

## OMC Calendar

April 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship:10am</p> <p><u>SundaySchool</u> @ 11:15am</p>					<p><b>1</b> Youth: Mega Menno 7 pm Mystery Dance – Mount Royal Mennonite</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3</b> Dave Feick preaching</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b> Church Council Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<p><b>10</b> John Reddekopp preaching</p>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> Youth Discussion with Steph 7:30 – 9pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Deacons Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>16</b> Men's Breakfast 8:3am Osler Cafe Friendship Inn: 11:30am volunteering</p>
<p><b>17</b> -11:15am Sunday School Forum on "Homophobia" -5pm Seniors Supper at Bethany Manor</p>	<p><b>18</b> Worship Comm Mtg. (Naomi's) 7pm</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> Youth: Mall Man Hunt -leaving from the church at 6:30pm</p>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<p><b>27</b> Youth Discussion with Steph 7:30 – 9pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Missions &amp; Service Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Note: Meetings and church activities can also be found on the Events Calendar on the church website. [www.omchurch.org](http://www.omchurch.org)**

## The Osler Mennonite Church April 2016 Newsletter

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### A WELCOMING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR PEACE



### Upcoming Worship Services at OMC

- Sun. April 3 - Dave Feick (Forgiveness) John 20:19-29
- Sun. April 10 - John Reddekopp ( Softball and the Body of Christ) I Corinthians 12
- Sun. April 17 - Patty Friesen – (Soil Preparation Part I: Sodbusting and rock picking) Luke 5:1-11
- Sun. April 24 - Patty Friesen – (Soil Preparation Part II: Fertilizer) Luke 6:1-11
- Seedy Sunday, May 1 - Patty Friesen – (Round-Up Ready Seeds of the Gospel) Luke 24:36-53

*Love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies, but always grows and grows to an enduring and ever-increasing source of happiness. Each new step becomes a little surer, and each new grasp a little firmer, until, little by little, comes the power of intelligent combination, the nearest thing we know to the mighty force of creation.*  
 -Gertrude Jekyll

## Patty's Ponderings

April marks the Easter season which is fitting with our lovely springy weather. How is the risen Christ evident among us in our spirits, in creation and in our community? This month we celebrate new babies (Walter and Debra), new members (Sarah and Charlie), new staff members (yet to be announced), and new growth in our youth program and possibly a community garden. In the midst of joy are those of us dealing with the loss of loved ones, loss of health and uncertain employment. It may feel like Christ is still in the grave for awhile as we walk through these valleys. May we find comfort in our spirits and in creation and in our community that rejoices and grieves with us. "Nature in her green, tranquil woods heals and soothes all afflictions. Earth hath no sorrows that earth cannot heal." John Muir

## Patty's Picks

*Saving Paradise* by Rita N. Brock describes early Christian art's emphasis on creation as paradise and Jesus' presence as farmer and shepherd. When Christianity became the Roman Empire's religion, Christian art shifted to focus on the crucifixion and hell.

*The Power of Vulnerability* by Dr. Brene Brown shows us once again that countering shame and perfection in our lives with authenticity and vulnerability leads to freedom and personal empowerment.

*In Other Words* by Jhumpa Lahiri is a delightful memoir of this famous novelist's journey in the Italian language.

*The Great Train Robbery* DVD by Acorn Media is a two part tale told from the robbers perspective and the police perspective. Fascinating.

*Inside Out* DVD was a hit at OMC Movie Night.

*Hinterland* DVD is an Acorn Media series about a Welsh policeman and his personal parallels to the crimes he is solving.

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*The lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the love of a garden gives.*

- Gertrude Jekyll

## Humour ~ The Isaac Section

A man goes to see his doctor with a peculiar problem.

He says: "Doc, I have this strange sensation. Sometimes I feel like a wigwam and sometimes I feel like a teepee.

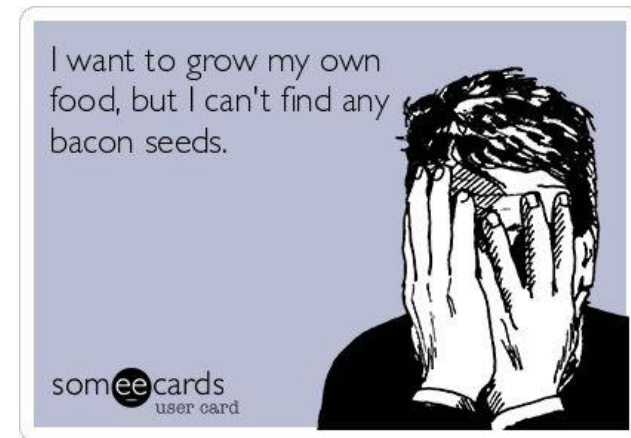
The doctor mulls over this information for a few minutes.

He then said; "I think I know what your problem is. I think you're just too tense."

