

MCC Connects: Theatre of the Beat is proud to present “Yellow Bellies” at Wildwood Mennonite Church on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00pm. Yellow Bellies is an historical drama that highlights the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. Admission by donation.

***Call to Prayer for MC Canada Special Assembly: Please pray for the Future Directions Covenant New nationwide restructuring process.** We invite your prayers for Calvin Quan as he moderates the Special Assembly, for others who are providing Assembly leadership or support and for delegates who participate. Pray for the Assembly participants as they discern the wisdom of the Spirit, as we seek to align our church structures with how God is at work among us and in the wider world.

OMC CALENDAR

Oct 23-27 Blanket making, starting 9:00 am each morning
Oct 26 Education and Missions & Service meetings, 7:00 pm
Oct 29 5:00 pm Faspa mtg with Terri Lynn discussing “Spiritual Streams”. Lunch group D-L in charge.
Oct 30 Heart to Heart, 7:00 pm
Nov 1 Shekinah Fundraiser, 5:30 pm
Nov 2 Council meeting, 7:00 pm

Worship leader: Matthew Stefaniuk Song leader: Ben Buhler
Pianist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard Sound: Dick Braun
Ushers: Harold Loewen, Lloyd Sawatzky

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OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan
A Welcoming Christian
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
October 15, 2017

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 25:4-10

Leader: Make me to know your way, O Great Creator; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O Great One, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; for your goodness' sake.

Leader: Good and upright is the Great Creator; who instructs us in the way. God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way. All the paths of the Great One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Invocation

***Hymn: Blue/HWB #87 “Great is the Lord”**
Blue/HWB #226 “You are salt for the earth”

Sharing Joys & Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory Prayer

Children’s Time

Edna Zacharias

Hymn: Blue/HWB #78 “Father God, you are holy”

Scripture lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Hymn: Green/SJ #99 “You walk along our shoreline”

Sermon: “Quest for Respect, Part 2” Patty Friesen

Hymn: Blue/HWB #421 “Bless’d be the tie that binds”

***Benediction: May we have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen**

(*Please rise)

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Scent Free: We are striving to be considerate of those with sensitivities to scents/fragrances and ask all to avoid wearing scented products.

Children’s Worship Binder, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

TODAY

- **Centering Prayer** in Classroom 1 at 9:15 am.
- **Beverages & snacks** available after the worship service.
- **Sunday School** for all ages begins at 11:15 am.

THIS WEEK

- **Saturday, 11:00 am, Serve at Friendship Inn**

NEXT SUNDAY

- **Adult Sunday School:** 11:15 Mosaic Class or 11:15 Blue Room #7: Harold Loewen & Sarah Buhler on Egadz, at-risk youth and urban poverty.

Next Sunday, Oct 22: Quest for Respect: What’s next? by Patty Friesen and Harold Loewen.

Song leader: Loretta Sawatzky

Worship Leader: Sarah Buhler

Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg

Children’s Time: Patty Friesen

Sound: Dick Braun

Ushers: Harold L; Lloyd S

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct. 22: Quest for Respect 3 by Patty Friesen & Harold Loewen

Oct. 29: Quest for Respect 4 by Patrick Preheim

Nov. 5: Canadian Foodgrains by Rick Block

Upcoming Adult Education:

Oct. 29: 11:15 Mosaic Class,

11:15 Blue Room Class: Quest for Respect with Patrick

Nov. 5: 11:15 SS Forum with Rick Block

Patty’s Week: Tues: sermon, visits; Wed: office, Wildwood; Fri: office, visits; Sat: RJC fundraiser. (Patty will be in Winnipeg October 29-November 2 for CMU lectures and goofing off.)

Terri Lynn’s Week: Mon: office; Tues: CPE, on Vacation
Wednesday Oct 18-25.

Remember in Prayer:

-Esther Patkau - Bethany Manor

-Loretta’s 60th birthday :)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***We need your help: Please sign up to bring food for this event - Wednesday, November 1, 5:30 pm: Shekinah Chili Supper** here at Osler Mennonite Church. Come join us for a night of food and fellowship and chili! An update will be given on Shekinah and the new *Timber Frame Cabin Project*, with entertainment by Zac Schellenberg. Entrance by donation.

***Please sign the Thank You card to Esther Patkau,** on the lobby pulpit, for her decades of ministry at Bethany Manor, RUH and the Cancer Clinic.

***Saturday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. at OMC – “Sposz, Plautz enn Pripps.”**
If it fits and you have nothing on, come out and enjoy this Low-German evening of entertainment.

Youth:

October 28 - Mega Menno - Fun night @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church – 7:00-9:30 pm. Join us for a night of games and fun - costumes STRONGLY encouraged! Open to youth in grades 6-12, cost: \$2/person.

