

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 3rd, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Marlene Borzychowski

Call to Worship

Steve Cox

Worship in Song

Praise & Worship

“Thank you Lord”

“Hosanna”

“Scandal Of Grace”

Congregational Life & Announcements

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- MCC

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” HWB #71

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Will Friesen & Rachael Peters

“Give us clean hands”

Scripture: John 21, pew Bible p. 1053-1054

Marlene Heidebrecht

Video Clip

“Unfinished Business”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Sending

“Blessed assurance” HWB #332

Today’s Nursery Helpers: Eugene & Anna Kradko

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*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”* expresses our desire to share our faith and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet. We welcome you and hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and enlightening. Families with children are invited to worship together with us in the service. For children 5 years old or younger who are not able to sit through the church service, there is a nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow the service. If you feel a sense of belonging, you are most welcome to be with us. Talk to us about how you can participate.  
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German Worship Service – 10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Wilhelm Harder – Grusswort: Psalm 122:1, Psalm 119:105

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #159 “O wie freun wir uns der Stunde” Verse 1,2,4

Chorlied

Schriftwort: 1.Petr. 1:3-9

Botschaft: “Dank fuer die Hoffnung” – Hans H. Dau

Lied: GB# 298 “Ich habe nun den Grund gefunden” Vs. 1-3 and 6

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Erna Delesky, through their time of loss as a result of her passing on Monday, March 28th. Her funeral service was held here at NUMC on Friday, April 1st. May the peace of Jesus and the comfort of our Heavenly Father surround the family and loved ones through this season.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Change is Good: Our coin collecting fundraiser campaign for Niagara Life Centre is now over. Please kindly return your coin containers to the church office by **Tuesday April 5th**. Thank-you to all who participated in supporting this very worthwhile ministry.

Volunteer(s) Needed! Our custodians have two separate weeks of vacation scheduled this summer and we are hoping to fill these vacancies with the help of volunteers from our congregation. If you are interested in offering some of your time (even a few hours) to help out around the church in July (4-8) and/or August (6-14), please kindly contact the church office for further details.

My Coins Count! Beginning today you will see coin jars around the church. Please save up your coins and together we can make them count for MCC. All funds raised will be passed along at the Relief Sale in May, so please bring your coins in prior to that!

Peach Salsa Fund Raiser - Looking for your input and support. The Missions committee is reviewing our Peach Salsa Fund raising program. This program has been running for the last 5 years. Proceeds have supported a variety of Witness (Nate & Taryn), Refugee and other charities. The Peach Salsa program involves Salsa production (usually one Saturday in April or May) plus effort on the day of the Peach Festival (this year it will be Saturday August 13th). We would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the program, as well as, would you be available to assist with either Production or at the Peach Festival. Please contact Bill Devolin or any member of the Committee.

The Canadian Mennonite Subscription update: If you currently subscribe to the Canadian Mennonite and wish to make any changes to your subscription, please contact April in our church office. As a current subscriber, you may opt to receive the latest complete issue of the magazine by e-mail. This is a good option if you change your mailing address regularly, if you want to save paper, if you’re moving overseas, or if you prefer to read your magazines online. Send your e-mail address

to office@canadianmennonite.org to subscribe to the digital version. If you do not currently subscribe, but would like to receive this twice-monthly print publication, please let April know and she will be happy to arrange this for you at no charge. The mission of this publication is to educate, inspire, inform, and foster dialogue on issues facing Mennonites in Canada as it shares the good news of Jesus Christ from an Anabaptist perspective.

Anabaptist Learning Workshop: Praying and Cultivating Spiritual Practices

There are many kinds of prayer, many approaches to spiritual formation, and many different traditions that Christians follow for drawing close to God. In this workshop we will put some of these different traditions into practice – from the quiet to the loud, from sitting to walking, from words to images – and we will look at the meaning of spiritual growth both for individuals and for congregations. To register for this event, please do so online at: <https://secure.grebel.ca/alw/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=248>

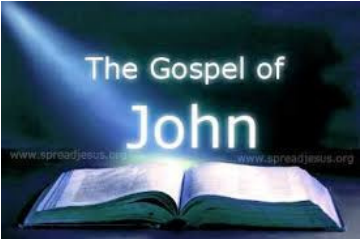
The workshop is being held here at Niagara UM on **Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**. Fee is \$40.00.

Offering of March 25th: \$3,956.25			
Budget	\$2591.25	MCC General	\$350.00
Christian Witness	\$880.00	MCC Food	\$20.00
Deacon’s Fund	\$65.00	Refugee Sponsorship	\$50.00
Attendance March 25th: Good Friday Joint Worship Service – 263			
Offering of March 27th: \$7,312.00			
Budget	\$6,562.00	MCC General	\$90.00
Christian Witness	\$510.00	MCC Food	\$140.00
Deacon’s Fund	\$10.00		
Attendance March 27th: Easter Sunday Joint Worship Service – 327			

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 4th – April 10th)	
Tuesday:	9:00 am Women in Service 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (partially joint with Spiritual Council)
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Grow Life with Us Committee Meeting
Thursday:	8:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday:	6:30 pm Youth Band 7:30 pm Youth
Next Sunday, April 10th	
8:45 am	Praise & Worship Practice
9:30 am	Primary & Junior Singing
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Interactive Sermon
10:00 am	Baptism Class
11:00 am	Worship Service– Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks
Next week’s Nursery Helpers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel	

For a complete listing of church events, please see our online calendar on our church website.

