

OMC Calendar

June 2015

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am	1	2	3 Youth: Discussion Nite with Stephanie 7:30-9pm	4 Church Council 7:30pm	5	6
7	8 Heart to Heart "Decadent Decade "Do" 7:00pm	9	10 Worship Committee Meeting @ Pineview 7:30pm	11 Missions & Service Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm	12 MCC Sale at Prairieland Park, Sktn	13 MCC Sale at Prairieland Park, Sktn – Verenki Booth
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CFGB Sale –Serve! 6pm: BBQ & campfire at Pineview Farms
21 Church picnic at Pineview Farms 10am	22	23	24	25 Youth: RJC musical: "Mary Poppins"	26	27 Youth (and others) Serve at Friendship Inn 10:50am PM: YOUTH WINDUP
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



***Sunday School/CHURCH PICNIC**

10am, Sunday, June 21 at Pineview Farms

-Worship starts at 10:00 a.m. (including the Grade 6 Bible presentation and New Members sharing).

A weiner roast and potluck will follow worship.

***For those wanting to come campout at Pineview Farms with tents and RVs on Saturday for a SUMMER SOLSTICE CAMPOUT Saturday, June 20, 6:00pm:**

- Enjoy a BBQ supper at 6:30 p.m. (\$10 per family for meat). Bring beverages and salads and, desserts to share.

-There will be yard games, a nature scavenger hunt and a Summer Solstice Campfire Singalong at 8 p.m. for anyone who wants to join just for the evening!

-For those attending the evening event, RSVP to Melanie Boldt at [306-239-4763 ext 2](tel:306-239-4763) or email melanie@pineviewfarms.com to assist with meal planning and setting up camp. Please also bring campfire snacks any cooking utensils (wiener sticks, bushpie plates etc.), lawn chairs, and games that you might need. Bring instruments, favourite poem or children's story to read around the campfire.

-For those camping overnight, you are welcome to arrive any time after 5 p.m. to set up. Please bring your own cooking utensils and breakfast supplies. There is a campfire and BBQ available for cooking plus washrooms to freshen up on Sunday morning!

Patty's Ponderings

I've been listening to The Gifts of Imperfect Parenting by Dr. Brene Brown on my commute to Osler. I'd love to discuss this book at church sometime. Brown says one of the gifts we give our kids is our vulnerability - sharing appropriately what we are afraid of or what our experiences were growing up. It helps our children know it is OK to mess up because we have messed up. Such sharing builds empathy and compassion between the generations. It was helpful for me to hear Christy share about her baptism with the children's Sunday School.

Our kids want to hear about our faith stories, the good, the bad and the ugly.

I feel like I'm living The Gifts of Imperfect Pastoring. I have learned a lot these past six months at OMC and have experienced a lot of grace and acceptance in the midst of my vulnerability about not knowing what is going on and I'm grateful to the congregation for that. I'm looking forward to the beauty of our Saskatchewan summer and how we can enjoy it together as a congregation.

-Patty Friesen

Patty's Picks

Michelle Obama by Peter Slevin is an interesting biography about the First Lady.

Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh is still going strong in its' 50th anniversary.

The Book of Forgiving by Desmond Tutu is a powerful help in relationships.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin is a fun summer read.

Simply Good News by N.T. Wright. He never disappoints.

Boyhood DVD tracks the challenges and hopes of growing up.

Grantchester DVD for Brit drama lovers.

St. Vincent DVD starring Bill Murray for Bill Murray lovers.

The Mighty Macs DVD - finally a successful female sports story!

The River Why DVD - slow and gorgeous as fly fishing.

So Let's Go CD by Alan Doyle - gotta love Maritime music makers.

Toward the Sun CD by Alexi Murdoch - gotta love simple folk guitar and voice.

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A Nun Grading Papers

This comes from a Catholic Elementary School test. **Pay special attention to the wording and spelling.** Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.....

The seventh commandment is Thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before He ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew King who was skilled at playing the Liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard she was the Mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

When the three wise guys from the East side arrived they found Jesus in the manger.

St. John the Blacksmith dumped water on his head.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony...

-submitted by Adeline

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



*Starting this week and until June 3, many people are gathered in Ottawa to mark the ceremonial close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. If you aren't able to attend, here are **5 Things You Can Do Anywhere In Canada** to show your commitment to reconciliation: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/638>. Also, on June 2, in every major city across Canada there will be celebrations, ceremonies, conversations and more to mark the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report. Consult your local community calendar and news sources and your church bulletin.

