

OMC Calendar

May 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am Noon-YMT mtg	2	3	4	5 Church Council 7:30 pm	6	7
8 Child Dedication	9	10 Education Comm mtg 7:00 pm	11 Community Garden Conversation 7:00 pm	12 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
15 11:15 am Childrens choir. Potluck wiener Roast at noon.	16	17	18 Worship Comm mtg 3:00 at Naomi's	19	20	21
22 Loose Change Sunday	23	24	25	26 Missions & Service Mtg. 7:00 pm	27	28 Friendship Inn volunteering
29	30	31				

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 Worship Services at OMC

- May 1 - Patty Friesen – Luke 24:36-53
- May 8 - Child dedication and presentation of our “Story Quilt”
- May 15- Grad service and Terri Lynn Paulson’s installation with a Wiener roast potluck lunch at noon.
- May 29- Garth Ewert-Fisher is speaking.

“We are stardust, we are golden; And we’ve got to get ourselves back to the garden.” Joni Mitchell



Patty's Ponderings

Julian of Norwich's garden quote (1342-1419).

The fruit and purpose of prayer to be one with and like God in all things. It is the will of God that our prayer and our trust be large.

We must truly know that our God is the ground from which our prayer sprouts and that it is a gift given out of love. Otherwise, we waste our time and pain.

When we think that our prayers have not been answered, we should not become depressed over it. I am certain that God is telling us that we must wait for a better time, more grace or that a better gift will be given to us.

God is being and wants us to sit, dwell and ground ourselves in this knowledge, while at the same time realizing that we are noble, excellent, assessed as precious and valuable, and have been given creation for our enjoyment because we are loved!

Patty's Picks

The Lady in the Van DVD - Maggie Smith at her best. Still showing at the Roxy.

Bridge of Spies DVD was a great Cold War spy exchange movie based on a true story.

Grounded by Diana Butler Bass rethinks modern Christianity in terms of God's will on earth as importantly as it is in heaven.

Wrongs To Rights - the Truth and Reconciliation Report is a fascinating read from authors from many angles.

Humour ~ The Isaac Section

MANNO AIR VELCOMES ALL

If you are traveling soon, consider Manno Air, da no-frills airline. You're all in da same boat on Manno Air, vhere flying is an oplifting experience. Der is no First Class on any Manno Air flight. Meals are potlock. Rows 1-6, bring rolls, 7-15 bring a salad, 16-21 a main dish, and 22-30 a dessert. Basses and tanors please sit in da rear of da aircraft. Everyone is responsible for his or her own baggage. All fares are by freevill offering and da plane vill not land until da budget is met. Pay attantion to your flaight attandant, who vill acqvaint you vith da safety system aboard dis Manno Air 599.

Okay den, listen op: I'm only gonna say dis vonce. In da evant of a sodden loss of cabin prassure, I am frankly going to be real surprised and so vill Captain Viebe and Co-captain Panna because ve fly right around 2 thousand feet, so loss of cabin prassure vould probably indicate da Second Coming or something of dat nature, and I vouldn't bother with dose little masks on da robber tubes. You're gonna have bigger tings to worry about den dat. Joss stuff dose back op in der little holes. Probably da masks fell out because of turbulence vvhich, to be honest vwith ya, ve're going to have quite a bit of at 2 thousand feet...sort of like driving across a plowed field, but after a vvhile ya gat used to it.

In da event of a vwater landing, I'd say forgat it. Start saying da Lord's Prayer and jüst vvench dat you gat to da part about forgive us our sins as ve forgive dose who sin aganst us, vvhich some people say "trespass aganst us," vvhich isn't right, but vat can ya do?

Da use of cell phones on da plane is aver forbidden, not because dey may interfere vwith the plane's navigashunal system, vvhich is seat of da pants all da vay... no, it's because cell phones are a pain in the morsh and if God mant you to use a cell phone, He vould have put your mouth on da side of your had.

Ve're going to start launch right about dinner taim and it's boffet style vwith the coffee pot op front. Den ve have da hymn sing... hymnals in da seat pocket in front of you. Don't take yours vwith you when ya go or I am going to be real opsat and I am not kidding about dat.

Right now I'll say Grace..."Come Lord Jesus be our gast and let dese gifts to us be blast. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, may ve land in Vancouver or pretty close. Aman".

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Osler Host Needed for MCC International Visitor Exchange Program

Justina (25 years old) is from Lesotho, a very small country surrounded by South Africa. She was trained in agriculture/farming from previous IVEP participants from Lesotho. For the past five years Lesotho sent IVEPers to Abbotsford to work on a farm where they grow pumpkins, corn and berries. BC and Lesotho share similar climates and so participants were able to take home the lessons they learned on the farm and built their own farming business where they grow and teach others about farming. Its an incredible example of the passion and innovative-ness of participants of the program. Justina has learned from the previous participants about how to grow in their climate. She will now be working with Floating Gardens and will learn about greenhouse growing.

Because the placement is in Osler we are looking for someone in the area. The ask is for 10 months, beginning in September, or for 5 months, beginning in September or February. IVEP hosts share their love for neighbor by welcoming international young people into their homes. They include participants in the family and offer support as they face new experiences throughout the year. Hosts receive so much in return: a deeper understanding of far away places; they gain a new understanding of the Body of Christ, and are given many opportunities to be a part of the provincial IVEP community. The participants come to see the hosts as their family and make connections that last a life time.

*Please contact: Kaytee Edwards Buhler at KayteeEdwards@mccsk.ca.

***Wednesday, May 25 MEDA Supper Event** at Bethany Manor.
Reception at 5:30 Supper at 6:00
Marlin Hershey will report on work in Nicaragua.

