

**OMC Calendar
September 2014**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each Sunday: Worship:10am</p> <p>SundaySchool @ 11:15am</p>	1	2	3	4 Church Council Meeting 7:30pm	5	6
7 Sunday School starts again! "Welcome Back Fantastic Fall Fiesta" at Noon	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Deacons meeting 7:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	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 and Opportunities



***Next Sunday, September 7th, Sunday School begins again!** The deacons invite everyone to a **"Welcome Back Fantastic Fall Fiesta"** at noon on the 7th. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor taco picnic with all the fixings for beef and bean tacos, followed by piñata fun for the kids after lunch. Tacos and Beverages will be provided. **Everyone is invited to bring potluck salads or desserts to share**, and bring your lawn chairs, too.

***Sunday School and after-worship Coffee time in the Gathering Room** will start again next Sunday. **Volunteers are needed** to bring snacks for the Sunday School kids and for the Gathering Time, and for taking a turn making coffee and cleaning up after the coffee time. Please sign up on the bulletin board to take a turn!

***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.

Pastor's Note:

Well, needless to say, this is my last pastor's note to you. I wish I had wonderful words of wisdom to share, but I can't conjure up the words to adequately contain my thoughts and feelings. Therefore, I will say the obvious. Although, my role as your church pastor has come to an end, the connection and love has not and will not end. I hope you will keep in contact with us, and all are welcome to visit us, if you're in Ontario. Moreover, I look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you and the church will be doing. God will lead you to greener pastures; the future is very good.

Thanks for letting me be your pastor and inviting me into your lives. And, thanks for receiving Leslie and Katherine. Katherine has been well nurtured and loved by all of you. OMC is a great place for children.

May grace, love and peace always prevail,

Gordon

I will retain my Sasktel email for at least the next two years. Leslie's and Kat's email will not change. And, our cell phones will be the same for two more years.

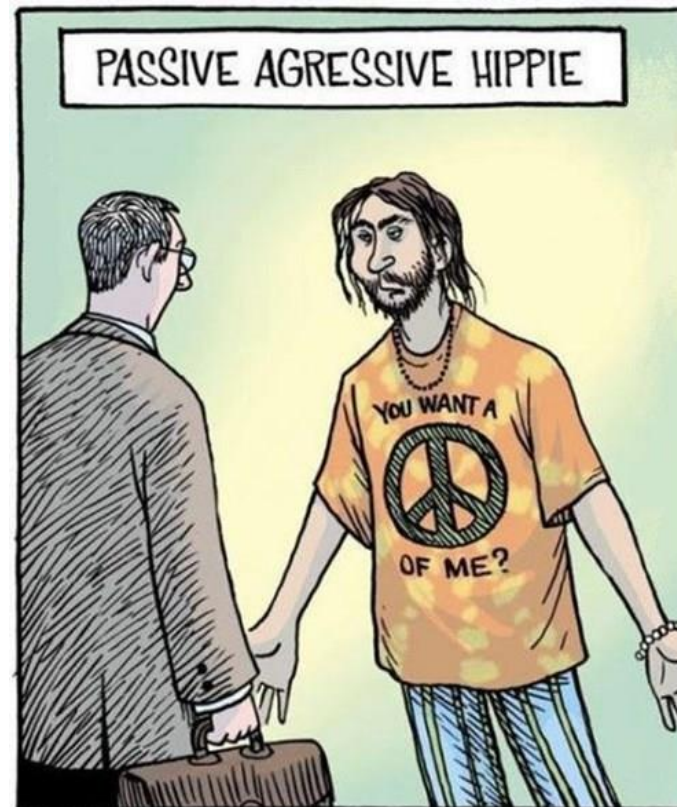
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Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

- Martin Luther King, Jr

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I prefer peace. But if trouble must come, let it come in my time, so that my children can live in peace.

- Thomas Paine



*Very soon your congregation will receive a complimentary copy of the new *Shine On* children's Bible from Mennonite Church Canada, made possible by a generous donor. Ask your pastor or office administrator where yours will be kept and take a peek inside – but be careful: You may not be able to put it down!