And then there was this lady who authored several books on weight loss.

She was hoping her latest book would appeal to a wider audience.

-submitted by Art Z.



## Celebrating April birthdays of our Children & Youth



### Happy Birthday!

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Anna Neufeld

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Olivia Martens

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Nevada Zacharias

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Osler Mennonite:

Thanks again for such a well hosted assembly this past weekend. I really enjoyed the farm tours! Anita Retzlaff

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\*Parkland Restorative Justice is hosting its first annual “**Spring Gala in the Woods**” – a fundraising banquet on April 15 at the Prince Albert Wildlife Federation building. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 or \$300/table of 8 persons. Reserve by calling 306-763-6224 or emailing [parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com](mailto:parklandrestorativejustice@gmail.com)

\***Station Singers presents "In Praise of Spring" concert** - works by Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn  
7:30 pm Saturday Apr 16 at Grace Westminster United Church  
2:00 pm Sunday Apr 17 at the Station Arts Center  
Guest artists: Prairie Virtuosi String Quartet

\***A Buncha Guys Spring Concert: Sunday, April 24 2:30 pm at Nutana Park** Mennonite Church. Tickets (\$5.00) are available at McNally Robinson, from any of the Guys, **or at the door**. An offering will be taken to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

\***Save the date! The 2016 MCC Relief Sale & Auction** will be held on **June 10 & 11** at Saskatoon Prairieland Park. New this year: Kid's Peace from 9-3, run by Shekinah Retreat Centre; Busking – musicians (any age), please contact Denise Martens at 306.270.9648 or [denisemartens@gmail.com](mailto:denisemartens@gmail.com)



## OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



\***Quilters needed:** Thanks to everyone who has contributed cloth to our **story quilt** project. It is a beautiful collection. We are going to start construction soon so if there are any quilters in the church who would like to help please let us know. If you still want to add cloth, please give it to someone on worship committee. Thanks!

\***Re: Pastoral candidate Terri Lynn Paulson:** We will have a congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 10, 11:15am** to discuss possible 3/4 time and vote.

\*Interested in joining the **OMC Golf Team for the RJC Tournament** Sat. May 28? Cost \$150.00/player and no skill required. Talk to Patty.

\***Ladies:** Mark your calendars for our next ‘**Heart to Heart**’. A **Baby shower** for Walter and Kathryn will be held at the church on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

\***Men's Breakfast, Saturday, April 16, 8:30 am.** It's the final men's breakfast this spring. Read final two chapters of "Under Construction" in preparation.

\***Saturday, April 16th, 11:30am** – Serving lunch at **Friendship Inn**. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer and help for April/May/June. Everyone is invited to join in this service.

## Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

**April 3, 2016:**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Peace be with you

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

**April 10, 2016:**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

So that my soul may praise you

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

**April 17, 2016:**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Salvation belongs to our God

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

**April 24, 2016:**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

I am making all things new

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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**Thur Apr 7 7:30pm – Church Council meeting**

Sun Apr 10 John Reddekopp preaching

**Mon Apr 11 7:00pm H to H Baby Shower: Kathryn & Walter**

**Wed Apr 13 7:30pm - Youth Discussion with Steph**

Thur Apr 14 7:00pm – Deacons meeting

**Sat April 16 8:30am – Men’s breakfast**

Sat April 16 11:30am – Friendship Inn volunteering

**Sun Apr 17 11:15am Sunday School forum on Homophobia**

**Sun Apr 17 5:0pm – Seniors Supper at Bethany Manor**

Mon Apr 18 7:00pm – Worship Committee meeting (Naomi’s)

**Fri April 22 Youth Mall Man Hunt**

Wed Apr 27 7:30 – Youth Discussion Nite with Steph

Thur Apr 28 7:00pm – Missions & Service Comm. Meeting

Sun May 1 Seedy Sunday

Sun May 1 Noon – Youth Ministry Team meeting

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**\*Sunday, April 17, 11:15am** – Everyone is invited to join in a Sunday School forum on the topic, “Homophobia”, with a presentation by Chris Buhler.

### ✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

“When you increase the number of gardens, you increase the number of heavens too!”  
- Mehmet Murat ildan

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**\*TODAY: *Rewilding the Way*** author Todd Wynward: "The wild truth is that God needs us, and we humans have yet to do our part." Read the book ([rewildingtheway.com](http://rewildingtheway.com)) and join a conversation about living the way of Jesus in our particular place and time. **April 3, 6:00pm at Wildwood Mennonite Church.** All are welcome!

**\*April 23, 6:00 PM** The *Canadian Mennonite* magazine invites you to a Fundraising Banquet featuring keynote speaker, **Stuart Murray**, from the UK Anabaptist Network, author of the *Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith* and the nationally competitive classical **Caspian (Friesen) Trio** at **Rosthern Mennonite Church**. Donations above \$20.00 gratefully received. Please see poster for more details. Please **RSVP by April 12, 2016** online at 306-363-4750. [canadianmennonite.org/banquet](http://canadianmennonite.org/banquet), via email at [brycelm@gmail.com](mailto:brycelm@gmail.com).