*Everyone is invited to come to a **Classical Music Afternoon** at Nutana Park Mennonite Church on October 29 at 2:30 pm. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the concert.

***Friday, November 3, 6:00 pm. Bethany Manor fundraising banquet.** See poster for more details.

***Saturday, November 4: MCCS Encounter & AGM.** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Cornerstone Church. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. **Please let Wilf know if you are planning to attend.**

***Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. - Lord of the Rings Sausage Fest.** Tickets are available at the town office and from Ben. You can purchase individual tickets or tables of six.

***Mennonite Historical Society** invites you to attend “**Peace Perspective – Walter Klaassen speaking on “You cannot serve God and war”**” on Saturday, November 11, at 2 pm. They will meet in the Fellowship Centre at Bethany Manor. Check the bulletin board for more details on the meeting.

***Valley Action Abilities** is a charitable non-profit organization, which provides person centered activities, vocational support and residential housing to adults with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. Through our many programs we support almost 40 people from Rosthern, Wakaw, Hague, Carlton and surrounding areas.

On Thursday November 2nd we are holding our annual fundraising supper at the Rosthern Community Multipurpose Center (elementary school). Doors will be open from 5:30PM- 7:30PM. Admission is by donation. We are planning a delicious menu of Farmer sausage, Kielke and cream gravy, and assorted desserts. We also will feature a silent auction and gift basket prize. Please come out and join us for this fun and worthwhile event!

***MCC Blanket making on October 23-27** starting at 9:00 a.m. each morning. MCC provides material aid assistance to refugees and displaced people in the world and we want to help by providing blankets. Please come out and spend a few hours, a day or the week making blankets.

***Service opportunity for OMC’ers:** Have a Helpful Hot Holiday in Houston! Plan a warm fun week of bonding and service with other OMCers and Mennonite Disaster Service in Houston February 18-23, flying or driving. Please talk to Art Zacharias or Patty Friesen.

***Quest for Respect books** available for \$13 on resource table.

***"Yellow Bellies" by Theatre of the Beat, Oct 18,** 7:00 pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. See poster for more details. Admission by donation; bring a friend!

***Borscht Supper, Tuesday, October 24, 5:00 pm,** at the Aberdeen Community Hall as a fundraiser for MDS and MCC.

***RJC Homecoming Dinner. October 21, 6:00 pm - "AIRJC Come Fly with Us - Celebrating 20 years of Service".**

***Calling all RJC alumni** to join us at the AIRJC Homecoming Banquet, October 21st to perform a few numbers in an Alumni Choir under the direction of Duff Warkentin. If you are interested, please contact Tammy Forrester tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca

***Friday, October 27, MDS Saskatchewan is hosting an awareness event at Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church.** Supper begins at 6:30 pm. Please call 306-342-4344 to reserve plates.

***Equipping Ourselves to Refresh, Refocus, Renew: 2017** Equipping Day on **Oct 28** at Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim. Everyone is invited to come and participate in workshops on a variety of themes. **Registration forms are now on the bulletin board. Please let Wilf know if you are planning to attend.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 3:14-21 (First Nations Version)

This is the reason I bow down on my knees and humble myself before the Great Creator above, from whom all families, clans and tribes, in this world and in the world above, are named. This is my prayer for you: that from the great treasures of beauty, Creator will gift you with the Spirit's mighty power and strengthen you in your inner being. In this way, the Chosen One will make his home in your heart. I pray that as you trust in the Chosen One, your roots will go deep into the soil of his great love, and that from these roots you will draw the strength and courage needed to walk this sacred path together with all his holy people. This path of love is higher than the stars, deeper than the great waters, wider than the sky. Yes, this love comes from and reaches to all the directions. I pray that you would feel how deep the Chosen One's great love is - a love that goes beyond our small and weak ways of thinking. This love fills us with the Great Spirit - the one who fills all things. I am praying to the Maker of Life who, by great power working in us, can do far more than what we ask for, more than our small minds can imagine. May the Sacred Family and the Chosen One bring honor to the Maker across all generations, to the time beyond the end of all days. Aho!

Sermon reflection questions:

1. How does the Indigenous community's struggle between traditional spirituality and Christianity reflect our own modern day Mennonite struggle with our faith?
2. Does Steven Charleston's Native American view of Genesis, Exodus, the Prophets and the Exile make sense? How might it refresh our own understanding of the Old Testament?
3. Does Steven Charleston's Native American view of Jesus as Messiah and his four vision quests make sense? How might it refresh our own understanding of Jesus?
4. How might vision quests of solitude, fasting and prayer help us as Mennonites? Are there ways we already do that?