

*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Kathy Rempel

**Call to Worship**

Joachim Dau

**Worship in Song**

“Thanks be to God”

Choir

“I will sing of my Redeemer” HWB #344

“Seek Ye First” HWB #324

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Joachim Dau

Blessing the Quilts

Offering Focus- MCC

“I know not why God’s wondrous love” HWB#338

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Choir

Scripture: John 14:1-14, pew Bible p. 1045

Sheryl Janzen

Video Clip

**“Directionally-Challenged”**

Pastor Rudy Dirks

**Sending**

“Thanksgiving Canon”

Choir

Today’s Nursery Helpers: Dan & Sarah Froese

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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: Gunnar Doerwald – Grusswort: Ps 16:6-11**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB. #40, “Ich singe dir mit Herz und Mund” (vs. 1,2,4,5 & 8)

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: 1 Joh. 5: 1-4**

**Botschaft: “Der Lange Weg” – Joachim Dau**

Lied: GB#355 “O Meister, lass mich gehn mit dir”

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**On Wednesday April 13, Lorenz Gutzeit passed away.** Visitation will be held this evening at Tallman Funeral Home in Vineland, from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held here on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A choir will participate in this service. If you are able to participate in the choir, please attend the practice prior to the service at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room. Our prayers are with his loved ones during this time of loss. May the comforting peace of Jesus surround them at this time.

**Jesse and Stephanie Willms** are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter Georgia Marie Willms on Tuesday April 12, 2016. Proud grandparents are Don and Addie Willms and Carlos and Carole Wiens.

**Poncho Wall and Lena Wall** are pleased to announce their marriage taking place at Lena's parents' home in Niagara on the Lake at 2pm on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Membership Meeting** – A short membership meeting is scheduled for **April 24 after the Sunday service.** The meeting will discuss options on replacing our Lead Pastor and Minister of Visitation. A one page overview of the options has been placed in members mailboxes. Please review and prayerfully consider our next steps. We will have a vote to determine our direction after the discussion.

### **Sponsorship & Settlement Committee update:**

**This week's story is completely different!** The family we have been waiting for has arrived! After months of delay, Ahmad and Iman with their son Mohamad (11) and daughters Amar (14) and Sham (10), are ready to start a new life in Canada. They have had a week of orientation in Hamilton, and now it is up to us to help them feel welcome in our community! Opportunities to get to know them will be coming your way - just ask anyone on the sponsorship committee!

**Vacation Notice:** April is away on vacation and will be returning to the office on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Jolien Koole will be working in the church office during April's absence.

**Mailboxes** – We are in the midst of updating the mailboxes. To help us out, please check your mailbox and empty it. If you noticed your mailbox has been removed by mistake, or if you would like a mailbox for you or your family, please contact the office. Thank you for your patience!

**Seniors' Tea** at Pleasant Manor on Friday, April 29 at 10:15am. Hosted by Audrey Dau and led by Rudy and Sharon Dirks, the topic will be "Transitions: What to Make of Big Changes!" Remember that ALL seniors are welcome. We are meeting in the Creekview Meeting Room. If you are not a resident there, someone will let you in at the front doors.

**Women in Service** will not be quilting this week. Please join together on **Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm** instead for the year end gathering.

If there are any families wishing to **request a child dedication** in an upcoming service, please kindly contact the church office.

**We are currently in need** of growing our sound & AV operator teams. Please consider if your skills and interest may match this need. We have two teams of dedicated volunteers (Sunday morning team & funeral team), but need to bring in some new people on each team to help share the workload and replace volunteers who have completed their serving teams. Please do not shy away for simply not possessing the technical expertise required, as full training will be offered. Please prayerfully consider this request and contact April in the church office to volunteer or for answers to any questions you may have. Please note that inclusion on one team does not mandate inclusion on the other.

**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!** Please save up your coins and bring them in so that 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 before then!

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Promotion Dinner: **April 25<sup>th</sup>** at Bingemans (the Peter Etril Snyder print #1 of Going Once... Giving Twice... will be auctioned at the dinner). Martin Family Singers: concert **May 15<sup>th</sup>** at Steinmann's Mennonite Church. See our website for more details ([nhmrs.com/news](http://nhmrs.com/news)) or contact [info@nhmrs.com](mailto:info@nhmrs.com).

**REMINDER! MDS ON Dessert Night** – Elmira Mennonite Church, Saturday April 30 at 7:00 pm. This event is open to all in support of MDS and to recognize the many MDS volunteers from Ontario. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and dessert. (58 Church St W, Elmira ON)

### **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Choir and Band** from Winnipeg, Manitoba will be offering an evening of music at Vineland United Mennonite Church, 3327 Menno St., on **Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.** The Eden High School Choir and Band will going them for some pieces. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to attend. Wheelchair accessibility to the sanctuary is available by ramp through east entrance at the back of the building.

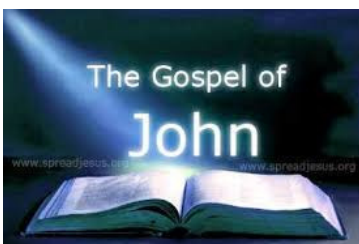
**Walk & Run for Niagara Life Centre:** You choose how you want to participate in this fundraiser: 5K Walkathon or 1K or 5K timed Fun Runs! Post-event celebration at Grantham Lions Club with lunch and refreshments. Activities for children of all ages, including crafts, bouncy castle from Niagara Inflatables and more. **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**Pleasant Manor will be holding a Memorial Service** on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m** in the Creekview Meeting Room for those in our community who have passed away. We invite all family and friends who wish to join us for a time of remembering and sharing. Refreshments will follow the service

## 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.

April 3	“Unfinished Business”	John 21
April 10	“Feeling sheepish?”	John 10
April 17	“Directionally-challenged”	John 14:1-14
April 24	“Is it Peace you are looking for?”	John 14:15-31

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** 7:00 pm Women in Service Year-End  
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Thursday:** 8:00 pm Choir Practice  
**Friday:** 6:30 pm Youth Band  
7:30 pm Youth

#### **Next Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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 Spiritual Council Meeting with Baptismal Candidates  
11:00 am Worship Service– Message by John Tiessen

Next week’s Nursery Helpers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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

### **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.

<b>Offering of April 10<sup>th</sup>: \$</b>			
Budget	\$	MCC General	\$
Christian Witness	\$	MCC Food	\$
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$	MCC Africa	\$
<b>Attendance April 10<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service – 216</b>			

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**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.