

OMC Calendar
October 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: Worship:10am SundaySchool @ 11:15am						1
2 Terry Stefaniuk preaching	3	4	5 Executive Committee 10:00 am	6 Church Council 7:30 pm.	7	8
9 Patty Friesen preaching. Communion & Thanksgiving potluck	10	11	12 Deacons meeting 7:00 pm	13 Worship comm @ Lynette's 5:00 pm.	14 Youth discussion night	15
16 Patty Friesen Preaching. Membership Sunday	17 Wedding shower for Terri Lynn 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22 Volunteer @ Friendship Inn
23 Terri Lynn preaching	24 Community garden mtg 7:00 pm	25	26	27 M & S Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Youth- Mega Menno @ Nutana Park	29
30 Patty F. preaching	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

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| Oct 2 | Terry Stefaniuk preaching |
| Oct 9 | Patty Friesen preaching
Communion / Thanksgiving potluck |
| Oct 16 | Membership Sunday / Patty Friesen preaching |
| Oct 23 | Terri Lynn preaching |
| Oct 30 | Patty Friesen preaching |

"OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR GOD'S
STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!"

PSALM 118:1

Patty's Ponderings:

At council, I reported that in the last year we've had five funerals, three strokes (one requiring long term care) and two open-heart surgeries.

This means 1/6 of our households have been dealing with a major life event in this past year. As a small congregation, when one member suffers, we all suffer so we are all affected by these concerns.

Thankfully we've also had two weddings and a baby and several new puppies so that gives joy as well. I'm thankful for our congregation and our new pastor of faith and community, as we start a busy fall of Sunday School, youth programming and fundraising for our refugee family.

Again, as a small congregation, we do alot of work inside and outside the church and I worry about burn-out of members and of myself too!

What are the things about church that give us life and what can we do without? 27 people attended the summer singalong we had at Jake and Louise's in August. Jake said he felt the presence of God in our singing and fellowship that night. Maybe as the future church, we won't need lots of committees, the expense of a large building or paid pastoral staff. Maybe the future church will just be singing and worship and eating (and having communion) in our homes, like the UK Anabaptist churches do. May God bless us in our discernments and financial giving and dreaming of what gives life at church.

Patty's Picks:

**Top Spin* DVD is about the American Olympic Pingpong Team.

**Reserve 107* DVD is about Mennonites, Lutherans and Young Chippewayans in relationship at Stony Knoll.

**The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* DVD is a Netflix series that's funny.

**Partners in Crime* DVD is a BBC class about a detective couple.

**Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer was an inspiring read for OMC pastoral staff this summer.

**Flight Behaviour* by Barbara Kingsolver has classic characters and environmental issues.

**White Trash* by Nancy Isenberg is the fascinating sociological study of class and language in North America.

**America's Best Idea: The National Parks* by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns is both a beautiful photo essay book and DVD.

Terri Lynn's Takes:

What a full fall! Thanks to all who have offered prayers and well-wishes as Thomas and I got married. I have been sad to miss the Fall Fellowship Feast and the first Mega Menno event of the year, but we had fun harvesting the garden and making pizza at youth on Sept 23rd. I'll be taking some time away again to join Thomas on the West Coast, but we'll be back to celebrate Thanksgiving and communion on October 9th! I am also looking forward to our **first youth discussion night on October 14th**. October is filled with rich learning opportunities - one I hope to glean from and one I invite you to join me in! On October 14/15, I'll be participating in a '**Mental Health First Aid**' training put on by the Canadian Mental Health Association. The two day workshop aims to "improve mental health literacy, and provide the skills and knowledge to help people better manage potential or developing mental health problems in themselves, a family member, a friend or colleague." I'd be happy to share what I learn with anyone who is interested. **October 22nd is MC SK's annual Equipping Day, 'Living the Good News with Jesus!'** Equipping Day is not just for pastors - it's for all who are interested in being better connected with and better equipped to serve our church communities. There are sessions on listening and discernment, the Future Directions Task Force, Emotionally Healthy Church and lots more, including time with musician Bryan Moyer Suderman. I'll be doing a session with Garth Ewert Fisher on engaging in community ministry; please consider joining us, this should be a fun day!

TL's honeymoon reading list:

The Supper of The Lamb - by Robert Farrar Capon

A favourite of Regent College students, it has been on my list for sometime. Capon, a passionate chef and Episcopalian priest from N.Y. crafts beautiful, unhurried essays that weave the culinary and the theological together.

Everything Belongs - by Richard Rohr

I have just discovered Richard Rohr's work (thanks to Kaytee E.B.!), and am hoping to slowly make my way through all his works. A Franciscan priest, Rohr founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and writes on contemplative prayer and other good things.

Podcasts: *The Liturgists*. Guests are invited to discuss topics through the lenses of science, art, and faith. It's published in the U.S., and has a unique perspective, and though I don't agree with the views of the hosts, they stimulate some great discussions. My favourite one so far is *Episode 35: The Cosmic Christ with Richard Rohr*, followed closely by *Episode 37: The Enneagram*. If you give it a listen, let me know what you think!

HUMOR US: We now have Pastors Friesen and Friesen (no relation) leading our congregation! The following is a joke our Pastor Patty Friesen found quite entertaining. Hope you do too!

