

*"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Marlene Borzychowski

**Call to Worship**

Erv Willms

**Worship in Song**

Rudy Enns

"How Great Thou Art" PP (all)

"What a friend we have in Jesus" HWB #573

"As the deer pants for water" PP

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Erv Willms

Children's Moment

Katrina Metsa

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

"Great is thy faithfulness" HWB #327

**Proclamation**

"Gott ist die Liebe" HWB #167

Scripture: I Corinthians 3:10-11, pew Bible p. 1106-1107

Evelyn Finlay

**"Anchored Securely"**

Pastor Rudy Dirks

**Sending**

"Praise God from whom" HWB #118

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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: Hans J. Wiens – Grusswort: Ps 108: 2-6**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #25 "Ich rühme Gottes Wundermacht"

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Eph 2:4-10**

**Botschaft: "Vom Tod zum Leben" – Joachim Dau**

Lied: GB #472 "Auf ewig bei dem Herrn"

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Deep condolences are extended to the family of Harald Schmidt**, who passed away on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. His funeral visitation will be held here in our church this evening from 6:00-8:30pm. The funeral service will be tomorrow morning, **Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**, with a funeral choir practice beginning at 10 am. Please pray for God's peace and strength to surround Elsa and the rest of their family as they grieve this loss.

**Our prayers are with Gerhard Friesen** and his family as he is being cared for at St. Catharines General Hospital. His deep desire is to go Home to be with Jesus. May the God he loves hold him dearly.

**The "Joys & Concerns" section** of our weekly bulletin and announcements is a vital part of our church community. So many people have been blessed by the prayers of God's people during difficult times and the prayers of celebration during special times. However, sometimes things are missed. Please note that in order for something to be in the "joys and concerns" in the

bulletin or announced by the worship leader, we request that family members submit this to the office as these are sometimes sensitive issues and we have to respect the confidentiality of the family. If something should be in the bulletin, please let April know about something which the pastoral staff should know. Some things come up after the bulletin has been printed. Please speak to the worship leader for that Sunday to ensure a verbal announcement, and follow up with April for the following week's bulletin.

### **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Vacation Notice:** Pastors Rudy & Sharon Dirks will be on vacation from after service today to Wednesday, returning to work on Thursday, August 11. Please kindly contact Stephen Cox with any pastoral concerns during this time.

**Vacation Notice:** Our custodians, Jeff & Anita Friesen will be away this week from Wednesday-Sunday. We pray that their time off be restful & restorative.

**Book Recall!** As Pastors Rudy & Sharon 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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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:**

**Peach Festival - Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>** - 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.

**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 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: 289-868-8697.

**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 at 289-868-8697 or e-mail at [pankratz57@gmail.com](mailto:pankratz57@gmail.com).

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Urgent Need: 2000 relief kits and 8000 hygiene kits** – Multiple crises around the world including Syria, Iraq and Ukraine have depleted our warehouse inventory. Please help replenish our supply. For information on how to make a kit go to [mcco.ca/kits](http://mcco.ca/kits).

#### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (August 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Friday:** Wedding Rehearsal  
**Saturday:** Abe Boese & Helena Bueckert Wedding Ceremony & Reception

#### **Next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am** Pick-up Choir Practice  
**10:00 am** Worship Service– Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

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 31<sup>st</sup>: \$4,844.95**

Budget	\$3,714.95	MCC General	\$580.00
Christian Witness	\$330.00	MCC Food	\$220.00

**Attendance July 31<sup>st</sup>:** Worship Service - 140

**Offering Focus** – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness. These contributions go to Mennonite Eastern Canada

(MCEC) where they are further allocated to support missionaries (including our Mission Partners, the Sudermans & the Dirks), education, leadership training, church planting, as well as administrative support and benefits. They count on our support. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

#### **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.

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**“Anchors, Maps, and Sails”**

**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 enter a season of transition. Transitions can be unsettling and worrying. But transitions happen continually in all of our lives. The question in this transition as a congregation, as in our personal lives, is how you can learn to thrive rather than falter as you navigate an uncertain season.

**August 7**      **“Anchored Securely”**      **Pastor Rudy Dirks**

**August 14**      **“Mapping Your Destiny”**      **Pastor Rudy Dirks**

**August 21**      **“Under Full Sail”**      **Pastor Rudy Dirks**

**Sermon**      **Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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