

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 11th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Laury Willms

Call to Worship

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Special Music

“For God So Loved Us” HWB #167

“My Lighthouse”

“My Jesus I Love Thee” HWB #522

Congregational Life & Announcements

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- MCC

Education Commissioning

Stephen Cox

“Thy Word”

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“I Will Praise You Lord” HWB #76

“**The Purpose Drawn Life**” (Luke 10:25-28)

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

“Love the Lord your God”

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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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 – 10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Lani Gade - Grusswort: Epheser 1:2-4

Orgelspiel: Ruth Lamarre

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #305 "Ein reines Herz, Herr, schaff in mir"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 25: 14-25

Botschaft: "Was mache ich mit meinen Segnungen?" - Peter Thiessen

Lied: GB #319 " Nimm mein Leben, Jesu, dir"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our sincere condolences are extended to Peter & Erika Janzen and their family at this time as they grieve the loss of Erika’s mother, Annie Enns, who passed away on Monday, September 5th. The visitation was held this past week at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church on Thursday, with the funeral service following on Friday. We lift up this family in prayer and pray for the Spirit to surround them with peace and comfort.

The flowers at the front of the church today are in memory of Justina Rahn, who passed away on Sept. 13, 1998. She is still missed and always remembered by her family.

Anysa and Josh Neal are overjoyed by the early arrival of their baby girl, Kaliana Charliese Ilona Neal, Born September 7th, 2016. She is the first precious grandchild for Chuck & Tatjana McShane and Robin & Steve Neal. 18th Great grandchild for Gerhard and Ursula Hummel.

Thank-you so very much to every one of you in this congregation for the wonderful cards, notes, conversations, words, gifts, handshakes, thoughts, prayers, and service of blessing and release. We feel truly blessed, and we know God's blessing and favour go with all of you. In Christ, Rudy and Sharon

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:

Please note that Pastor David Lewis' new church email is: dave@redbrickchurch.ca. Also, please note that the emails for the pastoral team are provided for you each week on the back page of the bulletin. We also encourage you to take this opportunity as you update your email, to kindly ensure you have removed Rudy and Sharon from any group mailing lists you may have them included on, as they are no longer here with us.

Children's & Youth Ministries Volunteers! As all of our children and youth programs resume for the new school year, we are taking this opportunity to ensure that we are fulfilling our Safe Places requirements. In doing so, we require all individuals helping with the nursery, Lighthouse, Junior Youth, Youth, Pioneer Club, and any other child-related ministries to ensure that all of your records in the church office are up-to-date. This includes a new 2016 vulnerable sector police check, and signed forms for 2016. All of this material is available for you in your mailbox. If you do not find it there, but qualify as a helper in one of these areas, please kindly contact April who will provide it for you. Kind thanks in advance for your timely attention to this!

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.*)

Ride request: If you go to St Catharines in the morning or come home from there in mid-afternoon, please consider giving a ride to our newcomer friends (2 adults) who attend English classes there. They need to be at St. John, their school on Niagara Street (near the QEW), by 8:30 a.m. and finish at 3:00 p.m. Driving doesn't have to involve talking but it's a nice way to get to know someone if you want to. The family lives on 55 near Virgil so pick-up and drop-off is easy. We also have a need for Saturday drivers who can take the family to the mosque around noon. Sponsorship & Settlement Committee would be grateful to have some new names to add to the driving schedule, especially if you can commit to a regular day, morning or afternoon. Please contact Greta Wiens or email numcsponsors@gmail.com to sign up.

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.



Follow the sweet aroma of baked goods and coffee to the choir room next Sunday morning. We welcome all returning singers, and look forward to seeing new faces as well. Please join us **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 am** for treats and choir practice.

Junior Youth Kick-off! Hotdog's and S'mores over a Bon fire Friday, September 23rd 6:30 - 9 pm, Lisa & Greg DeVries' home, 939 Line 6, NOTL.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 12th – September 18th)	
Monday:	7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday:	7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club Registration
Friday:	7:30 pm Youth
Next Sunday, September 18th	
8:45 am	Praise & Worship Practice
9:45 am	Lighthouse Kids Ministry
10:00 am	Youth
10:00 am	Choir Practice
11:00 am	Worship Service – Message from Pastor David Lewis
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko	

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

Offering of September 4th: \$6,665.00			
Budget	\$5,725.00	MCC General	\$620.00
Christian Witness	\$270.00	MCC Food	\$20.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$10.00	MCC School Kits	\$10.00
Peach Salsa	\$10.00		
Attendance September 4th: Worship Service – 193			

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.

Sermon Series: True North Living

Beginning today, Pastor Dave is commencing a series of sermons entitled 'True North Living'. In this 5 week series he will explore with you the guiding words of Jesus in what has come to be known as the Great Commandment. Here we find a description of our primary purpose and direction in life – a true north setting for what fulfills us and gives us our reason for being. Pastor Dave states, "It is my firm conviction that if we get this right, our path forward will become clear."

September 11th **"The Purpose Drawn Life"**

September 18th **"The Heart of Living"**

September 25th **"Soul Satisfaction"**

October 2nd *Message from our Missions Prayer Partners Andrew & Karen Suderman*

October 9th *Thanksgiving Message*

October 16th **"Living Your Strengths"**

October 23rd **"Winning the Battle for the Mind"**

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:

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:

Ladies' Time Out at Fairview MB Church registration for the fall session takes place **Tuesday September 13** from **9-10am** at 455 Geneva St. A variety of interest classes are available and child care is provided for a very minimal fee. Call or see our website for details and invite your friends! 905-934-3398 www.fairviewmb.ca.

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.

Men's Meat Retreat, September 23-25 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Join chef and wine sommelier Dave Lobe and resource person Chip Bender for a great weekend! Cost is \$195. Register online - www.slmc.ca/retreats or call the camp office 519-422-3200. **Save the Date for the Women's Retreat from February 24-26, 2017!**

Welcome Inn Homecoming

September 24-25th



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.

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.