*Are you looking for an opportunity to learn a new skill and raise funds for a great cause? MCCS is looking for volunteers who would enjoy learning the trade of weaving and join our committed volunteer team. Interested? Contact Del Lennea at 306-665-2555, ext. 227 or DelLennea@mccsk.ca

***Rooted and Grounded**
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will host a second *Rooted and Grounded* conference on land and Christian discipleship, October 1-3, 2015. Planners have issued a call for papers to pastors, scholars and creation care advocates. Proposals are due July 1. For more information about the Conference, check the website: <https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Rooted-and-Grounded.cfm>



NOTE: OMC Newsletter takes a summer break and is back in September.

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

Week 1 - June 7, 2015

I wait for the Lord

Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 (5)
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Week 2 - June 14, 2015

There is a new creation

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 (17)
Mark 4:26-34

Week 3 - June 21, 2015

Even the wind and the sea obey him

Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 (41)

Week 4 - June 28, 2015

Joy comes with the morning

Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 (5)
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

The dark cradles the seed that aches for glory.

-submitted by John Gascho

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***Ladies – Monday, June 8th, 7:00pm. Heart to Heart “Decadent Decades Do”.** It’s a birthday party and all ladies are invited! Come, help Pastor Patty turn 50 and celebrate, as we recognize her and the 12 other OMC ladies having “decade” birthdays this year, including: Sarah Buhler, Denita G., Rachel Buhler, Colleen D., Sandra Horst, Frieda Rempel, Louise Buhler, Eva Martens, Deanna Reddekopp, Margaret Boldt, Helen Peters and Susan Bueckert. Loretta is making homemade cards for us to sign for each of our special birthday gals. So you don’t need to bring cards, but advice for embracing these birthdays is requested. And also, rumor has it that chocolate is a favorite of our pastor. ☺

***WE NEED YOUR HELP:** The Education Committee has booked **VBS for the week of July 6 to 10th** with the MC Saskatchewan Troupe. But in order for this program to happen we need volunteers to come forward. We will need immediately an overall coordinator to coordinate everything before the event. We will also need: an On Site Go-To Person, Snack Coordinator, 2 to 3 Adult volunteers per day, 5 people to bring snacks, 5 people to provide the troupe with lunch. Please talk to Jake, Kevin, John, Erica or Shelley.

***Intergenerational Summer Sunday School 11:30-12:00**

Bring your brown bag lunches on the following Sundays:

July 12 - John 13 **Jesus washes the disciples feet.**

Intergenerational Service Project: assembling MCC School Kits.

August 2 - John 16 **The Holy Spirit and Joy.** Intergenerational Play Outdoors - parachute games, scavenger hunt, etc.

August 23 - John 19 **Jesus dies and is buried.** Intergenerational History Tour of OMC cemetery with Dick, Kathy and Jake.

***The Mission and Service Committee** has extended OMC’s commitment to **servicing Friendship Inn** clients for an additional six months. Please consider helping by: **Serving lunch and providing friendship on: June 27, July 18 and/or Aug.15.**

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***MCC is running low on Hygiene Kits.** If you have the following items and would like to donate them we would be happy to see our stock replenished. We are looking for adult-size tooth brushes, large bars of soap, finger nail clippers and hand towels. All items need to be new and in their original packaging. You can drop these items off at our MCC Centre in Saskatoon, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm. If you have any questions please contact Del, our Material Resources Coordinator, at 306-665-2555, ext. 227 or DelLennea@mccsk.ca or visit our website at mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits/hygiene for more information.

***Tuesday, June 2, 7am – 4pm: Victoria Park in Saskatoon:** The **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)** on Indian Residential Schools’ final national event is happening May 28 – June 2 in Ottawa, with an event in Saskatoon, June 2 at Victoria Park. You are invited to the local TRC Saskatoon event on June 2, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Victoria Park, Saskatoon, beginning with a smudge. See the bulletin board for details of this event – everyone is invited to attend.

***MCC Relief Sale & Auction:** The bake table at the MCC sale June 12 and 13 is again looking for baked goods to sell. Fresh buns, breads, cakes and pies are always welcome. Last year we noticed people looking for more traditional Mennonite baking like zwieback, perishky and "grandma's cookies". We appreciate the baked goods arriving Friday afternoon before 4:00 or Saturday before 9:00 if at all possible. If you are willing to work a shift in the booth please call Bev or Ted Janzen at 306 232 5619. Thank you.

