

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 13th, 2016

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Laury Willms

Call to Worship

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Praise & Worship

"Wonderful"

"My Beloved"

"In The Beauty of Holiness"

Congregational Life & Announcements

John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

"Joys are flowing like a river" HWB #301

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Laurene Nickel

"The Same Love"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33, p. 938-939

Christina Cox

"What Jesus says about the pursuit of happiness"

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

"Faithful One"

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Sue Fast & Wendy Janzen

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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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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.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations! Matt Friesen & Olivia Fabiani were married here in our church yesterday. We wish them both God's richest blessing in their marriage.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Junior Youth! The next junior youth activity will be a Pictionary Night held here at the church on **Friday November 25th from 7-9 pm**. All youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to participate!

The Serving Committee is requesting donations of baked goods from the congregation, which will be served at the Adventsfeier event. Please bring cookies or squares directly to the kitchen on **Sunday, November 27th**. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Centre.

The Spiritual Council invites everyone to the annual German Christmas Program (Adventsfeier) on **Sunday, November 27th, at 3:30 p.m.** Celebrate Christmas with the German Church Choir and sing along with your favourite German Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served in the gym/auditorium after the program.

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.

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.

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 14th - November 20th)</u>	
Monday:	7:00 am Ladies Baking 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 8:00 pm Candlelight Choir Practice
Friday:	7:30 pm Youth
Saturday:	9:00 am Niagara Community Male Chorus Workshop
<u>Next Sunday, November 20th – Eternity Sunday</u>	
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 Ramona Neufeld
10:00 am	Youth
10:00 am	Choir Practice
11:00 am	Worship Service – Message from John Tiessen
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel	

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

Offering of November 6th: \$15,760.35			
Budget	\$13,055.35	MCC General	\$1,655.00
Christian Witness	\$630.00	MCC Haiti	\$250.00
Friends of Menn. Ctr. Ukr.	\$150.00	Botswana	\$20.00
Attendance November 6th: German Worship – 77 ; Worship Service - 189			

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.

Sermon Series: WHAT JESUS SAYS... (October 30 – November 13)

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

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.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mennonite Disaster Service Response to the Windsor, ON Sept Flooding: MDS is starting to rebuild basements that were flooded from the late Sept flooding, where vulnerable families need their basement and do not have insurance. The cleanup took place in Oct. Volunteers are needed in particular for hanging and finishing drywall, and some carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Please consider volunteering by calling: Martin Durksen 905-736-1060 or Lindy Fazekas 519-817-4357.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.**

On Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM, Pleasant Manor will be holding a memorial service for those tenants and residents who have passed away since April, 2016. The service will take place in the Creekview Meeting Room with refreshments to follow.

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!

Tabor Manor will be holding a memorial service on Thursday November 24 @ 7:00 PM. We will be remembering the lives of residents and tenants who died between April 15, 2016 and November 1, 2016. Please feel free to join us for this service in the Tabor Manor "Great Room", which is in the new long term care facility at 7 Tabor Drive.

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.