

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 8th, 2016
~ Mother’s Day ~

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

“God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall”

Rachael Peters
Primary Sunday School Choir

/Congregation

Call to Worship

Steve Cox

Worship in Song

“Jesus Loves Me”

Primary & Junior Sunday School Choirs

“Love Love Love”

Primary Sunday School Choir

“He’s Got the Whole World”

Primary Sunday School Choir

“I Love You Mommy”

Primary Sunday School Choir

“Clap Your Hands”

Junior Sunday School Choir

Congregational Life & Announcements

Steve Cox

Child Dedication

Rudy Dirks

Luke John Boyack – Parents: John & Helen Boyack

Congregational Response

Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun

“Praise I will praise you Lord” HWB #76

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Jon Bradnam

“Everywhere I Go”

Junior Sunday School Choir

Scripture: John 12:1-12, pew Bible p. 1042-1043

Werner Fast

Video Clip

“A Beautiful Fragrance”

Sharon Dirks

Sending

“In His Time”

Junior Sunday School Choir

Today’s Nursery Helpers: Wendy Janzen & Laurene Nickel

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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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JOYS & CONCERNS:

Please remember Jake and Marg Goerz as his health is failing and he is mostly at home these days. We thank God for their trust in Him and the ways He has carried them through many health difficulties over the years. We pray for the peace and presence of Christ.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

May church calendars are now available at the Welcome Centre.

Upper Room If you have not yet collected your May-June devotional booklet, please note that these are now available for you in your mailboxes.

The May/June issue of Life With Us has been printed and is now available for you at the Welcome Centre. The digital copy has also been uploaded to our website for electronic access.

Book Sale! Please come to the Lounge before/after service today to check out our church library's book sale! Hardcover are \$1 each and softcovers are 50¢ each. The sale will open up to the community through the coming week, running from Monday-Friday during office hours, 9 am-3 pm. Your last chance to claim some great bargains from this sale will be next Sunday, May 15th, before and after our Worship service.

We are excited to announce that we are once again partnering with Hannah House Maternity Home in its twelfth annual 'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign. Hannah House Maternity Home exists as the only Christian non-profit maternity home in the Niagara Region, offering shelter and support to young adolescent mothers and their babies. The baby bottles are available for you and your family beginning today in the Welcome Centre. We encourage you to find creative ways to collect spare change or cash to fill your bottles. Please note, bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day (June 19th), and all donations above \$20 will be recognized by Hannah House with a charitable receipt. If anyone does not want to take home a baby bottle, you can also make an online donation today by visiting our website at www.hannahhouse.ca. Donations from this year's 'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign will be used to enable Hannah House to provide its young mothers and babies food, shelter, programming and educational opportunities as well as cover household expenses.

Peach Salsa - it's time to make Salsa! In preparation for the August Peach festival will making Peach Salsa and we need your help. Salsa preparation will be: **Friday May 20th (7:00pm to about 10:00pm)** - preparation (chopping, measuring etc) AND **Saturday May 21st (8:00am to about 1:00pm)** –Salsa making- -Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.

Volunteer(s) Needed! Our custodians have vacation scheduled this summer and we are hoping to fill the vacancy 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 August 6-14, please kindly contact the church office for further details.

Newcomer needs: Imagine a young couple setting up their household ... or a student moving away from home for the first time. Inevitably, some necessary item has been forgotten or, after a while, a new need turns up. It's the same with the family we are supporting as they adjust to life here in Niagara with us. Yet whereas most of us can count on mom to lend us her Pyrex baking pan or dad to fix a leaky faucet, these newcomers have no established network of support except us, the church. That's why I (Greta) am sending out another appeal for assistance. Besides, I have heard that there are people who are eager to help and would like to know how.

Right now, we have a request for an oven pan (with a lid) and perhaps some other baking dishes. I don't think we had any cookie sheets donated, and the family could still use a blender. Also, the youngest child needs training wheels for her bicycle. Perhaps we could borrow a set and return them when they are no longer needed?

Thank you to everyone who has helped out so far. It's appreciated by the family and by the sponsorship committee.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 9th – May 15th)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 8:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday: 7:00 pm Youth
Saturday: 5:30 pm Pancho & Lena Wall Wedding Reception

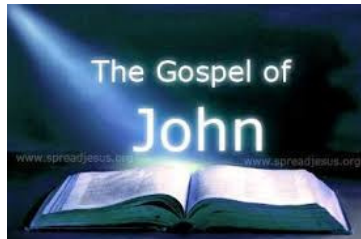
Next Sunday, May 15th - Pentecost

8:30 am Church Library Book Sale
8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
9:30 am Primary & Junior Singing
10:00 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

Next week's Nursery Helpers: Jay & Elysia Vis

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

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| Offering of May 1st: \$9,239.00 | | | |
| Budget | \$6,419.00 | MCC General | \$540.00 |
| Christian Witness | \$480.00 | MCC Africa | \$20.00 |
| Capital Fund | \$40.00 | MCC Haiti Earthquake | \$1000.00 |
| Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine | \$300.00 | MCC Nepal Earthquake | \$10.00 |
| | | Pork on a Bun | \$430.00 |
| Attendance May 1st: Worship Service – 213 ; German Worship Service - 87 | | | |



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.

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| 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 |
| May 8 | “A Beautiful Fragrance” | John 12:1-12 |

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 DISASTER SERVICE:

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is monitoring fires in Fort McMurray. The MDS Alberta Unit is on standby, ready to help when called upon. At this point MDS is accepting financial donations, but is unable to accept material donations, such as clothing and other goods. Check the MDS website www.mds.mennonite.net or call the MDS office at 1-866-261-1274 for further updates on the MDS response.

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**. 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.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Volunteers Needed The Sale needs setup (Thursday 1:00pm & Friday 8:00am) and clean up (Saturday 2:30pm) volunteers. Please contact Levi Kuepfer at 519-662-3598 or Ron Albrecht at rsalbrecht44@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp - Annual General Meeting on **Sunday May 15, 2016, 1 pm** at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, Waterloo. You need to go somewhere for lunch today so why not come for a free pizza lunch while hearing about the great things happening at Silver Lake! For more information contact the camp office – 519-422-1401 or fun@slmc.ca

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.

The Mennonite Children's Choir from Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be performing a concert at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church on **Sunday, June 19 at 7 p.m.** The 78 singers are the ages of Grade 6 to Grade 12. They performed at the Mennonite World Conference as well as in Europe. *We would also ask if any of you can host some of the singers for Sunday night; it would be appreciated. If so, please call the church at [905 935-8017](tel:905-935-8017) by May 27th.* The poster for this event is in the main foyer. Thank-you.

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.

Vineland United Mennonite Church invites applications for the half-time position of Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. See details on bulletin board beside mail boxes. Deadline is June 17, 2016!

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.