

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 4th, 2016

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Rachael Peters

Call to Worship

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

John & Kathy Rempel

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Congregational Life & Announcements

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- MCC

Installation of Pastor David Lewis

Al Rempel

"I stood outside the gate"

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Laurene Nickel

"Thy Word"

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-11, pew Bible p. 1134

Rachael Peters

"Imagining Church"

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

"I love thy kingdom, Lord" HWB #308

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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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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.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

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 things of which the pastoral staff should be made aware. 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 and communication with the pastors.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

The Sept-Oct issue of Life With Us is now available online and in print. Pick your copy up at the Welcome Centre or by the mailboxes, or access it on our church webpage.

Welcome Pastor David Lewis to our church family! Dave's term began at the beginning of this month, and in today's service, with the help of MCEC, we celebrate his installation as our pastor. Please take the opportunity to welcome him and introduce yourself when you see him. A good opportunity for this will be during next week's Ice Cream Social after the worship service, if you do not get a chance before that. Thank-you Dave for being here! We praise God for bringing you to us and pray that our time together be a blessing for us both.

This is the best time of year to purchase supplies for MCC* school kits! Many items are on sale, but sometimes there are limits, so we welcome everyone's help to pick up what they can! Right now the biggest need is for **unsharpened #2 pencils**. **Coil** notebooks (8 1/2 x 11 size) also are always in demand. Please see the school kit display in the lobby for ideas. You may also place your contributions there in the weeks to come. If you have no time to shop, please consider donating to the cause. We have people in our congregation who are sewing and packing school bags all year round because the need for them is ongoing. (**Mennonite Central Committee is the peace, relief and development arm of churches like ours, and is active throughout the world.*)

Our summer worship schedule ends today. Please note that our service times resume to our normal schedule next week as follows: Worship Service at 11:00 am, and German Worship at 10:00 am.

Attention Youth (Grade 9-12)! This Friday September 9th we are having our OPENING NIGHT for NUMY (Niagara UM Youth) and we want you there! Come to Dan Willms' house for **7:30pm at 890 Line 2 in Virgil** for a night of fun, BBQ, swimming, and catching up with all your youth friends!

Calling all who enjoy worshipping in song, and are interested in joining the English Choir. Our first practice will be **Sunday, September 11th, at 10:00 am** in the choir room. We will start singing in the Sunday morning Services on September 18th. See you there!! 🎵🎵

Pioneer Club Registration will begin on **September 14th at 6:30 pm**. Cost is \$40 per child. Pioneer Club is a kids club that runs every Wednesday night from 6:30 till 8:00. We strive to reach children for Jesus through songs, lessons, games and crafts. Children ages Kindergarten through grade 6 are welcomed. We also could use some parent volunteers. See our church web page for further details or contact the church office. Blessings, Ramona Neufeld, coordinator.

Men's Canoe Trip 2016 - The annual men's canoe trip is in the works again and is planned for **September 16 to 18**. 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.

Andrew and Karen Suderman - After many years of mission work in South Africa, Andrew and Karen will be leaving their post and returning to Canada later this month. In January they will be relocating to the U.S. where Andrew will start teaching at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Andrew and Karen will be NUMC on **Oct 2nd** to share with us details about their Mission work and future endeavors.

Varenecki Supper is back! Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" on Saturday October 29th at 6 p.m. in Niagara United Mennonite Church auditorium. Tickets \$35 per person (\$25 receiptable) available from Linda Friesen (Henry) 905-684-2929 or George & Teresa Dyck (Vineland) 289-929-3211. George Dyck returns from Ukraine the week before the Varenecki Supper and will give an updated presentation.

Daniel - Beth Moore The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers face many of the same trials. This study examines how believers can develop integrity in our modern-day Babylon, and then explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

Ladies Bible study group would like to invite any ladies interested in joining us as we study Daniel by Beth Moore. The study will begin on **Monday September 26th @ 7pm** meeting in the Meeting Room. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Fast by September 16th as workbooks will need to be ordered.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 5th– September 11th)

Monday: LABOUR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Next Sunday, September 11th

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice

9:30 am German Choir Practice

10:00 am German Worship Service – Message by Peter Thiessen

10:00 am Choir Practice

11:00 am Worship Service & Pastoral Installation – Pastor David Lewis

12:00pm Ice Cream Social

Nursery volunteers: Karl & Laurene Nickel

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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 Lighthouse 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.

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 today or tomorrow to be included on it for the 2016-2017 schedule.

Offering of August 28th: \$6,337.00			
Budget	\$5,177.00	MCC General	\$170.00
Christian Witness	\$640.00	MCC Food	\$50.00
		MCC School Kits	\$300.00
Attendance August 28th: Worship Service – 289			

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 CHURCH CANADA:

Build on Success with Ride for Refuge 2016! With your commitment to the Ride two years ago, participants helped make a dream come true for vulnerable youth in Gaborone by raising seed funds to construct a futsal park (5-a-side soccer) and playground. That dream is now being realized. Watch the inspiring video by Nathan and Taryn Dirks at home.mennonitechurch.ca/r4r2016 and support any MC Canada ministry with your feet on **Oct. 1!**

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.

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 September 19 at MCCO office, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener in conjunction with our fall board meeting.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Grace Mennonite Church, St Catharines, is celebrating its 60th anniversary on **Sunday, September 18** and invites persons with ties to the congregation to gather for a special service of worship at 9:30 a.m. Former pastor, Waldo Pauls will be the guest speaker.

Welcome Inn Homecoming

September 24-25th





STREET PARTY
To celebrate our
50TH
ANNIVERSARY
come and enjoy
Refreshments, Food, Drinks,
Games and Music
PAY WHAT YOU CAN
September 24th 2 - 7 PM

40 Wood Street, Hamilton ON

Join us in celebrating 50 years of building community! We are inviting all who called Welcome Inn home to visit, share memories and make new ones as we recognize 50 years in the North End!

Saturday Sept 24, 2-7pm - Community Wide Street Party at Welcome Inn.

Sunday Sept 25, 12:30pm - Potluck & Worship Gathering with Hugo & Doreen Neufeld at Welcome Inn.

40 Wood St. E.
For details: [50years @welcomeinn.ca](mailto:50years@welcomeinn.ca)

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.