

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 23rd, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Marlene Borzychowski

Call to Worship

Erv Willms

Worship in Song

Praise & Worship

“Holy is Our God”

“We Want to See Jesus Lifted High”

“Give Us Clean Hands”

Congregational Life & Announcements

Erv Willms

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“Blessed Assurance” HWB#332

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“Jesus, All for Jesus”

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17-32, pg.1135

Rebecca Willms

“Winning the Battle for the Mind”

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

“Not be Shaken”

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

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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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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.

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 Linda at 289-868-8697 or cell 289 686 3774 or e-mail at pankratz57@gmail.com.

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.

Top 7 Reasons to join the Candlelight Choir

7. You have a great reserved seat for the concert.
6. Intellectual Stimulation—when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain
5. No auditions required!
4. People who are involved in music live longer and are healthier.
3. It takes singing in the shower to the next level.
2. Every once in a while, you might catch a glimpse of Heaven's choir singing along with you.
1. Serving the Lord—considering all He does for us, it's just a little giving back to HIM!

Rehearsals start, **Thursday October 27th at 8:00**. No past experience required!

Candlelight Services will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church on **Saturday, December 17th**, and at Niagara United Mennonite Church on NUMC on **Sunday, December 18th**

JR YOUTH will be travelling to Agape Valley for our annual hay ride on **Friday October 28th**. Please Drop off at church **6:00 and pick up at 9:30 pm**. There is a small \$12 fee, cash only please. Drivers appreciated. RSVP required to Sarah-froese@hotmail.com.

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. 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.

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.**

The Mennonite Food & Craft Bazaar will be held **Sat. Nov. 5 from 10a.m. to 2p.m.** at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road. Featuring borscht lunch, baking, preserves, crafts, quilts, silent auction and attic treasures. Proceeds are donated to local charities and overseas missions.

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

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 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 Partners Andrew & Karen Suderman</i>
October 9 th	<i>"How to become a thankful person"</i>
October 16 th	"Living Your Strengths"
October 23 rd	"Winning the Battle for the Mind"

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

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.