

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

July 24th, 2016

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

John & Kathy Rempel

“God is here among us” HWB #16

“His glory appears”

Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda & Julieanne Enns

Congregational Life & Announcements

John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

“You are all we have” STJ #29

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Ellery Rauwerda

“Healer of our every ill” HWB #377

“**Mental Health and the Christian Perspective**”

Rita Makubuya & Gina Gallo

Sending

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet”

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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: Lani Gade – Grusswort: Psalm138:2-3

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #15 “O dass ich tausend Zungen haette”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Joh. 17: 1- 11

Botschaft: “Im Gesprach mit dem Vater” – Ramona Neufeld

Lied: GB #299 “Selge Gewissheit”

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Please join Lisa Kohn (Elisabeth) in celebrating her upcoming 90th birthday. Everyone is welcome to drop in on **Saturday July 30th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm** at the Community Centre in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Simpson Room for refreshments/coffee/cake. Lisa has been a resident of Heritage Place for the past few years and looks forward to celebrating this special milestone with her family, friends and the NUMC family. Thank you.

Clayton Woodcox, passed away suddenly Thursday July 21 at the age of 55, after a short illness. Clay is the son-in-law of Orlin and Audrey Epp, husband of their daughter Janet Epp Woodcox and brother-in-law of Bill and Beverley Devolin. Clay is originally from St Catharines and was currently living in Toronto. Funeral details are not known at this time.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Today we welcome Rita Makubuya and Gina Gallo from Niagara Life Centre here to our Worship service! Thank-you for being here with us today.

Intentional Interim Pastor The congregation voted 98% in favour of offering David Lewis the position of Intentional Interim Pastor starting Sept. 1, 2016. Church Council is in the process of negotiating his contract and expect to have this finalized shortly.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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. We are looking for some new energy in the form of sponsors, & ask you kindly to prayerfully consider if this might be 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.

The Sunday School Department is seeking someone who loves singing to lead the tiny tots to Grade 6 kids in worship on Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There are many great songs on CDs to go along with the new curriculum that can be used and will connect with the theme that is being taught. It's a great way to interact with kids and only takes 15 minutes of your time. Please contact Linda.

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 at pankratz57@gmail.com. **Contest ends on Sunday, July 31st.**

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 25th – July 31st)

Next Sunday, July 31st

9:00 am Pick-up Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship Service– Message by Matt Riediger

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 17th: \$7,505.00			
Budget	\$6,255.00	MCC General	\$670.00
Christian Witness	\$285.00	MCC Food	\$95.00
Deacon’s Fund	\$200.00		
Attendance July 17th: Worship Service - 155			

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.

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church is hosting the Marabella Presbyterian Church Steel Orchestra from Trinidad on Monday, July 25th. Following their visit they will be performing in the band shell at Simcoe Park at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to join us as they perform calypso, contemporary and gospel music and be forewarned you may have “a feeling to get up and dance”. The group performing is made up of 13 young Trinidadian musicians aged 13-25 years under the direction of Mr. Marlon Paul who started the orchestra in 2006 as a 5 member band. Today there are four different groups including players from every age group. In 2012 the Senior Steel Orchestra produced their first CD followed by a 2014 compilation of much loved Christmas songs done in different genre.

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.

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.