present a course entitled “Empire” on Thursday afternoons Oct 2 – Oct 30th. For more information see the bulletin board poster or website: <http://academyofdiscipleship.org>

***Women’s Voices from the Global Church**” is the theme for the Saskatchewan Women in Mission’s Women’s Retreat October 17 & 18 at Shekinah. Join women from across the province to hear stories from women from around the globe. The registration deadline of October 1 is coming up quickly! See the poster for details and registration information.

**Saskatchewan Women in Mission* have planned some interesting programming for the next year including “*Women’s Voices from the Global Church*”, women sharing their immigration stories Oct. 17 & 18 at Shekinah. SWM continues to seek people to serve in leadership roles. Prayerfully consider using your gifts in one of the following roles: secretary, program committee, president elect, or nominating committee. There are many great women to work alongside and with whom to mentor. The number of meetings is few. If you are interested or know of someone to be considered contact: Denise Epp l.d.epp@sasktel.net 306-232-4801 or Marlies Patkau hamar_rhd@hotmail.com 306- 544-2716

***Equipping to Listen – October 25, 10 AM- 3:30 PM**, First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Discussion and information arising from the 2014 Annual Delegate Sessions. Everyone is invited to attend, please bring a sack lunch. See the poster or contact the MC Sask office for further information at 306-249-4844.

***Featured prayer request from Mennonite Church Canada:** Pray for Tom and Christine Poovong, Mennonite Church Canada church planters in Khon Kaen, Thailand. May they encounter fertile soil and willing helpers for their church planting and entrepreneurship ministry.

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***CMU Portable: Oct 4-5 at Wildwood Mennonite Church** in Saskatoon. "Baptism, Communion, and Membership in the Body of Christ" with **Irma Fast Dueck**. Join us to explore the connections, meanings, and practices of these central rituals in the life of a modern Church.

Sat, 10am-noon: "Take me to the Waters: Baptism in Contemporary Context"

Sat, 1:30-3:30pm: "Re-Member-ing our Baptism: Baptism & Church Membership"

Sun, 9:45-10:45am: "Boundaries Thick & Porous: Identity & Hospitality in the Body of Christ"

Sun, 11am-noon: "Learning to Swim in Baptismal Waters"

The sessions are **free** but space is limited. Call 306-373-2126 or email secretary@wildwoodmennonite.org to reserve your spot. Sunday's service is followed by a potluck lunch; all are welcome!

***"Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry" Study/Discussion Group** -

Ministries Commission 'Walking the Path' Committee is offering a 5 session Study/Discussion Group on this book of 'conversations' edited by Steve Heinrichs of Indigenous Relations, MC Canada. The first session will be at Rosthern Mennonite Church on Thursday evening, October 9 at 7:00 pm. Sessions will continue every two weeks (Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 6 & 20 and Dec. 4). Contact Eric Olfert (306-384-8431 or olfert.ej@sasktel.net) or Rita MacDonald (306-232-5310 or ritamacdonald48@gmail.com) for more information and to indicate interest. Eric is also willing to coordinate car-pooling from Saskatoon area.

Mennonite Church Canada Leadership Assembly, November 10-14. Billets are required. Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon is hosting the Assembly meetings this November. Up to 20 billets have been requested for this event. Volunteers would be required to provide breakfast and also transportation to and from Wildwood each day. If you are able to help us out, please contact Linda Martens (306-384-4786) or Phyllis Penner (306-955-1009) or email us at wildwoodhosting@gmail.com Thank you.

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***Spend-A-Day at RJC, Friday & Saturday, Oct 3-4** - Prospective students, grade 8-11, who are interested in attending RJC in future are invited to Spend-A-Day at the RJC campus for a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here. Students will sit in some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. On Saturday there's a brunch for their family, an informal information session, and an opportunity to tour the campus. Registration forms: www.rjc.sk.ca or email Val White at val@rjc.sk.ca

***Tuesday, October 7 - 5:00-7:00 - Fall Supper at the Youth Farm Bible Camp.** Menu includes Turkey, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Stuffing, Salads, Pies and more. Admission by Donation.

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

***Tim & the Glory Boys** is an upbeat, bluegrass worship band will present a great evening - they call it a 'worship hoedown'. If you are a fan of banjos, a wearer of plaid, grow a beard, or just enjoy quality music and worship, you are going to love these guys! **The November 8th concert** at the Legends Center in Warman is **free, but tickets must be reserved** at www.gracesask.com/concert More information is available on the SMYO website and Facebook page, feel free to contact Kirsten at youthminister@mcsask.ca or (306) 249- 4844 ext. 2, if you have any questions.