

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

July 10th, 2016

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Marlene Borzychowski

Call to Worship Linda Friesen

Worship in Song Janice Janzen, and Ruth Willms & Laury Willms

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” HWB #229

“Over My Head, there is Music in the Air” STJ #18

“When all around has Fallen” Janice Janzen

Congregational Life & Announcements Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- MCC

“My Soul is Filled with Joy” STJ #13

Children’s Moment Laurene Nickel

Proclamation

“You” Janice Janzen

“**Hope in the dark places**” (Isaiah 40:27 – 31) David Lewis

Sending

“Thuma Mina” HWB #434

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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 – 9:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Gunnar Doerwald – Grusswort: Psalm 139:1-4

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #352 “Merk Seele dir dies grosse Wort”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Philemon 1-25

Botschaft: “Wegkreuzungen” – Hans H. Dau

Lied: GB #342 “Fuehre du uns o Jehovah”

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations are extended to Abe Boese and Helena Bueckert on their engagement! An August wedding is planned. We pray for God’s love to work in them and through them as they prepare for marriage.

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 continue to pray for Jake Wiens who is still in the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Pray for peace and strength during this recuperation.

Please pray for Audrey Epp, who continues to be cared for at Tabor Manor.

Robert and Hilda Hummel value our prayers this week as Hilda has been undergoing tests. She continues to live at Tufford Manor in St. Catharines. May the God of peace be your strength.

I would like to send out a most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended the visitation and funeral for Jake. I was overwhelmed and grateful for everyone's thoughts, prayers, and comforting words. A special thanks goes to Pastors Rudy and Sharon for their support during this difficult time; to the choir and soloists for their incredible singing and to the kitchen staff for preparing a most beautiful luncheon. It truly was a wonderful tribute to a loving husband, father and Opa. On behalf of my family, I am eternally thankful for all the love and care that has been shown to us. Thanks so very much! Marg Goerz

WITHIN NIAGARA UMC CHURCH:

Today we welcome David Lewis to our Worship service! Thank-you for being here with us today.

Please remain in the sanctuary after today's Worship service for the 30 minute congregational Question & Answer period with our Intentional Interim Pastoral candidate, David Lewis.

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 Hannah House Baby Bottle campaign has ended- all baby bottles still out are overdue and need to be returned to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks for your participation in this fundraiser campaign!

The Virgil-side stairwell, women's washroom and gym will be undergoing floor maintenance this coming week and will be inaccessible from Monday-Thursday, once again becoming accessible on Friday. Please kindly enter the church through the NOTL-side glass doors during this waxing period.

Peach Festival - Saturday August 13th - The Missions and Service Committee is asking for volunteers to assist at the Peach Festival. In addition to it being lots of fun, the proceeds from the sale fund a number of NUMC's charitable projects. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome centre.

Book Recall! As Pastors Rudy & Sharon begin to pack up their offices, they kindly ask that anyone who has borrowed any of their books throughout their ministry here to please kindly return them over these coming weeks. Thanks!

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.

Save the Date! Sunday August 28th Farewell Service & Potluck for Rudy & Sharon Dirks. Please mark it on your calendars- we'll be holding a special service of appreciation, blessing & release for Rudy & 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.

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 the sermon series insert for the descriptions of the two sermon series that will be preached in July and August and the biographies on the guest speakers that we will welcome for their expertise in these areas.

STUDENTS & YOUTH:

KIDS CONTEST (AGES 12 AND UNDER) The Junior Sunday School is asking for a change in name. Sunday School is going to take on a new and fresh look in September and we would like to challenge the kids of our church to come up with a fresh and new name for it. There are contest ballots at the Welcome Centre. Give your name to the Welcome Centre volunteers and receive your ballot. Do not write your name on the ballot- the committee of judges will make their winning selection anonymously. Put your suggestion on the ballot and return it to the Welcome Centre. You may submit as many unique entries as you like. **The prize is a \$50 McDonald's gift certificate!** Please do not include the word 'school' as a part of your suggestion. For any questions, please e-mail Linda. **Contest ends on Sunday, July 31st.**

The Abner Martin Music Scholarship (\$5,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2016-17; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is September 15, 2016. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at lbrubacher@sympatico.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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.**

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 11th – July 17th)

Next Sunday, July 17th

9:00 am Pick-up Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship Service– Message by Guest Speaker Dr. Grant Mullen

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.

Offering of July 3rd: \$4,865.00			
Budget	\$3,335.00	MCC General	\$665.00
Christian Witness	\$500.00	MCC Food	\$15.00
Friends of Menn. Ctr Ukraine	\$350.00		
Attendance July 3rd: Worship Service – 122			

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.

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.

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



Dr. Grant Mullen is a mental health physician who lectures internationally on the keys to mental, spiritual, emotional health and great relationships.

Dr. Mullen teaches how medical treatment can be successfully combined with emotional and spiritual healing to break the chains of emotional bondage and see Christians transformed.

He is the author of Emotionally Free and over twenty teaching DVDs.

You can learn more about Dr. Mullen at drgrantmullen.com.

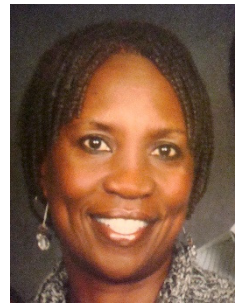
July 24 "Mental Health and the Christian Perspective" Rita Makubuya & Gina Gallo

Rita Makubuya is the Executive Director of Niagara Life Centre. She has served in this capacity for the past 9 years. Previous to that she was the Director of Grimsby Life Centre for 5 years.

Rita has a passion for Christ and serving hurting people. In her leadership role, God uses her to guide the staff team at NLC as well as raise much needed funds to subsidize the costs for the counselling clients receive through this ministry.

Rita and her husband for 28 years, Patrick, immigrated to Canada from Uganda, East Africa in 1988.

They attend Calvary Church in St Catharines with their 3 children Natasha(27) , Keith (23) and Alex(17).



Help, hope and healing increased at Niagara Life Centre when we welcomed counsellor Gina Gallo. Gina has 12 years of ministry experience with a focus on women's ministry. She is truly passionate about seeing people walk in healing and freedom. Her mission is to equip her clients with the tools and resources to guide their journey of recovery through Biblical principles.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalms 119:105

Gina earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Toronto. She resides in Virgil with her husband Jonathan and two daughters Hope and Grace. They attend Central Community Church in St. Catharines where her husband is a Pastor. As a family they enjoy gardening and opening their home to friends and family, often with large and fun gatherings.

We thank the Lord for bringing Gina to NLC. God is using her gifts to positively impact lives for His glory!

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 lifegreatdare.com/bookclub

Host Families Needed Do you have an interest in learning about a new culture & have a gift of extending hospitality? Majaga from Tanzania & Dunja from Serbia will be serving with IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) in St. Catharines from Sept/16 - June/17. Majaga is 27 yrs old & enjoys singing, reading, playing volleyball & exercising & Dunja is 21 yrs old & enjoys reading, sports & working with children. Majaga & Dunja need host families to walk alongside them on this journey! For more info, visit mccanada.ca/ivep or email Sheryl Bruggeling at sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca to discuss possibilities.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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 or call Tim at 905.682.8944.

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.