

OMC Calendar

November 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Each Sunday</u> Worship: 10:00 am. Sunday School: 11:15 am			1 Shekinah Fundraiser Chili Supper 5:30 pm	2 Council meeting 7:00 pm	3	4
5 Rick Block preaching	6	7	8 Deacons meeting 12:45 pm. Worship meeting 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Patty Friesen preaching	13	14	15 Education committee meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Serve @ Friendship Inn 11:30 am. Low German evening 7:00 pm
19 SMYO sharing during Worship	20 Heart to Heart 7:00 pm	21	22	23 M & S meeting 7:00 pm	24	25 MC Sask Fall Leadership Assembly @ OMC
26 Julie Bergen preaching	27	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 Worship Services at OMC

- Nov. 5 Canadian Foodgrains by Rick Block
- Nov 12 "The Wisdom of Remembering" by Patty Friesen
- Nov 19 SMYO
- Nov 26 Julie Bergen preaching

**"LET US THEREFORE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DO WHAT
LEADS TO PEACE AND TO MUTUAL EDIFICATION."**

ROMANS 14:19

Patty's Ponderings: The Next 150

The art instillation at Wanuskewin titled The Next 150 imagines the next 150 years of Canada and our relationship to indigenous people as a relationship that moves beyond reconciliation and recompense to learning from and honouring indigenous culture and heroes.

I'd like to remember Chief Elsie Knott of Curve Lake Ojibway Reserve near Peterborough, Ontario who was elected as the first female chief in Canada. A reserve man described her, "Elsie is a good chief. She really keeps us in line. Like a woman, she's always changing something, but it's always for the better."

November is the month for remembering that First Nations were electing women to leadership before Mennonites were! It is also a month for remembering our loved ones who have passed away this year as we will do at our Memorial Service, November 26, the last Sunday before Advent. It is a month for remembering and giving thanks for God's presence with us.

Patty's Picks

***Where I Live Now** by Sharon Butala chronicles Butala's heartbreaking loss of her husband Peter, the donation of their ranch to the Nature Conservancy and her dramatic move from Eastend to Calgary.

***Stranger in the Woods** by Michael Finkle documents the last hermit in the woods of Maine and his interesting story.

***Cree Narrative Memory** by Neal MacLeod was a powerful read about Cree world view. **100 Days of Cree** by MacLeod also shows us Cree world view through humour and language.

***Surviving Canada 150** by Kiera Ladner is a wonderful collection of essays and thoughtful reflections by indigenous writers.

***Embers** by Richard Wagamese is a photographic, poetic book of meditation and indigenous spirituality.

***Tennison** BBC DVD is the young heroine detective Jane Tennison.

***Prime Suspect** BBC DVD is Jane Tennison as she moves toward retirement and life evaluation.

***The Vietnam War** DVD by Ken Burns was a riveting and important documentary on PBS this fall.

***Children of Syria** DVD is another brilliant PBS documentary.

***The Hollars** DVD is a humorous family drama for lighter entertainment.

Terri Lynn takes time to tend to our teenagers:

OMC YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov 4: 6:30-8:30pm – Youth @ OMC with guest Alex Thiessen from CMU & Emerging Voices Initiative.

Saturday, Nov 18: 7:00-9:00 pm – MegaMenno Youth Event @ OMC – MennonNite! Fun & On the Run.

Saturday, Dec 2: Youth child-care service project: Babysitting provided for 'Parents' Advent Day Off'! (time TBA).

Saturday Dec 16: Christmas Party @ Josh & Cindy Wallace's.

MEGA MENNO YOUTH EVENTS:

November 18, Mega Menno @ Osler Mennonite Church

January 26-28, Sr. High Retreat @ Shekinah Retreat Centre

February 2, Friday Night Live, tentative RJC MM event

March 9, Annual Delegate Sessions MM event, Swift Current

April 3-4, Honouring the Earth over-night MM event

May 25-27, Jr. High Retreat @ Youth Farm Bible Camp

June 8-9, Kid's Corner at MCC Relief Sale

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Nov 1	Shekinah Fundraiser Chili Supper, 5:30 pm
Nov 2	Council meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov 5	Adult S.S. Forum, 11:15 am, with Rick Block, CFGB
Nov 8	Deacons mtg 12:45 pm; Worship mtg 7:00 pm
Nov 15	Education mtg 7:00 pm
Nov 18	Serve at Friendship Inn 11:30 am
Nov 18	Low German Refugee Fundraiser, 7:00 pm
Nov 20	Heart to Heart—"Live your call" Part 2, 7:00 pm
Nov 23	Missions & Service mtg 7:00 pm
Nov 25	MC Sask Fall Leadership Assembly @ OMC

❁ Pieces of Peace ❁

If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships – the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together in the same world at peace. *Franklin D Roosevelt*

*October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenburg church and changed the world. Wish your Lutheran neighbours Happy 500th!

***Cleanup: Sister Margaret Ann became a folk hero** in the Hurricane Irma cleanup efforts in south Florida after she used a chainsaw 0 while wearing her nun's habit - to make streets passable in her neighbourhood. She is the principal of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll High School in Miami, which teaches its students: "Do what you can to help." She said she was trying to set an example for the students. (NPR, Sept 13)

“**Remember to Remember.**” This is what Great Spirit said to me one time. He was speaking of worship, of the act of bringing myself closer to Creator. Remember to remember. He meant for me, throughout my day, to recall that I’ve taken the time to pray, to give thanks, to ask for a return to humility. Remember to remember. When I do that, everyone and everything I encounter becomes the beneficiary. It’s a good teaching – as long as I remember.
- *Richard Wagamese, Embers*

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.

