

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

### **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#### **Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

##### **Gathering**

Rachael Peters

##### **Call to Worship**

Linda Friesen

##### **Worship in Song**

Praise & Worship

"Thank-you Lord"

"A New Hallelujah"

"My Saviour, My God"

##### **Congregational Life & Announcements**

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- MCC

"New earth, Heavens New" HWB #299

##### **Proclamation**

Children's Moment

John Tiessen

"10,000 Reasons"

"Soul Satisfaction"

Pastor David Lewis

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42, pew Bible p. 550-551

Stephanie Taylor

##### **Sending**

"Shout To the North"

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Janice Janzen & Christina Cox

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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: Ramona Neufeld - Grusswort: 1. Johannes 4,10**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied: "Der Herr hat Grosses an uns getan"

**Opfergaben Fokus: MCC**

Lied: GB #192 'Wach auf mein Herz' (3 Verse)

Chorlied: "In der elften Stunde"

**Schriftwort: Hebräer 13,7**

**Botschaft: 'Besondere Predigten' – Hans Jürgen Wiens**

Lied: GB #371 'Liebe, die du mich zum Bilde' (3 Verse)

### **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:**

**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. The cost for the police clearance is \$15. If you would like to submit your receipt to the office, we will be happy to reimburse you for this cost. Kind thanks in advance for your timely attention to this!

**Special Guests Next week:** Andrew and Karen Suderman! After many years of mission work in South Africa, Andrew and Karen have left their post and are back in North America. In January they will be relocating to the U.S. where Andrew will start teaching at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Next Sunday, Andrew and Karen will be here at NUMC to share with us details about their Mission work and future endeavors. Please come at 10:00 am for a special presentation they have prepared for us in an adult Sunday School type style. Following that, they will share with us in our Worship service.

**Registration for Pioneer Club is still happening!** Come out and participate! Pioneer Club runs **Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00**. We are a kids' club that wants to tell kids about Jesus. We do this through singing, lessons, crafts and games. Any questions? Call April at the office. Thank you!

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

**German Choir lunch Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30**. 1242 Line 3. Please rsvp to Lolita at 905 468 8392 if you are attending.

**Looking for help!** Our custodians will be away **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**Ride request:** A big thank-you is expressed to those who have offered to drive our newcomers to school! Some further need for drivers still exists, so please be willing to accept if you are asked to help out in this way. To volunteer or for further information, please speak with Greta Wiens.

**Varenecki Supper is back! Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Offering of September 18<sup>th</sup>: \$4,720.00</b>			
Budget	\$3,970.00	MCC General	\$510.00
Christian Witness	\$60.00	MCC Food	\$70.00
		MCC School Kits	\$100.00
<b>Attendance September 18<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service – 209</b>			

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 26<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
7:00 pm Young Adult Leadership Discussion  
**Friday:** 7:30 pm Youth

**Next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 Joachim Dau  
10:00 am Youth  
10:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Andrew & Karen Suderman Adult Sunday School Presentation  
11:00 am Worship Service – Message from Andrew & Karen Suderman

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Kathe Wiens & Sue Fast

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

**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 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The Purpose Drawn Life"</b>
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The Heart of Living"</b>
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Soul Satisfaction"</b>
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Message from our Missions Prayer Partners Andrew &amp; Karen Suderman</i>
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>"How to become a thankful person"</i>
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Living Your Strengths"</b>
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>"Winning the Battle for the Mind"</b>

**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**One more week** to sign up and join us as we Ride for Refuge on Oct. 1 in support of Witness mission workers in 20 countries around the world. There are 6 teams and 35 riders from our congregations that you can sponsor directly at <https://canada.rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>. Proceeds go to keep Witness international ministry strong. In light of NUMC not registering own team this year, any of our interested riders are invited to join David Brubacher and a couple from their congregation, Grace Mennonite church, as they are riding for Jason Martin's team, who are raising funds for Nate & Taryn's Futsal project. Please contact the church office for information on how to connect with these riders.

## MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

**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](http://mcco.ca/fall-conference) **Sat Nov 12, 9 am - 3:30 pm**, Elmira District Secondary School, 4 University Ave, Elmira

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

**Niagara Bethany Handbell Choir ...** Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to join the Handbell choir. No musical experience needed! Practices are on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-7:00pm at Bethany Mennonite Church and there is no cost to join. If interested, please contact Tracey Frena at 905-468-1252.

**JuBELLation:** an exciting new adult Handbell Choir is looking for members! No experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be every other Tuesday night at 7:30pm at Bethany Mennonite Church. Please contact Tracey Frena at 905-468-1252 if interested.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ChooseLife.ca)

The poster is for the Niagara Life Centre Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction. It features a logo on the left that says 'niagara life centre COUNSELLING' and 'HELP HOPE HEALING' with the tagline 'Inspiring Positive Life Change'. The main text reads 'Save the Date!' in a large, cursive font. Below this, it states 'Niagara Life Centre Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction' and 'Friday, October 21, 2016'. The event schedule is 'Reception 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM' at the 'Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines'. It notes that 'Full event details coming soon!' and asks for help to meet a fundraising goal of \$30,000. A list of goals includes extending counselling hours, developing more group programs, and continuing low-fee counselling. A lighthouse illustration is on the right. Contact information for tickets is at the bottom left.

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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.

**Join us!**

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

**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.

### 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.