

OMC Calendar

September 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Each Sunday:</u> Worship: 10am</p> <p><u>Sunday School</u> @ 11:15am</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 Patty Friesen preaching</p>	5	6	<p>7 Veggie hamper assembly 10:00 am.</p>	<p>8 Church Council 7:30 pm.</p>	9	10
<p>11 Patty Friesen preaching. Sunday School begins. "Open table communion" forum, 11 am. Fall Fellowship potluck</p>	<p>12 Osler Community Garden mtg @ 7:00 pm.</p>	<p>13 Worship Committee mtg, 3:00 pm @ Naomi's.</p>	<p>14 M & S mtg, 7:00 pm.</p>	<p>15 Deacons committee mtg, 7:00 pm.</p>	16	<p>17 Volunteer @ Friendship Inn</p>
<p>18 Patty Friesen preaching</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>25 Julie Bergen preaching</p>	26	27	28	29		

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

Sept 4	Patty Friesen preaching
Sept 11	Patty Friesen preaching Another Sunday School year begins @ 11:15 am Fantastic Fall Fiesta potluck
Sept 18	Patty Friesen preaching
Sept 25	Julie Bergen preaching

Patty's Ponderings:

Summer flew by as I suspected it would with the following highlights: I'm so thankful to have worked with Zachary and Terri Lynn this summer. Shekinah said we were the best bible leaders they had this summer and together we survived an intense Vacation Bible School and Mennonite Church Canada Assembly. We bonded and grew as we shared our reflections on visits, Bible study and book readings. The congregation helped us grow also, as you gave us feedback on our leadership.

Another highlight has been the germination of the Osler Community Garden under the leadership of Shyla Cross and the generosity of space behind Floating Gardens. (Our nickname may become Sinking Gardens!) On a perfect summer evening in front of a blossoming canola field and FG pumpkin patch, the Community Garden Committee dreamed of Food Bank space, individual plots and shared rhubarb and fruit bushes. It is the coming together of community interest and community resources and it's a thrilling project to watch blossom.

At MC Canada, I attended a workshop on children and communion and am eager for congregational discussions on this movement to an open table. I'm also looking forward to a Mennonite Heritage Tour to Russia and Ukraine on Sept 21-Oct 3. I will visit St. Petersburg, Moscow and my great-grandparents villages in Molotchna.

Patty's Picks

*When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalithani is a touching memoir of diagnosis and preparation for death.

*Did God Kill Jesus by Tony Jones was a fascinating recommendation by AMBS for a fresh look at what Jesus' death means.

*Endearing Pain by Colleen Peters, daughter-in-law to Sarah Hiebert is a spiritual look into chronic illness.

*Spotlight DVD is the intriguing revelation of abuse in the Catholic church.

*Race DVD is the inspiring Olympic story of Jesse Owens.

*Hello, My Name is Doris DVD is Sally Field in her laugh-out-loud best.

*Where to Invade Next DVD is Michael Moore at his best.

Terri Lynn's Takes: (gems from VBS and Shekinah)

If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson - super-cute picture-story about selfishness, generosity, and vegetables

Glory by Nancy White Carlstrom - bright and captivating illustrations depicting creatures praising their Maker by doing creaturely things

The Dreamer by Cynthia Rylant - a Shekinah hit telling the creation story

The summer has been a full one! It began with the re-imagining of the Youth Assembly that was cancelled in May. Inspiration, determination, and a lot of help birthed Covenant Crew 2.0: a hybrid canoe trip hosted by Churchill River Canoe Outfitters, and youth-oriented participation in Assembly sessions. Thanks to all who lent us gear, and offered encouragement.

The last week of July I joined Zack at Shekinah, and then prepped for a full house at our Garden Adventure VBS, August 2-4. Our VBS'ers were a split between kids from our own congregation, and also from the Osler community, so it was a great chance to meet new families. We are grateful to all who volunteered their time: before, during, and those that came to our rescue when attendance was greater than we projected! In between these big events, I've enjoyed hosting the youth for a bbq at my home, beginning to prepare for fall.

Cooler temperatures bring a new life season for me: Thomas Friesen and I will be getting married on September 10th. So, I'll be taking holidays and lieu time Sept 5 - 14, and Sept 29-Oct 8. I look forward to the rhythms of fall once the dust settles from so many exciting transitions!

HUMOR

Tourist: "What's that you have there?"

Old-Timer: "That's a weather gauge, sonny."

Tourist: "How can you possibly tell the weather with a piece of rope?"

Old-Timer: "It's simple. When it swings back and forth it's windy, and when it gets wet, it's raining."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR THE FALL



YOUTH: **Save the Dates for this fantastic fall agenda:**

SEPTEMBER:

September 9 - Mega Menno Monopoly Rally @ Mount Royal Mennonite Church
September 23 - OMC Youth Pizza Garden Party Kick-Off - 6pm @ OMC

OCTOBER:

October 14 - Discussion Night
October 28 - Mega Menno Event @ Nutana Park Mennonite Church

NOVEMBER:

November 4 - Discussion Night
November 18 - Mega Menno Event @ OMC!

DECEMBER:

December 3 - OMC Christmas Party!



OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OMC CALENDAR

- Sept 7 Veggie Hamper assembly, 10:00 a.m.
Sept 8 Church council meeting, 7:30 pm.
Sept 11 S.S. begins / "Fall Fellowship Feast" potluck.
Adult S.S. Forum 11:00 am. "Open table communion"
Sept 12 Osler Community garden meeting, 7:00 pm.
Sept 13 Worship committee mtg, 3:00 pm @ Naomi's.
Sept 14 Missions & Service mtg, 7:00 pm.
Sept 15 Deacons committee mtg, 7:00 pm.
Sept 17 Serve lunch at Friendship Inn.
Sept 18 Adult S.S. Forum 11:00 am. MC Canada Delegates Report and Discussion.
Oct 9 Thanksgiving Sunday and Communion.

*Shekinah Retreat Centre's annual Quilting and Scrapbooking Retreat will be held September 23-25, 2016. Whether you are a quilter, scrapbooker, knitter, calligrapher, painter – whatever your favourite pastime – you are welcome to enjoy this weekend. **Registration deadline: September 5.** Brochures are on the bulletin board or at www.shekinahretreatcentre.org or call the office at 306-945-4929 to register.

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.

Lectionary Passages for the next 4 weeks

September 4, 2016

Follow me

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 11, 2016

Your abundant mercy

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 18, 2016

Whoever is faithful

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 25, 2016

The Lord lifts up

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

✿ Pieces of Peace ✿

John Wesley once wrote: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.”

Jesus said: “...whatever you did for one of the least of these...you have done it for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

ATTITUDE

by

Charles Swindoll

(Submitted by Jack Peters, former Osler resident)

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of **Attitude** on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes.”