**\*MDS Family Project at Camp Assiniboia, Manitoba & Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Ontario!** MDS is partnering with these two Mennonite Camps to build cabins and other small buildings. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come and learn from each other while serving others. In Ontario, food and camping sites are provided. In Manitoba food and camping sites are provided as well as some housing in the SS rooms of a local church. Cost is \$75/family unit. Contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net) or 1-866-261-1274.

**\*MDS Summer Youth Project** has openings to serve at Camp Likely, BC for the weeks of July 3-8 and July 10-15. MDS is partnering with the camp, that is located about 2 hours northeast of Williams Lake, in building 4 cabins. MDS provides accommodations, food, tools and meaningful work. Youth groups (20 participants maximum) provide travel costs to and from the project, \$50 per participant, and a ratio of one adult for three youth with half of the adults have construction experience. For more information check ([www.mds.mennonite.net](http://www.mds.mennonite.net)) or contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net) or 866-261-1274.

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### Help Needed for Upcoming Youth Event!

Hey everyone!

I'm organizing a **Youth 'Mall Man Hunt'** event and I need your help! This event will be happening on **Friday April 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Lawson Heights Mall.**

The youth will be given one hour in the mall to search out as many of us as possible. Our goal is to not be found.

For the event to be as epic as I'm envisioning, here's what I need help with:

I need as many of us congregation members as possible to be roaming throughout the mall, preferably in some disguise that the youth will not recognize you in.

I encourage you to be as creative as you have time for! Wigs, clothing purchased from your local MCC Thrift shop, crazy makeup, carrying dolls or pushing a stroller, hats, sunglasses, walkers, canes, perhaps you want to invite a friend that the youth wouldn't recognize to walk with you etc. Anything goes!!

This is for anyone of any age to participate in. The more the merrier! More details will be given as the date comes closer, but as of now I'm hoping that you will save the date and let me know that you're up for helping! There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin at church or you can email/call/talk to me. Thanks in advance! **Steph**

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**\*Tables and Chairs for sale:** There are new chairs in the Gathering space and new plastic tables for the Multi-purpose room. The old tables are available to purchase for \$25/each, and the folding chairs previously in the Gathering room are available at \$10/each. First Come, First served. See any of the Trustees or Adeline in the office.

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\*Everyone's invited to: a **Shekinah Banquet this Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Doors open at 5:30pm, Supper at 6:00pm (Sherry Lynn is cooking!!) Entertainment by "A Bunch of Guys Reunion Group". Tickets are only \$20.00.

Reserve your ticket by phoning Shekinah at 306-945-4929

\***RJC Spend-A-Day: Friday/Saturday, April 8 & 9** – All students, grade 8-11, are invited to **Spend-A-Day** at the RJC campus. It's an opportunity for students to get a glimpse of what it is like to be a student here at RJC. Come out and meet new friends, sit in on some classes, eat in the dining hall, join in some fun activities and spend the night in the dorms. Some highlights of the weekend will be **Mission Impossible in the Dark** and a **giant bon fire**. On Saturday, families are invited for brunch and an informal information session in the dining hall, tour the campus and ask questions. Any student that would like to attend this event needs to **register by April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, as space is limited. **Admission is free.**

\***RJC is hiring a summer student** to work May-August. Main responsibilities include grounds maintenance, summer rental host and science class renovation labourer assisting with demolition and construction. Send letters of inquiry and application to Jim Epp, Principal [jimepp@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:jimepp@rjc.sk.ca)

\***RJC GUYS & PIES Fundraiser and Dessert Auction - Sunday, April 10, 7:00 pm at RJC.** Join us for an evening of superb music and delicious desserts, featuring A Buncha Guys (directed by Russ Regier), and the RJC Man Choir (directed by Richard Janzen.) Included in the evening will be a dessert auction with decorated and calorie-filled desserts up for bid (bid individually, as a table, family, or consortium). Funds raised will go toward RJC program projects. Coffee, tea & pie will be served. Everyone is welcome!



## In Memory of Jeff Rempel (Birthday: April 5<sup>th</sup>)

### Born From Above

Born from above  
Yes, that's Jesus love.

I was wrapped in sin,  
'til Jesus changed me from within.

Now you see,  
There is someone new in me

And I have a brand new start  
For it took place right in my heart.

No more to this earth I'm bound  
Since in Jesus Christ, new life I have found.

A new life in Christ  
This I know because God's Word tells me so.

With this new life I am free,  
Like a butterfly on this card, you see.

Free to tell others of God's love  
So they too, may be born from above.

R. Larkin



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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.