

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 30th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Choir

"Brethren, we have come to worship" HWB #8

"How can I say" StS #117

"Come, O Spirit come" StS #104

Congregational Life & Announcements

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

"In Thy service"

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Scott Vanderlee

"True evangelical faith"

Choir

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-44; 7:12 pg. 937/8,939

Eric Froese

"What Jesus says about being good neighbours"

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

"Living stones"

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Jay & Elysia Vis

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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: Hans H. Dau - **Grusswort:** Jakobus 1:17, 5.Mose 8:10

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #572 "O Gott, von dem wir alles haben"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 22: 15-22

Botschaft: "Nicht von der Welt - Aber in der Welt" - Udo Woelke

Lied: GB #352 "Merk, Seele dir dies grosse Wort"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Elizabeth Janzen (Pleasant Manor) and her family up to our Heavenly Father in prayer during her stay in the hospital undergoing tests. May God grant His healing and peace during this time.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Reminder! Next weekend we will experience the end of daylight savings time, so please remember to **set your clocks one hour back on Saturday night**. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

Young Adults Bowls & Buns Potluck - The leaves have changed colour and there's a brisk breeze in the air, this could only mean one thing... Time for our annual Bowls and Buns potluck! Bring your favourite "bowl-able" dish to share and meet up in the gym after the service next week on **November 6th**. For more details contact Jolien Koole.

Ladies Breakfast! All ladies are invited to gather together over breakfast this coming **Thursday at 9:00 am** at the Red Rooster Restaurant. All welcome!

Sausage orders are back! Please email Alex Baergen at alexbaergen@live.com or go to the Eden school council website to place your order, unfortunately there will be no phone calls for this order period.

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**.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 31st – November 6th)	
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 Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Thursday:	7:00 pm German Advent Choir Practice 7:30 pm Sponsorship & Settlement Committee Meeting 8:00 pm Candle Light Choir Practice
Friday:	6:30 pm Youth Band 7:30 pm Youth
Next Sunday, November 6th – PEACE SUNDAY	
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 David Lewis
12:00 pm	Young Adult Bowls and Buns Potluck
Next week’s Nursery volunteers: Matt & Melanie Scott	

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

Offering of October 23rd: \$10,901.75			
Budget	\$9,831.75	MCC General	\$270.00
Christian Witness	\$190.00	MCC Food	\$50.00
MCC School Kits	\$60.00	MCC Haiti	\$500.00
Attendance October 23rd: Worship Service - 171			

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.

When Jesus finished his conversation with the expert in Jewish law about the greatest commandment, He focused in on the relational component to living out a credible lifestyle of godliness. Our love for God must spill over naturally to loving our neighbours. How do we engage in this kind of love? For the next three weeks, Pastor Dave will speak to this question by examining...

- October 30, 2016 **What Jesus says about being good neighbours –**
The pursuit of great relationships
- November 6, 2016 **What Jesus says about hurried living –**
Being at peace with ourselves (Peace Sunday)
- November 13, 2013 **What Jesus says about the pursuit of happiness –**
Finding joy in relationship in the age of the 'selfie'

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

How do you feel and what do you do when a homeless person approaches you on the street? When there's a news report about aboriginal Canadians not having fresh drinking water in their town, do you wonder what that has to do with you? Are you curious about the opportunities for overseas adventure offered through our Mennonite church? Well, **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Ontario is holding its Fall Conference** in Elmira on **Saturday, November 12 (from 9 a.m. to 3:30)** and offers 15 different seminars or workshops to address topics like these. Besides that, there will be lots of music, an art exhibit, and guest speakers from Canada and Zambia. This event is open to all ages (with a special program for those aged 4-10) and anyone who has attended in the past can tell you that is interesting, informative, and inspirational. Please register by November 7. You can do this on-line (<http://mcco.ca/fall-conference>), by mail (Suite 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, N2G 3R1), or by telephone (1-800-313-6226). There is a fee of \$20 (\$10 for kids) that includes your lunch. If you would like a ride, or if you can offer someone a ride, please contact Greta Wiens.

At **MCC Ontario's Fall Conference**, the guest speakers are Issa Ebombolo, creator and director of Peace Clubs, Wilma Derksen, long-time advocate for those affected by crime and Krista Johnson Weickel, MCC's Peacebuilding Coordinator at MCC. The conference runs all day (9:00-3:30) and will be held at Elmira District Secondary School, 4 University Ave., Elmira. Spaces for the children's Junior Peacebuilders Program are limited, so please apply soon.

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.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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 John & Kathy Rempel 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.

Coming Home to the Passionate Giver - Reflecting upon God's word and through inspirational songs of the season and spectacular video presentations, Father Mark Curtis will create an opportunity for families to prepare for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas by honouring, receiving and responding joyfully and passionately to God's perfect gift to us, the gift of the passionate giver, the gift of Jesus. **Saturday November 5th at 2 p.m.** at Bethany Mennonite Church.

Ready to be inspired? Niagara Life Centre presents the Homes of Distinction Christmas Home Tour on **November 18 and 19**. Professionally decorated homes are all dressed up for Christmas. Home tour volunteers are also needed. More info and tickets are available by calling NLC at 905-934-0021 or at nlchometour.com. All proceeds support Niagara Life Centre.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht lunch and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 19th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** All are welcome!

Registration is now open for the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 12-16 and 19-23, 2017. Go to csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca for more information and to apply for your choice of five-day courses on topics such as journalism and peacebuilding, trauma healing, refugee challenges, human rights and indigenous law, transforming the peacebuilder, agroecological peacebuilding, Muslim-Christian dialogue, and gender, violence and peacebuilding.

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.