

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

<b>Gathering</b>	Praise & Worship
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Erv Willms
<b>Worship in Song</b>	Praise & Worship
“Not to us”	
“Holy is our God”	
“Our God saves”	
<b>Congregational Life &amp; Announcements</b>	Erv Willms
Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun	
“I know not why God’s wondrous grace” HWB #338	
Children’s Moment	Katrina Metsa
<b>Proclamation</b>	
“King of heaven”	Praise & Worship
Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21, pew Bible p. 1135	Ruth Willms
<b>“Unfathomable Delight”</b>	Pastor Jim Horsthuis
<b>Sending</b>	
“Hallelujah”	Praise & Worship

Today’s Nursery Helpers: Jen Hinz, Kaitlin & Ella

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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:**

**Heartfelt congratulations are extended to Jeremy Janzen and Carolyn Qui** who were married here in our church yesterday. May Christ’s love and peace guide them through this exciting new phase of life and may their lives be examples of the bountiful blessings our Heavenly Father pours out on us.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Rudy and Sharon** are speaking this morning at the Immanuel Baptist Church Missions Conference, the church which they attended during the years they lived in Toronto. Please pray for the Spirit to fill them this morning and for God’s word to minister to the congregation.

**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 today, **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** with the service beginning at **10:45 am**. 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

**Graduates & Post-Secondary Students** – please kindly inform the church office if you or your son/daughter has or is graduating from high school or post-secondary studies this year. Please also notify April if you/they plan to attend/continue college or university in the fall and if so, which program you/they are enrolled in. Deadline to submit this information to the office: **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Thanks!

**Our Education Committee would like to invite you to join us for this year's Church Family Picnic!** Hosted at the same location of Virgil Sports Park, it will be held on **Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will begin at **11:00am** with a potluck-style lunch following at 12:00pm. Please remember to bring lawn chairs, plates, cutlery, drinks, as well as a main dish and salad or desert to share. We will be having games for the children starting at 1:15pm as well as an Over 30/ Under 30 baseball game to follow later in the afternoon. We hope to see you all there to enjoy in worship and fellowship with our church family!

**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.

<b>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Church Council Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Education Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Meeting
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Ladies Breakfast <b>8:00 pm</b> Choir Practice
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Youth Band Practice <b>7:30 pm</b> Youth
<b>Next Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>8:45 am</b>	Praise & Worship Practice
<b>9:30 am</b>	Primary & Junior Singing
<b>9:30 am</b>	German Choir Practice
<b>10:00 am</b>	German Worship Service – Message by Renate Klaassen
<b>10:00 am</b>	Sunday School
<b>10:00 am</b>	Interactive Sermon
<b>11:00 am</b>	Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen
Next week's Nursery Helpers: Christina Cox	

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

<b>Offering of May 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$7,388.00</b>			
Budget	\$4,733.00	MCC General	\$405.00
Library	\$50.00	MCC Food	\$100.00
Christian Witness	\$370.00	MCC Ecuador	\$20.00
Friends of Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$10.00	Menn. Disaster Service	\$850.00
		Pork on a Bun	\$850.00
<b>Attendance May 22<sup>nd</sup>: German Worship Service- 82 ; Worship Service– 196</b>			

## **JUNIOR YOUTH:**

**Save the Date!!** Our End of the year Beach BBQ Party is coming up on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**. We hope you can join us for this last bash of the school year as we gather together for a fun evening at the Enns', complete with back bacon on a bun! 😊

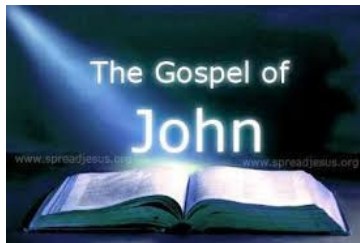
## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Annual General Meeting-** Arrive early on **June 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## **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

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Please join us at the United Mennonite Home** for our annual Bazaar Saturday **June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-12:30 pm**. Bake and penny sale, silent auction, entertainment and barbecue. This year's raffle prizes are a Handmade Quilt, \$100.00 Gift Certificate First Ontario Performing Arts Centre and Fitbit Flex for \$2.00 per ticket. All funds raised will go toward the purchase of slings for resident lifts and electric beds. Receipts issued for monetary donations. Thank you and see you there!

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

**Greetings from Pleasant Manor!** We are pleased to invite you to this year's Farm Day! **June 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-1:00pm**. We would like to invite the greater Pleasant Manor Community by inviting you the members of our constituency churches to this year's Farm Day. If you have not had the joy of experiencing Farm Day, you should know that this is the perfect day to bring the generations of your family together! The young and young at heart gather together to enjoy live music, BBQ food and many attractions including JK Ranch petting zoo, a Jump and Bounce and Happy the Clown, displays by Niagara Antique Power Association and much more! Everyone is invited to join us – Rain or Shine! (We plan to use the parking garage in case of rain.) We will be selling burgers and hotdogs, ice cream with local strawberries (if they are in season) and corn on the cob to raise money to support resident programming. We hope you can come! P.S. Bring your lawn chairs!

**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 27<sup>th</sup>.* 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](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto: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.