

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 2nd, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Steve Cox

Worship in Song

“God is here among us” HWB #16

“Here we stand, Lord”

Choir

Congregational Life & Announcements

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“Slowly turning” StJ #23

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Andrew & Karen Suderman

“We will walk with God” StJ #78

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, pew Bible p. 1114

Megan Kulchar

Greetings from Mennonite Church Canada

Jason Martin

“Ubuntu: Remembering our Interconnectedness”

Andrew & Karen Suderman

Sending

“Asithi: Amen” StJ #64

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Kathe Wiens & Anita Sawatzky

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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 - Aufruf zur Andacht: Ps 23

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Chorlied: “Erntedanklied”

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #27 “Lobe den Herren, den Mächtigen” (vs 1, 2 & 5)

Chorlied: “Dir, Herr, sei das Lob”

Schriftwort: 2.Kor 9:6-15

Botschaft: “Gott Gibt” – Joachim Dau

Lied: GB #323 “Auf zum Werk”

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Next Sunday is our Thanksgiving celebration. Please remember the earlier start time of **10:45 am**. Also, as is our tradition, you are invited to bring in your offerings to be displayed at the front of our church. Please bring all produce or homemade items to the front of the sanctuary prior to the service to be added to our arrangement. All non-perishables can be brought directly to our food pantry. Following the service, we will have the donated items available for purchase, with all proceeds directed to the Deacon’s Fund. Thanks for your support and participation in this tradition!

Women in Service is quilting (tying knots) for MCC every **Tuesday at 9:00 am**. We heartily invite everyone to come and join us - for service, for company and for friendship. No need to call, just come.

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 Breakfast! All ladies are invited to join together this coming **Thursday** for breakfast and fellowship. Please note the new location! We will meet at **9:00 am** at the Red Rooster Restaurant.

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!

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. Tickets are going fast. If you would like to volunteer to help the day and/or evening of the supper, please call or email me. Thank you, Linda Friesen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 3rd - October 9th)	
Monday:	7:00 pm Council Executives Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday:	9:00 am Women in Service 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm Welcome Centre Team Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Thursday:	7:00 pm German Advent Choir Practice 7:30 pm Sponsorship & Settlement Committee Meeting
Friday:	7:30 pm Youth @Bethany Mennonite Church
Next Sunday, October 9th - Thanksgiving	
8:45 am	Praise & Worship Practice
9:45 am	Lighthouse Kids Ministry
10:00 am	Youth
10:00 am	Choir Practice
10:45 am	Worship Service – Message from David Lewis
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Sue Fast & Laurene Nickel	

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

Offering of September 26th: \$8,169.00			
Budget	\$6,224.00	MCC General	\$1,020.00
Christian Witness	\$240.00	MCC Food	\$185.00
Library	\$50.00	MCC School Kits	\$200.00
		Friends of Menn. Cntr Ukr	\$250.00
Attendance September 26th: German Worship– 83; Worship Service– 168			

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 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.

Sermon Series: True North Living

Pastor Dave is leading us through 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 Partners Andrew & Karen Suderman*
- October 9th *"How to become a thankful person"*
- October 16th **"Living Your Strengths"**
- October 23rd **"Winning the Battle for the Mind"**

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 **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.



The poster features a logo for 'niagara life centre COUNSELLING' with a sub-logo 'HELP HOPE HEALING' and the tagline 'Inspiring Positive Life Change'. The main headline is 'Save the Date!' in a large, cursive font. Below this, the event details are listed: 'Niagara Life Centre Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction', 'Friday, October 21, 2016', 'Reception 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM', and 'Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines'. A call to action 'Join us!' is followed by contact information: 'For more information about tickets or sponsoring a table, please call: 905.934.0021 or email: admin@niagaralifecentre.ca'. A list of goals includes: 'Extend counselling hours to include evenings', 'Develop more group programs', and 'Continue to provide low fee counselling to individuals and families in need'. A lighthouse illustration is on the right.

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Please help us to meet our Banquet
fundraising goal of \$30,000
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Interested in connecting faith and work in your daily life? Everyone is welcome at MEDA Niagara's next breakfast meeting **Tuesday, October 18, 7:30-8:30am** at Sweets Café and Bistro (Ontario Street location). Ellery (Penner) Rauwerda will be sharing her faith/work story. \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Maria Klassen at maria.h.klassen@gmail.com or at 289-362-5963.

Special Seminar for Seniors and their Adult Children: As challenges arrive in senior years, what arrangements can be made to take things in stride? How can seniors and their families/friends have good conversations about essential matters related to home, health, and long-term happiness? Explore these questions at: **FACING THE CIRCUMSTANCES** - a seminar facilitated by Randy Klaassen, minister and author. **Saturday a.m. Oct 29, 9:30 - 12:00** at Grace Mennonite Church, 677 Niagara St., St. Catharines. [Format: Two 50-minute sessions with coffee break.] Freewill donation welcome.

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.