*A new edition of *Connections*, the newsletter of Mennonite Women Canada, is now available for download on CommonWord: www.commonword.ca/go/561.

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CAMPERSHIPS

Guidelines for Osler Mennonite Church Camperships

The purpose of camperships is:

- to encourage children to participate in a Mennonite Church camp program, and
- to ensure financial barriers do not exclude children from Mennonite Church camp participation.

The camperships are available only for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan camps and only when campership funds are available. Applications must be submitted and will be processed as received. The Mission & Service Committee will be responsible for evaluating applications and allocating campership funds. All camperships will be paid directly to the Mennonite camp to which the applicant is applying.

Full or partial camperships will be available to any child with an affiliation to Osler Mennonite Church. Children not directly connected to Osler Mennonite Church, but identified by someone from Osler Mennonite Church, are also eligible for camperships.



Mennonite Church Canada

Early Birds get the deal! Get discounted rates for Assembly 2016 in Saskatoon by registering before May 15: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016> !

Featured prayer request from the wider church (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/go/96). Pray for Hippolyto and Miriam Tshimanga as they prepare to move to South Africa with their young family this summer. They will begin walking with Grace Community Church in leadership, faith formation, women's ministry and capacity building. Hippo also serves in a half-time dispersed staff role as Director of Africa Ministry for Mennonite Church Canada.

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

May 1, 2016:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

You are witnesses

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

or

Ascension (additional scriptures)

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 8, 2016:

Seventh Sunday of Easter

So that your love for me might be in them

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

May 15, 2016: Pentecost

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 22, 2016: Trinity Sunday

The Spirit . . . will guide you into all the truth

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

May 29, 2016: Proper 4

There is no God like you

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43

Psalms 96:1-9

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

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- Sun May 1 Seedy Sunday
Sun May 1 Noon – Youth Ministry Team meeting
Thurs May 5 Council meeting 7:30 pm.
Sat May 7 Youth Mini Golf. Meet at the church at 7:00 pm
Sun May 8 Mother's Day and Child Dedication for Walter
Tues May 10 Education Committee meeting 7:00 pm.
Wed May 11 Community Garden conversation 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Missions & Service committee
Thurs May 12 Deacons Committee meeting 7:00 pm.
Sun May 15 Grad Service & Terri Lynn Paulson's Installation, Music recital; Wiener Roast Potluck at Noon
Sun May 29 Garth Ewert-Fisher is speaking
Sun June 12 S.S. Picnic at George & Lynette's, 10:00 am.

***The worship committee would like to invite our wonderfully talented kids to participate in a music recital [May 15](#) during the Sunday school time.** The kids choir will also perform. If someone in your family is taking music lessons or loves to sing, we'd love them to perform their favourite piece, or one of their choice. Duets, group performances and adult contributions are welcome too! We hope our recital will be fun and encouraging for our children and our church family.

Please let one of us (Naomi, Kathryn, Stephanie or Lynette) know who is performing as well as the title and composer of their piece, and we'll set up the program. Thanks for helping with this!

***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 Loretta in the office.

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

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

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YOUTH FARM BIBLE CAMP CELEBRATES 75 YEARS.

Please join us at the Youth Farm Bible Camp on **Saturday, June 4th** to celebrate the past 75 years. The day begins with a watermelon and rollkuchen lunch at 11:30am-1pm. Afternoon activities, a banquet supper (by donation), and celebration service will fill the day. More information can be found at www.yfbc.com/75years. Or by contacting the camp - 1 855 855 9322 or info@yfbc.ca.

They will also be hosting a 75 hour prayer room from Monday, May 30 - Saturday, June 4th (7am-8pm). We are asking for people (individuals, couples, small groups) to sign up for a one hour time slot and come to our interactive prayer room at YFBC to be a part in this way of praising the Lord for the past and dedicating the future to His glory. Sign up by email - holly@yfbc.ca or phone 1 855 855 9322 ext 9.

***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

***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 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) or contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net or 866-261-1274.

GARDEN QUOTES

Kind hearts are the garden;
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth:
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than any place else on earth.

MORE HUMOUR:

Osler Community Garden "Ground" Rules:

1. No gardening in the buff - It may have worked for Adam and Eve but God gave us fig leaves for a reason!
2. No stealing veg - It's the 8th commandment.
3. Weed onto others' plots as you would have them weed onto yours.
4. Judge not another's weeds lest you be judged.
5. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's pea trellises or thy neighbour's bean poles or thy neighbour's tomato cages or any vegetable that belongs to thy neighbour.

Poem written and submitted by John Gascho:

“How is it that if we choose separation from God, where we even denounce God, choosing a path that clearly contradicts all of God's goodness, that we find God desiring, and beckoning us even more, trying to seduce us in ways that leave us in wonder. We ponder in disbelief!

Even Peter denying Jesus three times, was still loved and desired by God.

What if Peter had not denied Jesus? Would he not have hung on the cross as well?

We don't choose to follow because we are holy or righteous, we follow because we desire healing and wholeness, just like Peter.

That's why God continues to love, even those who say nay!”

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.

**Appreciation, Adulations and Accolades
For Adeline our Administrative Assistant**

Adeline, our Administrative Assistant appeals to all
apparently and her abilities abound with amazing abandon.

She is always able to accept and assist anyone with affinity
and without alienation.

She's an ace at absorbing the absurdities of the office
equipment without angst or anger.

She admirably allays the anxiety of the Abbot with
amusement and acquittal.

She's adept at adding albums artistically to our archives and
is aptly able to apply alliterations herself!

We also attest to our ardent appreciation, admiration and
adoration of Adeline, our Administration Assistant and
hereby agree to absolve her of absconding and admit our
ample ache at her absence.

Amen and Adios and Applause from All of Us at Osler
Mennonite Church.