

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Will Friesen

**Call to Worship**

Erv Willms

**Worship in Song**

Rachael Peters and Will Friesen

“Come, Thou fount of every blessing” HWB #521

“Taste and See” STJ #86

“Come, O Spirit, Come” STS #104

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Erv Willms

Sending for Matthew Riediger

Offering Focus- MCC

“Peace before Us” STS #16

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Stephen Cox

“Holy Spirit come with power” HWB #26

Scripture: John 14:15-31, pew Bible p. 1046

Beverly Devolin

Video Clip

**“Is it peace you are looking for?”**

John Tiessen

**Sending**

“I will call upon the Lord” STJ 19

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Today’s Nursery Helpers: Graham and Emma Thwaites  
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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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**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.

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**On Monday April 18, David Lambert passed away.** The funeral service was held this past Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> here at the church. Our prayers are with his family and friends during this time of loss. May the comforting peace of Jesus surround them at this time.

**The Women in Service** thank Sharon very much for the beautiful blessing of the blankets. Over the season from October to April the women of our church made a total of 402 full size blankets and about 30 baby blankets. Thanks to everyone who helped us doing it. God bless you all.

**Pancho 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 **today after the worship 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 see the bulletin insert for the agenda. We will have a vote to determine our direction after the discussion.

**Ring-a-ling-a-ling!** It's the sweet tinkle of a bicycle bell! We hope! Our newcomer family has arrived with the spring weather, and two adults and three children would like to go bike-riding. Do you have a bicycle to give away? Or would you like to assist with the provision of helmets, bells, baskets, or reflective tape? Then please contact Peter (Wendy) Janzen. **Our wish list for the newcomers includes** (at the moment) a small/medium microwave, a blender, a food processor, a carpet sweeper, and a laptop computer - all items clean and in working order. Please contact Greta Wiens or Esther Tiedtke if you have any of these. Thank you! We are also looking for a vacuum cleaner, a handyperson who can install curtain rods in the kitchen, and families willing to host the newcomers for a meal in order to establish ties of friendship. Sign up on the hosting list, which is posted in the mailbox area and we'll contact you to arrange details!

**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.

**The relief sale is coming up quickly** and this year is special. The relief sale celebrates 50 years. We want to join this celebration by making "Pork on a Bun" the best it can be, and for that we need you. Please consider spending a bit of time in New Hamburg on Saturday May 28. It's always fun and contributes to a worthy cause.

**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!

**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.

Pork on a Bun

**Lost and Found** – please check the lost and found bin by the mailboxes and see if you or any of your family members have forgotten anything at the church. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of May.

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

## **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**Livestreaming - The Annual Church Gathering will be livestreamed at [www.mcec.ca](http://www.mcec.ca)** for those who are unable to travel to Leamington. There are some important conversations taking place and this is an opportunity to join us on-line.

## **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).

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**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.

**2016 Wellness Conference** - Did you know that the Bible speaks to the issue of mental health? Find out how at the upcoming 2016 Wellness Conference on **April 30** with Dr. Grant Mullen, Dr. Scott Dunlop and Rudy Dirks hosted by Scott Street Church. As Pastor Rudy is speaking, members of NUMC are offered a cut rate for registration – only \$30 instead of the full \$40, with a family rate maximum of \$100 regardless of family size. For more information please check out the poster on the community board, go to [www.scottstchurch.ca](http://www.scottstchurch.ca), or call 905-937-6900.

**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)

**Praise my soul the King of Heaven**, a hymn-sing festival held in memory of Rev. Barb of St. Andrew's will be held on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The evening will be filled with old and contemporary psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs the church has sung for centuries. Participating are the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir, the Cantata Singers of St. Catharines, a brass ensemble, all accompanied by organ and directed by Dr. Gerzinus Hoekstra. Freewill offering for Community Breakfast Program at St. George's Church.

**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

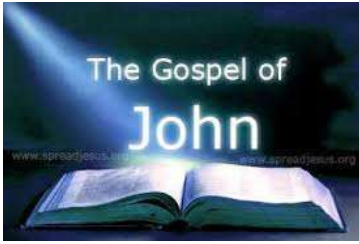
**Enrol in 'Reconciling our Future'**: Stories of Kanata and Canada' at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, **June 20-24, 2016**. Learn how Indigenous peoples have shaped Canada politically, socially, culturally, and economically. This course is being taught by James Sinclair, with guest presenter John Ralston Saul. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).

## **Agenda for Membership meeting** **April 24 at 12:10 pm**

- 1. Welcome**
  - 2. Acceptance of Agenda**
  - 3. Appointment of Teller's Committee**
  - 4. Appointment of Secretary**
  - 5. Pastoral Search - Update, Discussion & Vote**
  - 6. Other Business**
  - 7. Closing**
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## 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 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Monday:**

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm** Education Committee Meeting

**Wednesday: 7:00 pm** Prayer Meeting

**7:00 pm** Young Adult Leaders Study

**Thursday: 8:00 pm** Choir Practice

**Friday: 7:30 pm** Sr. Youth

**Next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:45 am** Praise & Worship Practice

**9:30 am** Primary & Junior Singing

**9:30 am** German Choir Practice

**10:00 am** German Worship service – Message by Hans Jurgen Wiens

**10:00 am** Sunday School

**10:00 am** Interactive Sermon

**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message by Pastor Stephen Cox

Next week’s Nursery Helpers: Janice Janzen & Christina Cox

*\*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>: \$7625</b>			
Budget	\$6280	MCC General	\$745
Christian Witness	\$200	MCC Food	\$300
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$100	MCC Africa	\$0
<b>Attendance April 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> Worship Service – 216			
<b>Offering of April 17<sup>th</sup>: \$7215.25</b>			
Budget	\$4950.25	MCC General	\$1510
Christian Witness	\$270	MCC Food	\$160
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$50	MEDA	\$50
Refugee Sponsorship	\$125	Miscellaneous	\$150
<b>Attendance April 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> German Service – 81, Worship Service – 194			

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