

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Will Friesen

**Call to Worship**

Joachim Dau

**Worship in Song**

Will Friesen, Rachael Peters, John & Kathy Rempel

“Joys are flowing like a river” HWB #301

“Fairest Lord Jesus” HWB #117

“I saw a tree by the riverside” STS #116

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Joachim Dau

Recognition of Will Friesen

John & Kathy Rempel

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“Christ we do all adore thee”

Will Friesen & Kathy Rempel

Children’s Moment

Ramona Neufeld

**Proclamation**

“My life flows on in endless song” HWB #580

Scripture: John 17:13-26, pew Bible p. 1048-1049

“Answering Jesus’ Prayer”

Ingrid Dau

Pastor Rudy Dirks

**Sending**

“He leadeth me” HWB #599

Today’s nursery helpers: Andrew & Kristina 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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**German Worship Service – 10:00 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Lani Gade – Grusswort: Hebräer 12:2**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #155 “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, dich und dein Wort”

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: 1.Korinther 1:18-25**

**Botschaft: “Wissen oder Weisheit?” – Udo Woelke**

Lied: GB #346 “Stern, auf den ich schaue”

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**We thank God for blessing Audrey Epp** with a quick move in to Tabor Manor. She is now living in Room 103A and welcomes visitors. Please continue to pray for Audrey and her family as they settle into these new living arrangements.

**Pray for Jake Goerz** who is in the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Both Jake and Marg value your prayers and support during this time of failing health for Jake. May the presence of the Great Physician and the community of faith uphold them.

**Please pray for Jake Wiens** who has undergone surgery at Greater Niagara General Hospital for a bowel obstruction. May he experience full healing and the love of God.

**We join the family of Edeltraud Wiens** in prayer as they seek permanent placement for her in long term care. Edeltraud is currently in St. Catharines General Hospital. May God surround her and her children with peace and hope.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Please note that we shift into our summer worship service timing next week!** Beginning next week, our Worship services will begin at **10:00 am** and on weeks where there is a German Worship service, they will begin at **9:00 am**.

**Change to Office Hours** Please note that the office will be closed on Friday for Canada Day. As a result, all bulletin announcements and information will need to be in to the church office by 12 noon on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Kind thanks!

**Seniors’ Tea!** All seniors are invited to attend the final Seniors’ Tea with Rudy & Sharon Dirks. It is being held **this afternoon at 4:00 pm** in our gym. Come for a wonderful time of shared fellowship with one another.

**July church calendars** are available to be picked up at the Welcome Centre.

**Save the Date! Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>** Farewell Service and Potluck for Rudy & Sharon Dirks. Please mark it on your calendars- we will be holding a special service of appreciation, blessing, and release for Rudy and Sharon on this morning. We are also excited to announce that following the service at 11:30 am we will have a potluck in the gym with a time to share stories of their time with us.

**Blessing Book for Rudy & Sharon** We encourage everyone to contribute to a book of blessings for our pastors Rudy & Sharon. Write a memory, poem, blessing, prayer, or even tape a token or memento to a page in the book. Be creative, and let's leave Rudy & Sharon with a book filled with our blessings for them. You can find the blessing book at the Welcome Center today & in the office through the week.

**The Hannah House Baby Bottle campaign ended last week on Father's Day-** if you have not yet returned your baby bottle, please do so as soon as possible. They can be brought to the church office through the week. Please bring them in no later than next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks for your support!

**Church Picnic Lost & Found** – Some items were left behind after the Church Family Picnic - please retrieve these items from the coat rack area, just outside of the church kitchen.

**This summer the Music Committee** would like to try something new in our worship services. We are planning on having a group of people / choir, lead the music worship every Sunday throughout the summer. We would love for you to join us at 9:00 in the choir room on Sunday mornings!! There will be a leader who has planned music, and is ready to practice with the group, and then will lead the music during the service. If there are enough people for a choir, we'll use the choir loft and maybe perform a choir piece or two, or if it's a smaller group, we'll simply stand at the front and lead congregational singing from there. We are also looking for any soloists, small group arrangements, instrumentalists that may want to perform one or 2 songs in any given service. If you know of anyone whose shoulder we should tap, or give a personal phone call to, please let us know and we would be delighted to chat with them. Again, join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the choir room, prepared to sing and praise our Lord. ALL ARE WELCOME!! - The Music Committee

**The SUNDAY SCHOOL Department** is looking for people who would like to help out with Sunday School with no regular weekly commitment. Here is your opportunity to be involved with the furthering of God's Kingdom in our children's lives. We are looking for people who love to tell Bible stories **OR** to do the craft part of the Bible Story **OR** help with the activity that corresponds with the Bible Story. We will be creating stations where the younger and older kids learn together and everyone is interacting with different age groups. Please pray about this and take time with God asking if this is something you are being led to do. If you have any questions or would like to be part of this exciting ministry, call Linda Pankratz. **Thank-you for considering this request.**

**Students in Grades 7, 8 and up!!!** – there are positions coming up in the new ministry of the Sunday School for you! The pay is not great...in fact, there is no pay, but here is your chance to spend time with younger kids, actually be part of the teaching team instead of being the student, and really feeling good at the end of the day because you were part of working for God! If you are even thinking about it give me a call and we will talk. Linda Pankratz.

**Sponsors Needed!** Our NUMC Junior Youth ministry is an exciting place for students in grades 6-8 to be involved, share fellowship & experience the love of God. Over the past couple of years, this thriving ministry has expanded to include a great following of eager participants. We are now looking for some new energy in the form of sponsors, & ask you kindly to prayerfully consider if this might your next calling in our church community. Connect with George Pauls (Nominations Chair) for more info.

