

OMC Calendar
September 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am						1
2 Patty Friesen preaching.	3	4 M & S Committee meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Council meeting 7:00 pm	7 90th Anniversary mtg 10 am	8
9 Patty Friesen preaching. S.S. resumes. Potluck lunch.	10	11	12	13 Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm	14 Deacons meeting 12:45 pm	15 Serve at Friendship Inn
16 Heart Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22 Worship Workshop 10 am – 2 pm
23 Lois Siemens preaching 30 Heather Driedger preaching	24	25	26	27	28	29

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



- Sept 2 “Priscilla & Aquila: We get by with a little help from our friends”, Acts 18 – Patty Friesen
- Sept 9 “Shipwrecked in the Storm”, Acts 27 – Patty Friesen
Sunday School resumes. Potluck at noon.
- Sept 16 “Heartfelt Worship: Songs & Scriptures of the Heart”
Please wear Red. Before and after Sunday School everyone is encouraged to Jump Rope (or pay someone to jump for you) for donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
- Sept 23 Lois Siemens preaching
- Sept 30 Heather Driedger, Person to Person Program, preaching

“SURELY GOD IS MY SALVATION; I WILL TRUST AND NOT BE AFRAID. THE LORD, THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG; HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION.”

ISAIAH 12:2

Pastor Patty's Ponderings

I'm writing this in on a relaxing warm morning in the middle of July.

We've just had Merel, Keith, Steve and Sandra lead a much needed musical worship service which still fills my brain and heart. We needed to be reminded of God's presence and love in the midst of grief and loss of health, life and crops due to hail. We were reminded in our OMC 90 reflections of the drought of 1961 and the special prayer meeting called for rain. Ironically, it rained six inches but it was too much and too late. Our spiritual ancestors survived difficult seasons with faith and so we have hope and trust through ours.

The hymn, Praise to God Immortal Praise sings through blessings and good times for four verses but in verse 5 switches tone and tune to the words of Habbukkuk 3:17, "the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls." Crop failure and loss and lamentation reside throughout scripture. Our 90th year in 2018 will be remembered as a year of loss and lamentation. But may our music and our faith carry us through as in Habakkuk 3:19, "God, the Lord is my strength; who makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights."

Patty's Picks

The Dirty Life by Kristin Kimball was an engaging memoir of love and starting a farm.

Paul: A Biography by NT Wright shaped my summer sermons on Paul.

On the Brink of Everything by Parker Palmer talks about the life review necessary for growing old gracefully.

Birth of a Family by the National Film Board of Canada is a touching family reunion of 60's SCOOP survivors.

Blue Planet 11 is another amazing gift of our wonderful world.

Wonder is a touching tale of coming of age and courage.

Brokenwood is a fun New Zealand detective series.

Detectorists is a British comedy that had Patrick and I rolling.

Deuteland 83 is the rise of the German peace movement and the coming down of the Berlin wall.

"CELEBRATING DIVERSITY"

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Come join us in remembering and celebrating God's faithfulness and grace over the past 90 years.

Saturday, October 13, 2018:

4:00 pm Coffee Social, Art Show & Cemetery Tour

5:30 pm Potluck Supper

7:00 pm Music Program

Sunday, October 14th, 2018

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Time Capsule & Celebration Coffee

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Our Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Osler Mennonite Church is to be a supportive community in which people can meet God through worship and fellowship.

We seek to teach

an Anabaptist understanding of scripture, led by the Spirit to imitate Christ in word and deed.

We strive to nurture faith and discipleship, committing ourselves individually and corporately to respond to the needs of others.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*World Day of Prayer for Creation, Saturday, September 1.
Ecumenical Season of Prayer for Creation Sept 1-Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of ecology. Praise and Care for God's Creation, Weds. Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m. at Steve Patola Park, 1235 20th Street West. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Churches.

***Sunday, Sept 9: OMC Fall Kick-off:** Sunday School resumes.
Potluck at noon.

*Suicide Prevention Day sponsored by Canadian Mental Health Association, Monday, Sept 10, 7:00 Vimy Memorial, Kiwanis Park. Bring lawnchairs.

***Fall Worship Workshop, Saturday, September 22, 10:00-2:00 p.m.** with lunch provided. Worship leaders, song leaders, scripture presenters, children's time people, preachers, sound people and youth encouraged to attend. Lois Siemens will present on how to flesh out scripture texts in creative ways and we will work in small group projects and come together to rehearse for the Sunday, September 23 service.

***OMC 90th Anniversary "Celebrating Diversity" weekend:**
-**Sat. Oct. 13,** 4:00 p.m. Open House: visiting, art show, cemetery tour, 5:30 pm - Diversity Potluck, 7:00 Music Program. Open to the community.
-**Sun. Oct. 14,** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service followed by Celebration Coffee and burying of OMC 100 Time Capsule.

***Friday, October 26, 6:30-8:00 pm – Bethany Manor presents "An evening with tenor Keith Boldt" and special guest Merel Kreigsmann.** Call Bethany Manor for tickets.

*In tribute to Russ Regier who, among other things, has led the "Bunch of Guys" choral group for many years and has had a positive influence on many:

From Won't You Be My Neighbour movie about Mr. Rogers -

ANYONE WHO HAS EVER GRADUATED FROM A COLLEGE, ANYONE WHO HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN A GOOD WORK HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE PERSON - AND OFTEN MANY - WHO BELIEVED IN HIM OR HER. WE JUST DON'T GET TO BE COMPETENT HUMAN BEINGS WITHOUT MANY DIFFERENT INVESTMENTS FROM OTHERS.