Sermon Series Part II on the Gospel of John:



“What Does it Look Like When Jesus is Really at the Core of Your Life?”

From January to Easter we explored the gospel of John as it traced Jesus’ life through his ministry to the cross and resurrection. As John describes it in the opening verses, Jesus is the very presence of his Heavenly Father moving into our neighbourhood – the Incarnation of God.

From Easter to the end of June we will explore the teachings of Jesus in the gospel of John, where Jesus shows us what it looks like when WE welcome God to incarnate the presence of Christ in US. We do this not on our own, but by the work of Jesus in us by his Spirit.

Through images and careful instructions, Jesus shares with his disciples his dreams for what it looks like when we live with Jesus at the core of our lives.

You will get the most out of these messages if you read the chapter of John in the days leading up to that Sunday. May God bring Jesus’ vision for us to a reality among us in this congregation.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Come experience Redeemer's campus! Redeemer is hosting a Friday Visit event on Friday, April 8. Visiting our campus in person is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. This event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the option of meeting with an Admissions Counsellor, having lunch on us, attending a class and meeting with professors. For more information, please go to www.redeemer.ca/visit.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

MCEC has released an Educational Series on Sexual Misconduct in the Church. You are invited to subscribe to this weekly email newsletter, running for 12 weeks, or find the information, as well as other associated resources posted on their website. <https://mcec.ca/sacred-trust-0>

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's Annual Church Gathering is **April 29 & 30** in Leamington, ON. Stuart Murray, author of The Naked Anabaptist will encourage us to discover God in our own neighbourhoods. For more information & to register, visit mcec.ca/annual-church-gathering-2016.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

MC Canada Assembly 2016 registration is now open! This year's theme is: God~Faith~People (Jeremiah 31:33). Keynote Speaker Safwat Marzouk, assistant professor of Old Testament at AMBS, will bring compelling insights to ancient texts. Stay tuned for more highlights in the coming weeks.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale: Calendar Dates for New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale! Sale dates: our 50th Sale is **May 27th & 28th**. Promotion Dinner: **April 25th** at Bingemans (the Peter Etril Snyder print #1 of Going Once... Giving Twice... will be auctioned at the dinner). Martin Family Singers: concert **May 15th** at Steinmann's Mennonite Church. See our website for more details (nhmrs.com/news) or contact info@nhmrs.com.

Wanted: Quilts for display – In celebration of the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale's 50th anniversary, we are displaying quilts that were bough in the sale over the past 50 years. Our display, Quilts for the World" fundraiser for MCC Relief, is a venue of the St. Jacobs Quilt Shows – the last week of May (24th-27th) – held at the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. If you have one of these beautiful quilts we can display, please contact Ella Brubacher at 519-664-3419 or lbrubacher1942@rogers.com

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Frauds & Scams! The Ladies of St. Mark's Anglican Church are hosting the Niagara Regional Police on **Tuesday April 5th** for a presentation on how best to protect yourself or loved ones from the danger of fraud and scams. Please call their church office to register as space is limited: 905-468-3123. (Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9am-3pm & Friday 9am-12noon)

Experience the Labyrinth Join Labyrinth facilitator, Patricia Wagler (MCEC), for a labyrinth workshop/ retreat at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library on **Friday April 15, at 7pm**. Learn about the history and tradition of the labyrinth and discover a powerful meditation tool to relax, reflect and pray. On **Saturday April 16th** there will be multiple information sessions at **11am** (family fun & children-friendly session), **1pm and 3pm**; with an open invite to all to come and walk the labyrinth at any time throughout the day from **10am to 4pm**. Complimentary. Please call the library to pre-register for scheduled sessions, 905-468-2023.

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Choir and Band will be offering an evening of music at Vineland United Mennonite Church, 3327 Menno Street, Vineland on **Monday April 18th at 7 pm**. The Eden High School Choir and Band will join them for some pieces. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Walk & Run for Niagara Life Centre: You choose how you want to participate in this fundraiser: 5K Walkathon or 1K or 5K timed Fun Runs! Post-event celebration at Grantham Lions Club with lunch and refreshments. Activities for children of all ages, including crafts, bouncy castle from Niagara Inflatables and more. **Saturday, April 23rd** along the Welland Canal Parkway. More info on the community bulletin board or online at: <http://niagaralifecentre.ca/walkrun>.

Prizes award to top male and female runners PLUS prizes awarded for top pledges collected from all participants in the following categories: 10 years old and under, 11-18 year olds, 19-49 year olds, 50 plus, top team.

Tabor Manor will be holding a memorial service on **Thursday April 28 @ 7:00 PM**. We will be remembering the lives of residents and tenants who died between September 6, 2015 and April 15, 2016. Please feel free to join us for this service in the Tabor Manor "Great Room", which is in the new long term care facility at 7 Tabor Drive.

NUMC Services & Sermons are available online.

Individual Sermons or Sermon Series are available for purchase, formatted on CD or DVD. Please place your order through the church office.

Live Streaming Privacy Notice – Our church services are live streamed over the internet, capturing the stage and up to the front half of the church in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit towards the front of the church to showcase our lively and active congregation! Thanks for your support.