

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 5th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Will Friesen

Call to Worship

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Choir & Ensemble

“God of the Bible” STJ #27

“Longing for Light” STJ #54

“I will Come to You” STS #49

Congregational Life & Announcements

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“As the Wind”

Ensemble

Children’s Moment

Will Friesen & Rachael Peters

Proclamation

“Celtic Prayer”

Choir

Scripture: John 16:16-28, pew Bible p. 1047-1048

Janice Janzen

“Are you willing to ask?”

John Tiessen

Sending

“Pacem Blessing”

Choir

Today’s Nursery Helpers: 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: Wilhelm Harder – Grusswort: Johannes 11:25-26

Orgelspiel: Will Friesen

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #365 “Sagt es laut, dass Gott die Liebe”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Lukas 7:11-17

Botschaft: “Am Ende, ein Anfang” – Renate Klaassen

Lied: GB #387 “In dir ist Freude”

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers at the front of the church today are in memory of Eberhard Van Bergen, who passed away on June 4, 2013. He is lovingly remembered by Lena Van Bergen and their family. May God’s love surround the family at this time.

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Mary Goertz, who passed away on Tuesday, May 31st. A private family funeral service was held this past Friday at Tallman Funeral Home. May the peace of Jesus bring comfort to the family and loved ones during their time of loss.

Please pray for Katharina Fieguth, who fell and broke her hip on Wednesday evening. She and her family appreciate the prayer support of their church family through the hospitalization and period of recovery. May she be filled with the healing of the Spirit.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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 12th**. 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 an appetizer or dessert 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!

Thank-you to all who put their coins into the MY COINS COUNT JUGS for MCC. \$73.60 went directly to MCC at the New Hamburg Relief Sale last weekend. Thanks again. (Oh, yes, plus 1 penny!)

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.

STUDENTS:

Junior Youth End-of-the-year Beach BBQ Party!! Please join us on **Friday, June 10th from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm** for this last bash of the school year as we gather together for a fun evening at the Enns' (18 Firelane 2A, Niagara-on-the-Lake) - complete with back bacon on a bun! 😊

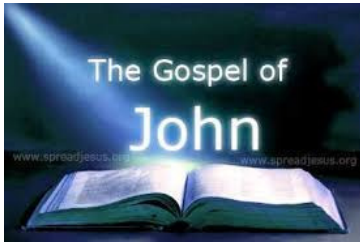
Graduates & Post-Secondary Students – please kindly inform the church office if you or your son/daughter has or is graduating from high school or post-secondary studies this year. Please also notify April if you/they plan to attend/continue college or university in the fall and if so, which program you/they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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 6th– June 12th)	
Wednesday:	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Thursday:	8:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday:	6:30 pm Youth Band Practice
	7:30 pm Youth
Saturday:	9:30 am Defibrillator Training for Ushers
Next Sunday, June 12th	
11:00 am	Worship Service @Virgil Sportspark Pot-luck lunch Children's Games Over/Under 30 Baseball Game
Next week no Nursery Helpers are necessary at the church family picnic.	

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

Offering of May 29th: \$4,652.40			
Budget	\$3,627.40	MCC General	\$445.00
Christian Witness	\$190.00	MCC Food	\$120.00
		Pork on a Bun	\$270.00
Attendance May 29th: Worship Service– 209			

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
June 5	“Are you willing to ask?”	John 16:16-28

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Spring Membership Meeting **Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 pm.**

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of February & April Membership Meeting minutes
- 5) Financial Update
- 6) Intentional Interim Pastoral Candidate - Jim Horsthuis
- Discussion & Vote to Hire
- 7) Refugee Sponsorship Update
- 8) MC Canada Delegates – Affirmation
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Close

If you are unable to attend this upcoming meeting, please consider casting your vote in advance. The item to be voted on is as follows:

NUMC should hire Jim Horsthuis as the Intentional Interim Pastor starting Sept. 1, 2016.

Advance polling is available to church members up until the meeting in the church office during the following office hours:

Mon June 6, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Tues. June 7, 9:00 am- 11:15 am & 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm
Wed. June 8, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
Thurs. June 9, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fri. June 10, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Mon, June 13, 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
Tues June 14, 9:00 am- 11:15 am & 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm
Wed. June 15, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Advance voting concludes at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15th.

Your vote can be cast in person, by phone or over email. Please note that no proxy voting is allowed- you may only place one vote for yourself. Thank-you for participating in the decision-making process of our church!

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Youth Assembly 2016 canceled due to low numbers: While the big event has been cancelled, the youth of Saskatchewan are still planning to make their voices heard and will be gathering together over the Assembly dates for a canoe trip! Any youth who would like to be part of “#thecovenantcrew 2.0” should contact Hamm-Epp at youthminister@mcsask.ca.

The Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2016 Discernment Guide is now available. All delegates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the information and be ready to process the items presented for decision: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016>

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

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.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Book launch for After Identity: Mennonite Writing in North America on **Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm.** Can Mennonite literature move beyond its longstanding preoccupation with cultural identity? Join editor Robert Zacharias and contributors Hildi Froese Tiessen, Paul Tiessen, Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Ann Hostetler, Jeff Gundy, and Royden Loewen for an evening of conversation. Room 2202, Conrad Grebel University College. grebel.ca/events

Please join us at the United Mennonite Home for our annual Bazaar Saturday **June 11th 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 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.

Please remember to frequently check our community bulletin board, located at the bottom of the stairs in our main foyer. There is always a wide variety of events and information posted that you may be interested in knowing more about! Additionally, don't forget to check out our **job/volunteer bulletin board**, which is located in the mailbox room, to the right of the table. We receive a lot of advertisements for quite a range of positions, and this is the only place that we advertise them, so don't miss out on any of these unique opportunities!

Greetings from Pleasant Manor! We are pleased to invite you to this year's Farm Day! **June 18th – 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!

June 19 at 7 p.m: The MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER County, Penn. will be presenting a choir concert at S.C.U.M. Church, 335 Linwell Rd. The 74 singers ranging from 11-17yrs. have toured in Europe and throughout the USA. A freewill offering will be taken. (Parking at rear.) ALL ARE WELCOME.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Silver Lake Mennonite Camp requires volunteers to help in the kitchen, garden or on maintenance (where needed most) this summer. If you are interested, please find additional information at slmc.ca/volunteers or call (519-422-1401) or email (fun@slmc.ca).

Vineland UM Church is celebrating it's 80th Anniversary this summer on **July 31**. We are inviting anyone who is interested to join us. Our theme is "Celebrating Generations of Faith". More information is available on the poster on our community bulletin board in the foyer.

Volunteer with purpose! Do you enjoy working with people? Are you physically fit? The Christian Benefit Thrift Shop has an urgent need for volunteers in our Donation Receiving department. If you prefer a quieter role in the warehouse, perhaps Housewares sorting would be a place for you to serve. Stop by the Shop (254 Grantham Ave., St. Catharines) for an application form or call 905.682.8944 to speak with Tim Albrecht, General Manager

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.