

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 16th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Laury Willms

Call to Worship

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

"God Whose Giving" HWB #383

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda & Austin Penner

"Steady Heart"

Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda & Austin Penner

Congregational Life & Announcements

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

"Love the Lord Your God"

Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda & Austin Penner

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Kate Dirks

"Unless a Grain of Wheat" StS #56

"Living Your Strengths"

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

"Now Go In Peace" StJ #74

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Dan & Sarah Froese

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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: Gunnar Doerwald - Aufruf zur Andacht: Psalm 42:2,6

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied: "Wir haben einen Felsen"

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #393 "Jesu hilf siegen" (vs. 1-3)

Chorlied: "O, wie wunderbar"

Schriftwort: Eph. 6:10-19

Botschaft: "Geruestet fuer den Weg" – Hans-Hermann Dau

Lied: GB #393 "Jesu hilf siegen" (vs. 4&5)

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Corbin and Ashley Thwaites joyfully announce the arrival of Jaxon Paul, born on Sunday, October 2nd. Thrilled grandparents are John and Jocelyn Thwaites, and Ken and Paula Andres.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Immediate Help Needed! Our new Lighthouse Kids Ministry is in need of a Praise & Worship Coordinator. The tasks involved are sourcing, coordinating and scheduling the praise & worship song leaders, as well as arranging for someone to run the Power Point lyrics. This is a well-supported role and will work in conjunction with the Lighthouse Superintendent. For more information, or to volunteer, please call or email Linda Pankratz.

The Upper Room Renewal- If you wish to continue receiving your copy of The Upper Room devotional, please contact April in the office, as well, be sure to include any updates on the quantities that you require.

If you would like to start subscribing, please contact April to add you to the group subscription. The cost for the 2017 subscription will be \$14 per subscription (one devotional every two months). Payment can be made at the Welcome Centre, or in the church office.

Candle Light Practices start on Thursday, October 27th. Looking for all interested singers to join us! More details to follow.

Ladies Breakfast: All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us for breakfast. A diverse group of ladies from our congregation and community meet the first Thursday of every month. There is lots of laughter, stories and catching up done over breakfast. For the next two months we will meet at The Red Rooster restaurant. Looking forward to seeing anyone who can come on Thursday November 3rd and Thursday December 1st. We do have an email reminder that goes out on a monthly basis or should we have to change locations or dates. If you would like to be included in the monthly email reminder please email emily@lawyersniagara.com (Emily Fieguth) so you can be added to the list.

Financial Update and Interim Donation Statements are in your mailboxes. Please review for accuracy. If you have not made your donations, we encourage you to do so now. We would also like to express our thanks to those of you who contribute through Mennonite Foundation or our website.

Office Administrator The position of our Administrative Assistant has been reviewed by Church Council and changed to Office Administrator. This position is now responsible for the day to day administration of the office as well as our church facility. This change improves our organization to create one point of contact within the church that is on site during our business hours. Please bring all facility bookings or maintenance issues to April's attention along with any administrative needs.

Intentional Interim Plan

Church and Spiritual Councils have reviewed a plan proposed by Pastor David Lewis called the Transitional Pathway. It is a four step process involving a group of 30 to 40 people that will work through the plan and eventually lead to the development of a Pastoral Profile.

The working group should have four types of members:

1. People of Position
2. People of Passion
3. People of Potential
4. People of Participation

We will be asking church committees to provide members for this group and ask anyone with a passion to be a member to please contact David Lewis, Stephen Cox or Rick Froese.

This group will meet on Saturday mornings and the process will provide all church members an opportunity to provide input. We hope to have the first meeting on **Saturday, November 12** and complete the process by June 2017.

Church Council will present details of the plan for discussion and affirmation at the Fall Membership meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 pm**.

Our time of transition is an opportunity for our congregation to see where God is calling us into the future. We ask that the membership pray for guidance during this period of transition.

Fall Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 pm

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Opening Devotion
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Appointment of Tellers Committee
4. Review and acceptance of July 18 Membership Meeting Minutes
5. Financial Update
6. Maintenance Update
7. Refugee Sponsorship Update
8. Visitation/Care Update
9. Intentional Interim Plan – Review & Affirmation
10. Other Business
11. Close

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 17th - October 23rd)

Monday: 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 Spiritual Council Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Thursday: 7:00 pm German Advent Choir Practice
Friday: 6:30 pm Youth Band
 7:30 pm Youth

Next Sunday, October 23rd

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
 9:30 am Choir Coffee & Treats
 9:45 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry
 10:00 am Youth
 10:00 am Choir Practice
 11:00 am Worship Service – Message from David Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

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

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"

Offering of October 9th: \$8,825.15			
Budget	\$5,945.00	MCC General	\$915.00
Christian Witness	\$640.00	MCC Food	\$20.00
Library	\$150.00	MCC Haiti	\$700.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$100.00	Friends of Men. Ctr Ukraine	\$100.00
Deacon's Fund	\$225.10	Peach Salsa	\$30.00
Attendance October 9th: Joint Worship Service– 243			

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew, which crossed the country Oct. 4. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcccanada.ca/hurricane-matthew, call 1-800-313-6226 or send a cheque to MCC, 203-50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1.

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:

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.

WEAVING A STORY OF INDIGENOUS HOPE: On **Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 - 9 pm** at Grace Mennonite Church, Indigenous presenters Kelly Davis and Karl Dockstader will focus on the stages of Reconciliation and Understanding as recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This event will familiarize people with cultural and spiritual practices, inform about the general historical evolution of First Nations relationships with colonizers, and conclude with an Oneida Prayer of Thanksgiving also translated to English. [This event is being promoted by *Bridge of Hope*, a partnership of Niagara Mennonites, Muslims and Quakers.]

The 3rd annual Anabaptist Heritage Concert will take place on **Saturday, November 26, at 7:00 pm**, at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. We invite all interested singers to join us for rehearsals at the St. Catharines U. M. Church on the following Tuesday evenings: **November 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

If you enjoy celebrating Christmas and you would like to sing in a choir, why not join Fairview's Christmas Choir? All practices are on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on October 27** at Fairview MB Church, 455 Geneva Street. The Christmas Choral Concert will take place on **Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm**. For further information, please contact Helen Warkentin @ 905-934-3398.

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.