**The church gym** will be undergoing floor maintenance this coming week. Please kindly note that this area will be inaccessible Monday- Thursday and can be accessed once again on Friday.



***Musical Thanks...***

Today we thank Will for all of his musical work and efforts in our church throughout his time with us. He'll be moving back to Kansas to begin his career as a Chemistry Professor. We bless him as we say good-bye and wish him God's rich blessing in his life as he journeys on in further pursuits.



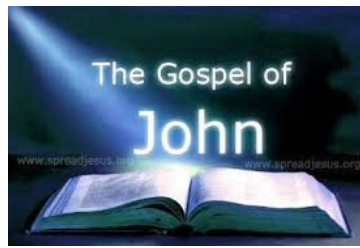
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting  
**Wednesday: 7:00pm** Young Adult Leaders Meeting  
**Friday: Canada Day-** OFFICE CLOSED  
**Next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**10:00 am** Worship Service

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

<b>Offering of June 19<sup>th</sup>: \$8,548.98</b>			
Budget	\$7,062.98	MCC General	\$185.00
Christian Witness	\$790.00	MCC Food	\$341.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$110.00	Friends of Men. Ukraine	\$60.00
<b>Attendance June 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> Worship Service – 172			

**Offering Focus** –Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness. This supports projects like Nate & Taryn Dirks' ministry in Botswana through young adult bible studies, leadership training, prison ministry and their 2014 goal of sustainable farming efforts and youth development programs. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.



## **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
June 19	“Just Like Your Father”	John 17:1-11
June 26	“Answering Jesus’ Prayer”	John 17:13-26

### **Summer at Niagara United Mennonite Church**

Please see the insert for a full weekly line up of what we have going on here on Sunday mornings through the summer. As more information becomes available, this insert will be updated. Please see below for the descriptions of the two sermon series that will be preached in July and August:

#### **July Sermon Series: “Mental Health and Wholeness”**

Whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual – everyone experiences brokenness and is in need of healing. We know this in our own lives, in our families, and in our circles of work and friendships.

In this three-part series Pastor Rudy will start the series on a biblical understanding of healing and wholeness, and then we will hear from a medical doctor and professional counsellors as they reflect on their participation in God’s healing of people mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

We encourage everyone to take this unique opportunity to learn more about healing, and how you can participate in this crucial part of the Kingdom of God.

July 10	“Healing What’s Been Broken”	Pastor Rudy Dirks
July 17	“How to Live a Transformed Life”	Dr. Grant Mullen
July 24	“Mental Health and the Christian Perspective”	Rita Makubuya & Gina Gallo

#### **August Sermon series: “The Church in Transition: Thriving not Faltering”**

In this sermon series we will explore some of the challenges which face NUMC as a congregation as you deal with a change in pastoral leadership. We will reflect on who you are as a congregation; why this congregation exists; and how to thrive rather than falter as you navigate this next season of congregational life.

August 7	“Who Are We...?”	Pastor Rudy Dirks
August 14	“Why Are We...?”	Pastor Rudy Dirks
August 21	“How do We...?”	Pastor Rudy Dirks

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**What are you reading this summer?** Join together with some friends, your small group or even your whole church and read *Life's Great Dare*. A self-help book that is more than a self-help book. It's discovering that God isn't transforming us to be perfect; we are being transformed so that we can experience his love more perfectly. All proceeds go to the MCC Partner Machanaga Girls Home in Mozambique. More info available at [lifesgreatdare.com/bookclub](http://lifesgreatdare.com/bookclub)

**Host Families Needed** Do you have an interest in learning about a new culture and have a gift of extending hospitality? Majaga from Tanzania and Dunja from Serbia will be serving with IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) in St. Catharines from Sept/2016 to June/2017. Majaga is 27 years old and enjoys singing, reading, and playing volleyball and exercising and Dunja is 21 years old and enjoys reading, sports and working with children. Majaga and Dunja need host families to walk alongside them on this journey! For more info, please visit our [mccanada.ca/ivep](http://mccanada.ca/ivep) or email Sheryl Bruggeling at [sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca](mailto:sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca) to discuss possibilities.

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**MDS Volunteer Opportunity in the Yukon** – MDS Alberta is rebuilding a house destroyed by fire in Carmacks, YT. A maximum of 5 volunteers per week will be accepted from Jul. 4 till around mid-Aug. Donations for building materials are also accepted; indicate “Carmacks” with your donation. Round trip transportation costs covered for volunteers serving two or more consecutive weeks. Contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas (866-261-1274) MDS Volunteer & Project Coordinator or Glen Kauffman (780-712-9064), Carmacks Project Coordinator, for further details.

**MDS Opportunity for Families (children of all ages welcome)** - Sign up for a Family Project this summer at Camp Assiniboia (Manitoba) or Camp Silver Lake (Ontario). All ages are welcome! Families work together to build cabins and other camp structures, with age appropriate work wherever possible. Both projects run Jul. 17-Aug. 12, with groups serving for one week at a time. For more information or to sign up, call Evelyn at (866) 261-1274 or e-mail [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net)

## **STUDENTS & YOUTH:**

**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!

**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](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca).

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**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](http://slmc.ca/volunteers) or call (519-422-1401) or email ([fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca)).

**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

**The Royal Elite International Academy** now located in the old Niagara District high school is looking for homestay families for their students. This would be a wonderful way to learn about a new country, or to enjoy an opportunity to befriend a student away from home. These kids are great and respectful, as a teacher I love teaching and working with them. What a grand way to teach your children about a new culture, country, food and language. What an opportunity to show them the love of God, and the wonderful freedom we have in our great country Canada. This is a great way to earn some extra cash. For information please contact Jade at the school. 905 938 0132

**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.

### **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.