***The Mennonite Nursing Home** would like to thank all of the wonderful people who have volunteered at the home in the past year. We will be holding a **Volunteer Appreciation BBQ** on June 18th, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin on the Youth Farm Complex Grounds. Spouses are welcome to attend. Please RSVP before June 13th by calling 306-232-4861.



**Julia Ward Howe and the original
“Mother's Day Proclamation” (Boston 1870)**

WE WOMEN OF ONE COUNTRY

will be too tender
of those of another country
to allow our sons
to be trained
to injure theirs.

From the bosom of the
devastated earth
a voice goes up
with our own.

It says "Disarm, Disarm!
The sword of murder
is not the balance of justice."

Let's get some facts correct about Mother's Day that we celebrated in May: Julia Ward Howe's "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world", later known as the Mother's Day Proclamation, emerged at a turning point in her life. Through nearly 30 years of marriage she had struggled to reconcile her desire for a place in the public sphere with upper-class Victorian life celebrating wife and motherhood. After 1868, with her children grown, she worked wholeheartedly for women suffrage and other social issues. She founded and/or led the New England Women's Suffrage Association and the the Association for the Advancement of Women (1873), dedicated to improving women's education and entry into professions. She wrote and lectured tirelessly. Her experiences of the US Civil War and Franco-Prussian wars propelled her into international peace work, and while not answered in her lifetime, her call for women to unite across national orders to help abolish the causes of war was fulfilled a generation later with the founding of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. wilpfus.org

PEACE Also Takes Courage. There is nothing sentimental about this.

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***Sunday, June 21, 2015 - 10 am: CHURCH PICNIC & Worship** at Kevin & Melanie Boldt's family farm. More details to follow on lunch but dress for the weather, bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets and outdoor games. If the weather is inclement, we'll worship in the Old Red Barn or divert to church!

***The June Friendship inn Volunteer date has been moved to June 27th.** On the bulletin board, you will find the sign-up sheet to add your name for serving a lunch at Saskatoon's Friendship Inn in June, July and/or August. You are encouraged to sign up and join in this service opportunity.

***Volunteering at the MCCS Relief Sale June 13 and CFGB Sale June 20:** Mission & Service Committee has been asked and agreed that OMC will work at the Relief Sale **Vereniky Booth** from 1pm - 3pm on June 13th and the **CRGB Hamburger Booth** from 9:30am - 3pm on Saturday June 20th. Please consider serving and signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board. This is an opportunity to support the international relief work of MCC and CFGB.

*** Intergenerational service project: MCC School Kits will be assembled on Sunday, July 12** after worship, as a part of an intergenerational service project. **Supplies to donate** include: \$, spiral notebooks, 8 unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler, 12 coloured pencils and 1 large pencil eraser. If you sew, cloth bags to hold the supplies are also needed. Find details on brochures in the church lobby.

***Our warmest greetings to Nutana Park Mennonite Church** on the celebration of 50 years of ministry in Saskatoon. We are thankful for our mutual relationships - especially the romantic ones.

***Our warmest greetings to Superb Mennonite Church** on your celebration of 70 years of ministry in the Kerrobert area. We are especially thankful for the gift of the Stefanuk family and for your baptizing Vanessa and Matthew. - Osler Mennonite Church

The Perfect Pastor

....The Perfect Pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.

....The Perfect Pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 a week to the parish. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. Above all, he is handsome.

....The Perfect Pastor has a burning desire to work with teen-agers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his parish. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed.

....The Perfect Pastor always has time for parish council and all of its committees. He never misses the meeting of any parish organization, and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

....The Perfect Pastor is always in the next parish over!

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the parish at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1, 643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its' old pastor back in less than three months.

-by Father McGinn

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Poetry Corner

"Sparrow" by Leonard Enns (Lyrics)

(performed at OMC April 28th by CMU's Chamber Choir)

A sparrow
with the first down payment on a house
clutched in his beak,
takes off with bits of string
and balls of fluff,
takes off to make the sky
a Blue Room for his love;

but what I'm here for
I don't know unless,
unless it is to build Him whose child I am
a nest of broken vows
and twigs of faith,
a wordhouse where his Word
may come and sing.



Forgive others,
not because they
deserve forgiveness,
but because you
deserve peace.