The following was submitted by Jake Buhler:

The Season of Fall: Why do we have Autumn? (Jake Buhler)

On September 22, the Fall season arrived officially . That is because the number of day minutes equalled the night minutes exactly. We call that day *Fall Equinox*.

Nature decides when Fall actually arrives. This year it was very easy to determine when Fall arrived. On September 24 when we were in church, almost all the leaves were green. A week later, on October 1, almost all the leaves on our deciduous trees had fallen, or were falling. During that week, Autumn arrived suddenly. In some years it takes much longer, but not this year. The first trees to lose their leaves on the church yard are the Green Ash. They do not like cold weather!
So why do we have Autumn?

A main reason is because of photo-periodism. Every plant responds to light differently. For instance, a Poinsettia can bloom only in winter because it must have few hours of sunlight. An Easter Lily can only bloom when the number of sunlight hours are much greater. As the days shorten in Fall, the chlorophyll process breaks down and the green color in leaves cannot be maintained. Where the leaf is attached to the stem, an interesting thing happens: the cell layer is choked off and no nutrients can pass. The leaf will turn either red or yellow depending on the chemicals in the leaf. Fall is aided in part by less moisture and lower temperatures which trigger signals to the plant or tree. If a foreign species is brought into Saskatchewan, like the Swedish Aspen, the tree refuses to listen to Saskatchewan’s climate and the leaves stay on until after freeze-up. Often such trees will last only several years.

Aha! But we have trees on our yard that do not lose their leaves. These include pines and spruces. These conifers have needles that are coated in a waxy film that protect against damage caused by wind and insects. Inside the needle is a chemical compound similar to anti-freeze to help to maintain the green color. These evergreen trees are very important in winter to a number of species of birds like jays, woodpeckers, redpolls, chickadees and nuthatches that eat the cones and peck away at the sticky sugary substance especially where the branch meets the trunk. The cones take two years to develop: they develop in the first year and mature and fall to the ground in the second year. Officially Fall will last until December 21 when the Solstice says Winter will start. Until then have a wonderful Fall season.

OMC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

* **Wednesday, November 1, 5:30 pm at OMC - Shekinah Fundraising Supper.** Come out and enjoy homemade chili and dessert and hear updates of everything “Shekinah”. Entrance by donation.

***Saturday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. at OMC – “Sposz, Plautz enn Pripps.”** If it fits and you have nothing on, come out and enjoy this Low-German/English evening of entertainment and fun! **Donations** excepted for our Refugee Fund.

Silence

In the prayer room there is only
the faint ticking of the heater
cooling, the salt lamp's gentle
glow reflected on the glass-topped
table, shells resting in a quiet bowl
while out the window trees stand
hushed. Nothing moves. The ticking
stops. The silence deepens, flows,
embraces all but whispered pen on
paper longing to capture what can't
be caught. - *Sarah Rossiter, Christian Century*

*Join us for Silence and Centering Prayer Sunday mornings, 9:15, SS
Drama Room.

HUMOR

Did you hear about the new fast-food hamburger joint?
They use only 100% Canadian beef, raised without the use of
steroids or hemorrhoids!

Senior Citizen's Medical Dictionary:

DYSPEPSIA: Withdrawal from Pepsi

THE VAPORS: Sinus trouble

SUMMER COMPLAINT: Boredom

THE GRIPPE: A bad back from carrying your bags at the airport.

**A letter from Kaytee Edwards Buhler,
MCC Sask Community Engagement & Provincial IVEP Program
Coordinator [306-665-2555](tel:306-665-2555) (ext 237)**

Greetings Friends,
I'm beginning the process of organizing for our IVEP Mid-Year Conference and I'm checking in to see if you want to join the party!!
Our planning parties will consist of - good food, music, laughter and purposeful work. Who wouldn't want to be a part of it?

The last time we hosted this huge event was in 2013.
I had just started with MCC and it was an incredible introduction to our global work because I got to see and meet amazing young people who are connected to MCC all over the globe. It also helped me know the program before taking it over later that year as Provincial IVEP Coordinator.

In 2013, Myriam brought together a group of people on a planning committee and together they coordinated:

- A Square Dance at Shekinah
- An intro to Indigenous History and Culture
- 60 bicycles for ICE Cycle
- An RCMP to join one of the days for photos
- A photo booth
- Three days up at Shekinah
- Curling
- an international potluck

My hope is to work with those of you who are interested to plan something close to that awesome - if not better! (not that it's a competition or anything...)

The dates for our MYC have been set to February 13-20th, 2018.

We're hoping to be out at Shekinah from the 13th - 15th and then be at Cornerstone Community Church from the 16th - 19th.

We will need to coordinate the following:

Hosts for 60 participants, usually 2 per home - Drivers to events
Meals for February 16th - 19th - Events/Outings

I'd like to schedule all of our meetings from now until the end of December in an attempt to get ahead of the game, February comes quickly and there's so much that happens in that month that I want to make sure the MYC is on People's schedules.

If you are excited about this opportunity and want to join us please take a look at the attached doodle poll and select your availability. [MYC Planning Meetings](#)

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions! -Kaytee