

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 1st, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Marlene Borzychowski

Call to Worship

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

"Wonderful"

Praise & Worship

"10, 000 Reasons"

Praise & Worship

"God is Here"

Choir

Congregational Life & Announcements

John Tiessen

MCEC Annual Gathering Report

Delegates

Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun

"Blessed Saviour, we adore Thee" HWB #107

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Katrina Metsa

"The Living Word"

Choir

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12, pew Bible p. 936

Esther Willms

"Anabaptism"

Pastor Stephen Cox

Sending

"Go, my children" HWB #433

Today's Nursery Helpers: Janice Janzen & Christina Cox

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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: 1. Timotheus 2:1-4

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Chorlied: "Der Herr hat Grosses an uns getan"

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #186 "Halleluja! schöner Morgen" V.1-4

Chorlied: "Der Herr ist in seinem heiligen Tempel"

Schriftwort: Römer 13:1-7

Botschaft: "Dank für gute Regierung" – Hans J. Wiens

Lied: GB# 139 "Teures Wort aus Gottes Munde"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Flowers at the front of the church today are in memory of Frank Neufeld who passed away one year ago on April 28, 2015. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Maria, daughters Ann Marie, Luise, Trudy, Erica, and Nancy, and their families.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Pastor Rudy Dirks is preaching this morning at Scott Street MB Church as a part of their Wellness Conference. May the Spirit illuminate the wisdom he offers, allowing his words to minister deeply to the congregation and conference participants.

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!

Pork on a Bun The relief sale is coming up quickly and this year is special. The relief sale celebrates 50 years. Come and join us in the celebration and spend a bit of time in New Hamburg on **Saturday May 28**. Call Joachim Dau to reserve your spot.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 2nd – May 8th)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Church 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, May 8th - Mother's Day

8:30 am Church Library Book Sale

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice

9:30 am Primary & Junior Singing

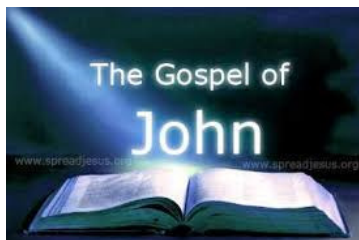
10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service – Message by Sharon Dirks

Next week's Nursery Helpers: Wendy Janzen & Laurene 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.

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

Offering of April 24th: \$4,322.00			
Budget	\$2,962.00	MCC General	\$1,060.00
Christian Witness	\$130.00	MCC Food	\$100.00
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$70.00		
Attendance April 24th: Worship Service – 232			

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.

IVEP Hosts Needed! Interested in travelling the world without leaving home? Open your home to an International Volunteer Exchange Program participant! Hosts are needed in St. Catharines for the 2016/2017 IVEP term. Go to mcccanada.ca/ivep or contact Sheryl Bruggeling (sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 x265) for more info.

Will you send a postcard or letter to the Youth living in the First Nations community of Attawapiskat? A word of encouragement, a brief letter of support or even a small gift, can make the difference in the life of a young person. Here is the address: Youth in Attawapiskat, PO Box 248, Attawapiskat, ON POL 1A0. Please go to mcco.ca/attawapiskat for info on MCC's work in this fly-in community.

Volunteer Opportunity with SMARRT: The Sexual Misconduct Abuse Resource Response Team offers services and support for Mennonite and BIC churches who find themselves in the midst of sexual misconduct or abuse and is searching for a volunteer administrator. More info available at mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/volunteer/admin-manager-smarrt or by calling 519-745-8458 ext 254.

Earthquake in Ecuador: MCC is appealing for donations as we respond to the earthquake that struck the Pacific coast of Ecuador. MCC will work with partner churches from the IEME (Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Ecuatoriana) to shape our relief efforts. Please continue to keep the people of Ecuador in your prayers. To donate online, please go to mcccanada.ca/learn/what/relief/ecuador-earthquake

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.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Refresh! is Toronto's premier spirituality conference with renowned speakers, warm fellowship, stimulating workshops and uplifting worship. Please see the poster on our Community board for more information and instructions on how to register for this **May 6-7** event focusing on Strength in Weakness. If you are interested in attending, and would like to make use of the church funding that is available for this kind of conference, please speak with April.

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 14th 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 19th 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 or email csop@cmu.ca.

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.

<p>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.</p>
