

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

July 3rd, 2016

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Rudy Dirks

Worship in Song

Jon Bradnam, Rachael Peters & Kathy Rempel

“Come let us all unite to sing” HWB #112

“What does the Lord require of you?”

Pick-Up Choir

“Holy, Holy, Holy” HWB #120

Congregational Life & Announcements

Rudy Dirks

Offering Focus- MCC

“In Christ Alone”

Children’s Moment

Jon Bradnam

Proclamation

“Oceans”

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40, pew Bible p. 958

& Micah 7:18-19, pew Bible p. 904-905

Sue Fast

“An Ocean”

Stephen Cox

Sending

“Our Father, which art in heaven” STS #42

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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 pray for our MC Canada Assembly Delegates as they prepare for, travel to and participate in the national assembly this week from July 6-10th. Our delegates are: Stephen & Christina Cox, Patricia Regier and Jolien Koole. May this experience be an enriching and fruitful time for them all.

We offer our condolences to the family of Jake Goerz who passed away on Saturday, June 25th. A funeral service was held for him this past week on Tuesday in our church. Please continue to pray for Marg and the rest of the family as they grieve this loss. May the healing peace of Jesus cover them all.

We extend sympathy to the family of Heliant Block, who passed away on Thursday, June 23rd. A private funeral service was held for the family. Please lift up this family in prayer as they mourn this loss.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Fast family as they deal with Darin's cancer. Many of you have been wondering how things are going for Werner and Marlene Fast and Anneliese Pankratz's grandson. His family is keeping a blog which you can access for updates on Darin's health. May God's powerful healing presence restore Darin's health and give the family peace and strength. <http://www.holdingfastsite.wordpress.com/>

Please pray for Jake Wiens who is recovering from surgery for cancer in the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Pray for peace and wisdom as they discern the course of medical treatment.

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.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Ladies Breakfast All women are invited to join together for a time of fellowship over breakfast. Meet at Lawrenceville Restaurant at **9:00 am this Thursday, July 7th**.

The Hannah House Baby Bottle campaign has ended- if you have not yet returned your baby bottle, please do so as soon as possible. Please bring them in to the church office this the week as they need to be returned to Hannah House. Thanks for your participation in this fundraiser campaign!

Volunteer Needed! Please let the office know if you would be willing to deliver the church bulletin to Pleasant Manor for the next two weekends? They are available early Friday afternoon and need to be delivered to Justina Bartel (at Pleasant Manor), who distributes them to our members residing there.

Admire Megan Friesen's artwork this month on our art wall in the basement.

Save the Date! Sunday August 28th 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.

This coming week our church custodians, Jeff & Anita Friesen, are on vacation. Karl & Laurene Nickel will be filling in for them in their absence. As a reminder, please direct all facility and event requests to the church office.

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.

Singers and Instrumentalists wanted for Sunday mornings! Join us any (or every!) Sunday this summer at 9:00 in the choir room for pick-up choir rehearsal before the service. All are welcome, young, old and in between!!!!

Meeting minutes are available at the Welcome Centre from our last Spring Membership meeting. Please review these prior to our July meeting, being held on **Monday, July 18th at 7:30 pm**.

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: 289-868-8697. **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.

Intentional Interim Pastor

The search committee has met with a candidate for the position of Intentional Interim Pastor. His name is David Lewis and he is currently the supply pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in NOTL.

His background is as follows:

- Lead Pastor - 25 years
- Supervising Pastor for 56 churches - 8 years
- International Pastoral position in Warsaw - 2 years
- Intentional Interim Pastor in 5 churches - he finds fulfillment in the role of helping churches during transitions
- His background is Christian & Missionary Alliance which is the same as Jim Horsthuis, our last candidate.

We believe he would be a great candidate for the position of Intentional Interim Pastor. We would like to present him to the church for consideration and have asked him to preach on July 10. There will be a 30 minute Q & A after the sermon with questions prepared by the search committee.

If you are interested in listening to some his sermons at St. Andrews Church they are available on their web site: <http://www.standrewsniagara.com/id2.html>

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 David Lewis.

Membership Meeting:

We will have a short Membership Meeting on **July 18 at 7:30 pm** to vote on whether to offer David Lewis the position of Intentional Interim Pastor.

Membership Meeting Agenda – July 18, 7:30 pm

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of June Membership Meeting minutes
- 5) Vote to offer David Lewis the position of Intentional Interim Pastor
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Close

Advance voting will be available from July 11- 18. Please contact April in the office by phone, email or in person and she will handle the advance vote.

Offering of June 26th: \$5,539.00			
Budget	\$4,309.00	MCC General	\$360.00
Christian Witness	\$805.00	MCC Food	\$40.00
Sunday School	\$25.00		
Attendance June 26th: German Worship Service- 97 ;Worship Service – 163			

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of MCC. Donations can be directed to their overall operations (where most are needed), or you can specify specific projects such as food for the hungry, school or other relief kits, Generations at Risk (HIV/AIDS) or disaster relief. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

Summer at Niagara United Mennonite Church

Please see the colourful 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 two-part series, 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 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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 4th – July 10th)

Wednesday: 7:00pm Settlement & Sponsorship Committee Meeting

Thursday: 9:00 am Ladies Breakfast @ Lawrenceville

Next Sunday, July 10th

8:30 am German Choir Practice

9:00 am German Worship Service- Message by Hans H. Dau

9:00 am Pick-up Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship Service – Message by Intentional Interim Pastoral candidate, David Lewis

11:00 am Question & Answer Period with Interim Pastor Candidate

There are no nursery helpers scheduled throughout the summer as it is operating in a self-serve capacity.

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

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 lifegreatdare.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 or email Sheryl Bruggeling at 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

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 22nd**. Thanks!

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 or call (519-422-1401) or email (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 info is available on our community board in the foyer.

Please remember to check our volunteer & job bulletin board regularly as there are always new postings!

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.