

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Laury Willms

**Call to Worship**

Linda Friesen

**Worship in Song**

Josh Baergen, Matt Riediger, Laury Willms & Ruth Willms

“I will call upon the Lord” STJ #19

“The Lord is my light” STJ #97

“Everything”

Matt Riediger & Josh Baergen

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“Good Good Father”

Matt Riediger & Josh Baergen

**Children’s Moment/Child Dedication**

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Jesse Edmund Vanderlee – parents: Scott & Yvonne Vanderlee

Congregational Response (on Powerpoint)

“I want to walk as a child of the light” STJ #95

**Proclamation**

Scripture: Proverbs 2:1-9, pew Bible p. 617

Marlies Boldt

“Mapping Your Destiny”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

**Sending**

“Ancient Words”

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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:**

**Congratulations to Abe & Helena Boese**, who were married here in our church yesterday. May God’s love and Spirit be a constant encouragement to them and be their guide throughout their marriage. We pray that their lives be full of blessing and great joy.

**Elsa Schmidt is so thankful for everyone** who participated in Harald’s funeral service this past Monday. She appreciates the organization and service of Helping Hands and wishes to offer a special thanks to John & Kathy Rempel as well as Pastor Stephen. Thanks also to everyone who visited and supported Elsa and the family during this loss.

**Last Sunday we celebrated with the Kulchar & Bergeron families** the dedication of Briana Margaret-Anne Bergeron, daughter of Adam & Maegen Bergeron, to our Lord and Saviour. May her life be God-honouring and a blessing to all who know her.

**This "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:**

**Please note that Pastors Rudy & Sharon Dirks' final** day serving us here at Niagara UM will be **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you are planning to drop in to see them, return any books or items to them, or wish to connect with them in some other capacity, please be sure to note when their final day is and make arrangements to do so prior to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Farewell Potluck BBQ for Rudy & Sharon – August 28<sup>th</sup>** Plan to join for the Farewell Potluck BBQ for Rudy & Sharon on **August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Please bring a **SALAD OR DESSERT** to share and a lawn chair for sitting outside. The gym will be set up with tables and chairs as well. Please sign up in the foyer if you can help BBQ, set-up & clean up. A donation of \$2 per person is requested to help cover food costs.

**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 the next two weeks. Thanks!

**Library News:** Come check out the new assortment of books available for borrow! Non-fiction books are displayed on the table in the library and new fiction books are displayed on the windowsill.

**We have a growing collection of lost & found items.** Please make a point to periodically check the box in the mailbox area as well as the Welcome Centre for items like eyeglasses, as we have a couple of pairs that have been turned in there.

**Newark Neighbours** is requesting donation of canned fruit. Please kindly consider bringing in some items to help meet this need. Donations can be left in our food pantry. Thank-you.

**Men's Canoe Trip 2016** The annual men's canoe trip is in the works again and is planned for **September 17 to 19**. This is a fun and "non-technical" trip, so don't be afraid. The destination is still up for discussion. We already have a number of committed participants, so save the date and come join us this year. If you are interested please contact Joachim Dau.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Nursery volunteers needed** during English worship service – 1 Sunday every 3 months. Please call or email Laurene Nickel.

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED:** Please pray for the new Children's Ministry that is to start in September. We covet your prayers for the Team Leaders and for the vision that God is placing in our hearts.

**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.

**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.

**Recruiting Welcome Centre volunteers!** We have a great team of volunteers who faithfully serve at the Welcome centre each week, offering their smiles and friendship whilst sharing their gifts of hospitality with us as well as newcomers. If anyone would like to join this team, or has questions about what is involved, please kindly speak with April in the church office. A new schedule will come out in September, so please connect with the office by Labour Day weekend to be included on it for the 2016-2017 schedule.

**“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.

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| <b>August 7</b>  | <b>“Anchored Securely”</b>    | <b>Pastor Rudy Dirks</b> |
| <b>August 14</b> | <b>“Mapping Your Destiny”</b> | <b>Pastor Rudy Dirks</b> |
| <b>August 21</b> | <b>“Under Full Sail”</b>      | <b>Pastor Rudy Dirks</b> |

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (August 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>)**

- Tuesday:** Spritual Council Meeting  
**Friday:** Wedding Rehearsal  
**Saturday:** Josh Rubenschuh & Elisabeth Wiens Wedding  
**Next Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:30 am** German Choir Practice  
**9:00 am** German Worship Service – Message by Udo Woelke  
**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.\**

<b>Offering of August 7<sup>th</sup>: \$6,562.00</b>			
Budget	\$4,794.00	MCC General	\$780.00
Christian Witness	\$530.00	MCC Food	\$308.00
		MCC School Kits	\$150.00
<b>Attendance August 7<sup>th</sup>: German Service – 61 Worship Service - 174</b>			

**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.

## **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).

**MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting** Grounded in the church - our Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for us to be accountable, transparent and responsive to you. Register today at [mcco.ca/agm](http://mcco.ca/agm) September 19 at MCCO office, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener in conjunction with our fall board meeting.

### **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.