IN FACT, FROM THE TIME YOU WERE VERY LITTLE, YOU'VE HAD PEOPLE WHO HAVE SMILED YOU INTO SMILING, PEOPLE WHO HAVE TALKED YOU INTO TALKING, SUNG YOU INTO SINGING, LOVED YOU INTO LOVING.

SO, ON THIS EXTRA SPECIAL DAY, LET'S TAKE SOME TIME TO THINK OF THOSE EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE. SOME OF THEM MAY BE RIGHT HERE, SOME MAY BE FAR AWAY. SOME MAY EVEN BE IN HEAVEN. NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE, DEEP DOWN YOU KNOW THEY'VE ALWAYS WANTED WHAT WAS BEST FOR YOU. THEY'VE ALWAYS CARED ABOUT YOU BEYOND MEASURE AND HAVE ENCOURAGED YOU TO BE TRUE TO THE BEST WITHIN YOU. LET'S JUST TAKE A MINUTE OF SILENCE TO THINK ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE NOW.

✿ **Pieces of Peace** ✿

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness. —anonymous

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

Parents: Please check your email for the doodle poll to help us plan for monthly Youth Nights this year AND our Youth Fall Retreat weekend. Thanks for your replies!

September 29th - MegaMenno Kick-Off! The First MegaMenno Event for the Year is Ride for Refuge, with an evening event at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Mark your calendars, oil your bike chains, and check your email and the bulletin board for more info about this exciting day! *Drivers/sponsors will be needed for this event - please talk to Terri Lynn if you are available for either.*



CAPSULE SERMONS

The hands of the Almighty are often found at the end of our own arms.
- Sister Monica Joan, Call the Midwife, Season 7, Episode 1

Only in our doing can we grasp you. Only with our hands can we illumine you. — Rilke

Today's failures sow the seeds for tomorrow's successes.

HUMOR

What would happen if you scared someone half to death.....twice?
-submitted by Art Z

School's in session:

"I'm worried about you always being at the bottom of your class," said the father to his son.
"Don't worry Dad," he replied. "They still teach the same thing at both ends."

A couple phoned a neighbour to extend birthday greetings. They dialed the number and then sang "Happy Birthday" to him. But when they finished their off-key rendition, they discovered that they had dialed the wrong number.
"Don't let it bother you," said a strange but amused voice. "You folks need all the practice you can get!"

Did you hear about the two silk worms who were in a race?
They both ended up in a tie.

One clear autumn day, my daughter and I were watching skywriters advertise the opening of a new store in our area. Five planes, flying in perfect formation, spelled out the name, then flew out of sight. Right behind was another plane, flying alone.
"What's that plane doing," my daughter asked.
Tongue firmly in cheek, I replied, "Spell check."

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2, 2018 – Who may abide in your tent?

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15 (1)

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9, 2018 – Be opened

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37 (34)

September 16, 2018 – God is merciful

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-9 (5)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 23, 2018 – Draw near to God

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (8)

Mark 9:30-37

September 30, 2018 – Be at Peace

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50 (50)

What is Summer? (Last in a series of 4 seasons) – Jake Buhler

The official start day of summer is June 21. But in our area it begins a few weeks earlier. Summer ends on September 22, which is fall equinox.

Here are the main things that occur in summer:

- Most of our precipitation comes in the form of rain between April and September. It is then that most of gardens are planted and fields are seeded with grain and harvested. We have about 4 months of frost-free growing days in Saskatchewan. Saskatoon gets only 340 (13.5 inches) mm of precipitation per year. Vancouver gets 1,150 mm per year or 45 inches. We are into the 2nd year of below average rain around Saskatoon.
- Our hottest days come in summer. The hottest day ever in Canada happened in Yellowgrass, Sask, in 1937 when it got to 45 degrees C or 119 degrees F. This summer has seen many days of hot weather with temperatures above 30 degrees C around Saskatoon.
- Summer is when good and miserable things happen. There can be wonderful sunsets, fields of ripening grain, flowering apple trees, crocuses in bloom, singing meadowlarks, children splashing in the pool...and there can be sandstorms, mosquito infestations and plagues of grasshoppers.
- At Osler Mennonite Church, church picnics have been held in summer at Camp Shekinah, at the Isaac Kasdorf farm at Schlorrendarp, on the church yard, in the Buhler pasture, at the Rosthern Youth Farm, at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm, and ????? (please let me know).
- Both of our church buildings were built during summer months. The first church basement was built in 1928 using horses and large shovel-scoops.
- Many weddings occur in early summer. Family reunions, camping trips, the MCC Sale, Bible Camps, VBS, are summer activities.
- Many dozens of OMC members have volunteered in summer with Foodgrains Bank, MDS, chicken butchering bees for the

Youth Farm, building cabins for camps, planting trees on the OMC yard, VBS, Bible Camps, and MCC activities.

- We yearn for summer when the sun is high and we are free from freezing winters and long winter nights. We yearn for July 1 parades, and long days when we can barbeque and sit around the fire-pit and burn logs. Or sit in the backyard drinking lemonade (or pepsif if your last name is Buhler!)
- Summer is when western meadowlarks, and eastern kingbirds lay eggs and raise their young. It is when gophers raise their young, and when coyotes go after the gophers so that they can feed their young.
- Summer is the shortest season because it passes so quickly!!

Photo #1 A dropmore linden and two spruce trees tower over the OMC sign

Photo #2 The oldest tree on the OMC yard, a Manitoba Maple, shows off its gnarled trunk

Photo #3: The 20 year old Molotschna Oak tree reminds us of part of our history.