Friesen-Friesen Wedding is Well-Attended by Local Friesens

September 8, 2016 Daily

Bonnet friesen, marriage, names, relatives, wedding
STEINBACH, MB

Hundreds of Friesens from throughout southeast Manitoba descended on the local EMBC church this past Saturday to attend the wedding of Benjamin Friesen and Anna Friesen (no relation).

“I’m so excited to see Friesen marry Friesen (no relation),” said Mrs. Friesen of Grunthal. “I just knew those two were meant for each other.”

Friesen, 25, proposed to Friesen (no relation), 24, at the Friesen farm this past spring, and the couple has been planning the Friesen-Friesen wedding ever since.

“The usher asked whether I wanted to sit on the Friesen or the Friesen (no relation) side,” said Mrs. Friesen (no relation) to the aforementioned Mrs. Friesen). “I didn’t get how the usher couldn’t tell just by looking at me that I was a Friesen (no relation). I mean, it’s obvious. I have the Friesen (no relation) nose.”

The seating confusion came after the Friesen side seemed to fill up quite quickly. After a while the ushers discreetly sat some Friesens on the Friesen (no relation) side just to fill it up.

“Eventually the Friesens (no relation) and Friesens were all mixed up,” said usher Timothy Friesen. “But I guess it’s okay that the Friesens get to know each other.”

The bride announced that after the wedding, she will be known as ‘Anna Friesen-Friesen (no relation),’ although more conservative relatives have wondered why she couldn’t have just taken her husband’s name like a good Mennonite.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*MC Sask Equipping Day at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. Registration deadline is October 14th.

*Come sing along with Bryan Moyer Suderman. There are free concerts at Wildwood Mennonite Church on Friday, October 21st, 7:00 pm, and at Eigenheim Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 23rd, 2:30 pm.

*We will again be **making blankets for MCC**. Please come out during the week of October 31- November 4th to help with this project. Whatever works in your schedule, a few hours or a few days, is much appreciated.

*Nov 19-Jan 21 Megan Krause and Dale Boldt (Linda's sister) art exhibition at the Mennonite Heritage Gallery, CMU.

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Oct 5	Executive committee mtg, 10:00 am.
Oct 6	Church Council meeting, 7:30 pm.
Oct 9	Communion / Thanksgiving potluck.
Oct 12	Deacons meeting, 7:00 pm.
Oct 13	Worship committee mtg @Lynette’s, 5:00 pm.
Oct 14	Youth discussion night.
Oct 17	Heart to Heart wedding shower for TL, 7:00 pm.
Oct 24	Community garden mtg, 7:00 pm.
Oct 27	Missions & Service committee mtg, 7:00 pm.
Oct 28	Youth- Mega Menno @ Nutana Park Menn Church.
Oct 31-Nov 4	Blanket making

Lectionary Passages for the next 5 weeks

October 2, 2016

Sincere faith
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2016

Great are the works of the Lord
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2016

The Lord is your keeper
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2016

I have kept the faith
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2016

Learn to do good
Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

“We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessing of peace.”

William Gladstone

POEM by John Gascho

The creation of a tree is as a result of many different factors. One factor for certain is light, but if we hold fast to the notion that light alone is responsible for growth, then we distort the truth.

In what ways do we become distracted by light in our own spiritual journey?

If we cannot envision the process that points towards all the ways in which a tree is brought to fruition, then we must pray for wisdom and deep resolve.

All of our hidden transgressions are very much a part of who we are, and yet many of us try to carry on, while attempting to ignore or absolve our dark reality. We are denying the truth if we choose to set aside our secrets and continually attempt to present ourselves in a righteous way.

If we cannot learn to lovingly hold both the sickness and the joy(that rests within all of our hearts) together, as one, then our journey will become tumultuous and difficult.

The truth lies not only with just one thing, but all things as well. One becoming all, and all becoming one.

HUMOR

Farmer: “What happened to your car? It’s all banged up.”

Tourist: “I was driving yesterday and hit a cow.”

Farmer: “Jersey?”

Tourist: “I really don’t know. I didn’t get its license.”



Edna Zacharias of Osler Mennonite Church tosses a handful of soil onto the roots of a pine tree planted to commemorate the gathering of friendship that took place at Stoney Knoll, Sask., marking the 140th anniversary of the signing of Treaty 6. (Published in the Canadian Mennonite, Sept 12, 2016 issue, page 21).

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.

Employment Opportunity: Shekinah is currently looking for a new Program Director. The successful applicant will be responsible for the summer camp and year-round school programs. To view the full job description and for instructions on how to apply please visit the website: www.shekinahretreatcentre.org (please put in bulletin for the next 3 weeks)

Mennonite Church Canada News:

*Citizens for Public Justice invites you to participate in #ChewOnThis on October 17th, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Join communities across Canada in handing out lunch bags containing apples, magnets, and postcards, and engaging people in your community on poverty issues. This year's postcards are directed to Minister Jean-Yves Duclos and call for a national anti-poverty plan that reflects the voices of those with lived experience of poverty. Contact Darlene O'Leary (darlene@cpj.ca) or go to <http://cpj.ca/chew> for more details if you are interested in organizing or participating in a #ChewOnThis event in your community.

Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food,
 help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work,
 help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home,
 help me to remember those who have no home at all;
 When I am without pain,
 help me to remember those who suffer,
 And remembering,
 help me to destroy my complacency.
 Bestir my compassion,
 and be concerned enough to help
 by word and deed,
 those who cry out for what we take for granted.
 Amen. (Samuel F. Pugh)