

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 22nd, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

"Sing out this day"

Choir

"Amazing Grace" HWB #143

"Praise to the Lord"

Choir

Congregational Life & Announcements

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun

"Thou true Vine, that heals" HWB #373

Children's Moment

Kathy Rempel

Testimony & Baptism

Candidates

Witnesses

Julia Pentesco

George Pauls & Carolyn Berg

Receiving New Member

Al Teichroeb

Congregational Response (on Powerpoint)

Proclamation

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

Choir

Scripture: John 15:1-17, pew Bible p. 1046-1047

Kathy Rempel

"A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Sending

"Obey my voice" HWB #163

Today's Nursery Helpers: Jay & Elysia Vis

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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: Lani Gade – Grusswort: Titus 3,4-6

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Pork on a Bun

Lied: GB #129 "Heiliger Geist, du Trost und Rat"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Apostelgeschichte 2,1-18

Botschaft: "Das Pfingstwunder" – Ramona Neufeld

Lied: GB #135 "Neig dich herab, o kehre bei mir ein"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

As a family of believers, our collective prayers are a sweet aroma before the throne of God. We lift up our fellow members who are experiencing difficulty. Remember Jake Goerz, Audrey Epp, Justine Konrad and David Kopeschny in your prayers.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

We welcome our baptismal candidate, Julia Pentesco today and pray for God's anointing on her as she shares her testimony with us and takes part in the act of baptism. Thank-you to her family and loved ones for being here today to share in this special celebration for her with us as a church family.

Intentional Interim Pastor – The search committee* has interviewed a candidate for the position of Intentional Interim Pastor. His name is Jim Horsthuis and he currently lives in St. Catharines. He graduated from McMaster Divinity College in 2013 with a Ph.D. in Christian Theology. He has been lead pastor in three different churches over the past 20 years and is currently the supply pastor at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church until August 31.

The search committee met with him for a couple of hours and discussed our church's needs during our time of transition and how he would fit in. He cares about churches in transition, finds that he draws people closer to God, encourages an authentic relationship with God, provides education to help people understand situations and feels communication is the key during transition.

We would like to introduce him to the congregation and have asked him to preach on **Sunday, May 29** with the service **beginning at 10:45am**. There will be time after the service for questions and answers with the candidate. This will be moderated by Church Council and will run as long as needed.

Our time of transition is an opportunity for our congregation to see where God is calling us in the future. Please prepare your hearts in a prayerful manner to hear and meet Jim Horsthuis.

The decision to hire will be made through a congregational vote at the Spring Membership meeting in June. The date for this meeting is still to be confirmed.

* The search committee is made up of the following members:

Church Council - Willi Pankratz, Kathe Wiens, Rick Froese

Spiritual Council - Joachim Dau, Steve Cox

Member at large - Katrina Metsa

Book Sale! Please check out the tables set up in the foyer. Hardcover are \$1 each and softcovers are 50¢ each.

Sponsors Needed! Our NUMC Junior Youth ministry is an exciting place for students in grades 6 through 8 to be involved, share fellowship and experience the love of God. Over the past couple of years, we have seen this thriving ministry expand to include a large following of eager participants. At this time, we are looking for some new energy in the form of sponsors, and ask that you kindly prayerfully consider if this might your next calling in our church community. Please connect with George Pauls (Nominations Chair) for more information or to volunteer.

We are excited to once again partnering with Hannah House Maternity Home in its 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. Baby bottles are available at the Welcome Centre. 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.

Library news: New books have come in and are available for borrow. Check out the new selections that are displayed under the windowsill. The features for the month of May are: family, parenting, teen health, and powerful children. See the corresponding books on the centre table display!

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. Remuneration will be provided.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 23rd – May 29th)

Monday: Victoria Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 7:00 pm Young Adult Leaders Meeting
Thursday: 8:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday: 6:00 pm Youth to New Hamburg for the Relief Sale

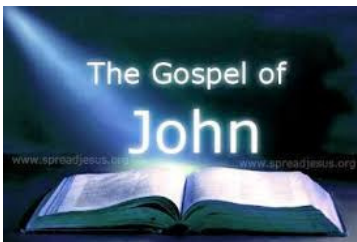
Next Sunday, May 29th

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
 9:30 am Primary & Junior Singing
 9:30 am German Choir Practice
 10:00 am German Worship Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Interactive Sermon
 10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Jim Horsthuis
 Followed by a Question & Answer discussion (in the Sanctuary)
 Next week's Nursery Helpers: Jen Hinz, Kaitlin & Ella

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

Offering of May 15th: \$7,227.00			
Budget	\$5,547.00	MCC General	\$260.00
Capital Fund	\$100.00	MCC Food	\$50.00
Sunday School	\$50.00	MCC Nepal Earthquake	\$20.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$100.00	Menn. Disaster Service	\$150.00
Christian Witness	\$30.00	Pork on a Bun	\$800.00
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$120.00		
Attendance May 15th: Joint Worship Service – 261			

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
May 8	“A Beautiful Fragrance”	John 12:1-12
May 22	“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction”	John 15:1-17

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 (www.nhmrs.com) is a week away (May 27 & 28)! This is our 50th Sale and we will be celebrating. Special events include the auctioning of a Peter Etril Snyder original paint of our Quilt Auction, and 50 prints of this painting will be for Sale in our Celebration Tent. We are also working to raise \$50,000 in donations for MCC's involvement in and around Syria.

The Relief Sale is also looking for donations of any types of plants this year. We are having only one large tent and we will be needing extra plants to fill it. We will have a convenient Drop Off Tent as you drive in the main entrance to the Sale.

Annual General Meeting- Arrive early on **June 16th** for a tour of the new Thrift on Mill Shop (tours run at 4:30 and 5:00 pm), 6:00 pm: Dinner (pre-registration is required), 7:00 pm: Worship, Storytelling and Reporting. The AGM can be watched live. Please note, it will not be possible to vote, comment or ask questions online. Leamington Evangelical Mennonite Church, 108 Mersea Road 3, Leamington, ON N8H 3V5

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to monitor the Fort McMurray fire situation. We are currently waiting for the opportunity to go in to Fort McMurray to assess how we can be involved in the clean-up, repair, and rebuilding response. Donations can be made to "MDS" by cheque, online, or by phoning in with your credit card information. Our contact info is 6A – 1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB, R3T4J6, phone: 1-866 261-1274.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Join us on Saturday, May 28, 7:30pm at Hamilton Mennonite Church for a Benefit Concert featuring the Deacons of Jazz and Friends. Tickets are complimentary, and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to Silver Lake Mennonite Camp's Campership Fund which provides financial assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to send their children to camp. Limited tickets available! We strongly recommend calling 905 632 8268 or emailing me.enns@gmail.com to reserve your ticket. Yummy desserts and coffee included! We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites us to participate in their 33rd Annual Strawberry Festival and Silent Auction that will be held on **Sat., June 18th from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm**. See poster for more info.

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.

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.