

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 18th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Steve Cox

Worship in Song

Special Music

"In this Place"

"Holy Spirit, come with power" HWB #26

Congregational Life & Announcements

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- MCC

Proclamation

"Let the children come to me"

Children's Moment

Kathy Rempel

"Never the blade shall rise"

"The Heart of Living"

Pastor David Lewis

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

Josh Baergen

Sending

"May the Peace of God Be With Us"

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko

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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:

The flowers at the front of the church today have been placed here by the Friesen family in loving memory of Auguste Friesen who passed away three years ago.

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:

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!

Looking for help! Our custodians will be away Thursday, October 6th to Tuesday, October 11th, inclusive. We are hoping to hire a temporary replacement(s) from within the congregation. Primary tasks required are general housekeeping and room set-ups as needed. Hours are flexible and training will be provided. If interested, please contact April in the office for further information, or to fulfil this need. Kind thanks.

This is the last day for the MCC school kits display in the foyer. Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies or made a donation, as well as the people who continue to sew the treasured cloth bags used by children around the world to carry those supplies to school. After today, if you still have notebooks, pencils, pencil crayons, erasers or rulers purchased for this project, please give them to Dorothea Enns, who will make sure they are delivered to MCC's warehouse in Kitchener.

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.

W.I.S. - Women in Service please note - this coming **Tues. evening at 7:00 PM** we are meeting to open this year's activities. No need to bring anything this time; just yourselves. We'll have a nice relaxing time visiting and catching up on one another's lives. Just remember to prepare yourselves for another year of quilting all those wonderful, colourful blankets for the hurting souls out there in our world. It's good to know we are making an effort to lift the load a bit for one another. See you there!

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.

Ladies Bible Study This study group will begin meeting on **Monday September 26th @ 7pm** in the Meeting Room.

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 19th – September 25th)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
7:00 pm Women in Service Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club

Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Next Sunday, September 25th

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice

9:30 am German Choir Practice

9:45 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry

10:00 am German Worship Service – Message by Hans J. Wiens

10:00 am Youth

10:00 am Choir Practice

11:00 am Worship Service – Message from Pastor David Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Janice Janzen & Christina Cox

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

Offering of September 11th: \$15,488.00			
Budget	\$12,749.00	MCC General	\$1,510.00
Christian Witness	\$390.00	MCC Food	\$289.00
Friends of Menn. Cntr Ukr.	\$300.00	MCC School Kits	\$250.00
Attendance September 11th: German Worship - 80; Worship Service – 200			

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:

Just a reminder that the MCC Ontario AGM will be held tomorrow evening - **Monday, September 19 at 8:00 p.m.** at 50 Kent Avenue in Kitchener. This date was chosen to coincide with a regular board meeting, hence the late hour. All members of MCC's supporting churches are welcome to attend. Our Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for MCC to be accountable, transparent and responsive to you. The AGM will also be available to view online, but voting privileges do not extend to delegates viewing online. Registration is at mcco.ca/agm or email sonyakuefer@mcco.ca.

Managing Expectations and Sponsorship Ethics is the title of a workshop that MCC Ontario and the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program will be offering in St. Catharines on **Saturday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 noon.** (Location to be announced.) **Anyone** who is interested is encouraged to register (please indicate your church membership) at refugee@mcco.ca and let Greta know as well. Topics to be covered include: What are sponsors' and refugees' expectations of each other, and how can they be managed to avoid conflict? What are some ethical practices that private sponsors may wish to consider? How do power imbalances affect the relationship between sponsors and refugees, and how can they be minimized? This event is not just for members of the Sponsorship and Settlement Committee, and it would be good to see some students/young adults participate.

Registration is open for MCC Ontario's Fall Conference Join us for MCC Ontario's Fall Conference to experience how MCC is working for peace and justice around the world. mcco.ca/fall-conference **Sat Nov 12, 9 am - 3:30 pm**, Elmira District Secondary School, 4 University Ave, Elmira

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 11 th	"The Purpose Drawn Life"
September 18 th	"The Heart of Living"
September 25 th	"Soul Satisfaction"
October 2 nd	<i>Message from our Missions Prayer Partners Andrew & Karen Suderman</i>
October 9 th	<i>Thanksgiving Message</i>
October 16 th	"Living Your Strengths"
October 23 rd	"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!**

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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!

St. Catharines Right to Life Benefit Concert: with the *Dutch Christian Male Choir* made up of 60 professional singers from across Holland, as well as trio *At Once* and the *Oxford Reformed Christian School Chamber Choir*, **Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.**, at Heritage Reformed Church, 4171 15th St., in Jordan. Everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be taken for St. Catharines Right to Life to further its mission promoting the sanctity of life. For more info, call [905-684-7505](tel:905-684-7505) or visit ChooseLife.ca

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

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Join us!

For more information about tickets or sponsoring a table, please call: 905.934.0021 or email: admin@niagaralifecentre.ca

Save the Date!

Niagara Life Centre Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction
Friday, October 21, 2016
Reception 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines
Full event details coming soon!

Please help us to meet our Banquet fundraising goal of \$36,000. Your support will allow Niagara Life Centre to:

- ✓ Extend counselling hours to include evenings.
- ✓ Develop more group programs.
- ✓ Continue to provide low fee counselling to individuals and families in need.



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.