*Many Christians, including delegates at the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2014, are increasingly aware of the intimate connection between the environmental crisis and humanity's detachment from the land. "Rooted and Grounded," a conference hosted by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary September 18-20, 2014, invites pastors, scholars, and all who care for God's creation to explore biblical understandings of the land in Christian life and belief. Details are available at: <http://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Rooted-and-Grounded.cfm>

Shine: Living in God's Light*, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is **accepting applications for curriculum writers. The curriculum is for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers *must* attend a Writers Conference in Indiana, March 6- 9, 2015. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details at www.ShineCurriculum.com/Write. Application and sample session deadline is *December 15, 2014*.

***The next Global Youth Summit of Mennonite World Conference** will take place July 17-19, 2015 at Messiah College in Pennsylvania. All (young) Anabaptists are invited to come and learn from each other, build relationships, worship, and be the church together. The 2015 theme is "Called to Share: My Gifts, Our Gifts." After the summit, participants will join the MWC assembly on July 21-26. For additional information, email: pennsylvania2015@mwc-cmm.org.

*Registration for Mennonite World Conference, Pennsylvania2015 is now open! Visit <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/> for details.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ride for Refuge

Mission & Service committee is building a connection with Nathan and Taryn Dirks, MC Canada witness workers in Botswana (see <http://ntdirks.com>). Nathan and Taryn work with indigenous churches in Gabarone, with a focus on outreach to prisoners and to young people.

Their latest project is to construct outdoor soccer pitches, to a Brazilian design (sports geeks can check the concept at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futsal>), as part of their programme for young people - many of whom are currently instead gravitating towards the bars and getting into trouble. This will require funding - so MC Canada is participating in a nationally organised fundraising sponsored cycling event, Ride for Refuge, on Saturday October 4th this year. Osler is entering a team - currently consisting of Mark Bigland-Pritchard and Stephanie Siemens, though there is room for more.

If you would like to cycle (10km, 25km, 50km and 100km routes available in Saskatoon), or if you are able to pledge funds, please contact Mark or Stephanie.

Look out for more information about Nathan and Taryn's work on noticeboards and displays in the church.



Some of OMC "Thanks-Giving" Notes

"Thank you to Osler Mennonite Church for allowing the use of the facility for a voice recital on May 25, 2014. About 80 people attended and the recital was enjoyable. This facility works very well for music presentations."

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

September 7, 2014—Proper 18

Teach me, O Lord

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40 (33)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 14, 2014—Proper 19

We are the Lord's

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

Romans 14:1-12 (8),

Matthew 18: 21-35

September 21, 2014—Proper 20

Share abundantly

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30 (26),

Matthew 20: 1-16

September 28, 2014—Proper 21

Turn, then, and live

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (32)

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



John 14:1, 2

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

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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>

***Shekinah annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat** – Details are now on the bulletin board for this retreat to be held September 26-28. Whether you are a quilter, a scrapbooker, a knitter, calligrapher, a painter – whatever your favourite pastime! – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. Registration deadline is Sept. 5th. See brochure for details and registration forms.

*Saskatchewan Women in Mission will hold its **annual fall retreat** at **Shekinah** Retreat Center on October 17 & 18. The theme this year is "Women's Voices from the Global Church". See the Bulletin board poster for registration information and more details.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for an Executive Director. Kristy Letkeman has provided wonderful leadership to Shekinah over the past years, however she has decided to find a different and new experience! We wish Kristy all the best and thank her for all of the energy and love she shared with Shekinah. –Shekinah Board

***Tim & the Glory Boys** is an upbeat, bluegrass worship band that Kirsten saw in Edmonton, AB. It didn't take long before she had them booked and had found a co-sponsor to help cover the costs of the event. This is going to be a great evening, they call it a 'worship hoedown', and 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 and we would recommend reserving them soon, as most of the available 400 are gone already! 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.