

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 20th, 2016

~ Eternity Sunday ~

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

Choir

“Shall we gather at the river” HWB #615

“When the storms of life are raging” HWB #558

Congregational Life & Announcements

Joachim Dau

Transitional Workgroup Update

Rick Froese

Eternity Sunday- slideshow & musical accompaniment

Kathy Rempel

Offering Focus- MCC

Offertory Piano Solo

Kaitlin Hinz

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Kathy Rempel

“Blest are they”

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7 - 14, pew Bible p. 1140

Chris Friesen

“My Goal is in Christ”

John Tiessen

Sending

“Teach me, o Lord” HWB #487

Benediction

John Tiessen

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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German Worship Service -10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Lani Gade - Grusswort: Psalm 61,5-6

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #267 "Ich weiß einen Strom"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Offendarung 21,1-7

Botschaft: "Das neue Jerusalem" – Ramona Neufeld

Lied: GB #115 " Kröhnet mit höchster Ehr"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our heartfelt welcome is extended to David & Helen Wall who were accepted into NUMC membership last week. They transferred to our congregation from Grace Mennonite in St. Catharines. We pray for blessing on our time together.

Flowers at the front of the sanctuary have been placed there in memory of Barbara Wiens, who passed away on Friday, November 11, 2016. The funeral service was held in our church on November 16. Hans-Juergen and the family express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make it a meaningful and worshipful celebration of her life and faith.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

First Advent Please join us at **10:45 am** next Sunday morning for our joint worship service with communion.

Pastor David Lewis is away on vacation from November 19-December 5th in Hawaii with his wife Janie, celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary!

The Women in Service will not be quilting this week due to the baking that will be done instead for the Pleasant Manor bazaar.

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 to be served at the Adventsfeier event. Please bring cookies or squares directly to the kitchen **next Sunday morning**. Please sign-up 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.

Turkey Supper is Saturday, December 10th. Tickets on Sale now! Pick up your tickets before or after service or through the office during the week. Our play is entitled 'So Caught Up', you won't want to miss it. We are of course heavily reliant on your help to pull this large scale event off. It truly is a church-wide effort that makes Turkey Supper happen. If you are able to cook a turkey or help in the kitchen please sign up at the Tickets booth.

Candlelight Services will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church on **Sat. Dec. 17th**, and at Niagara United Mennonite Church on NUMC on **Sun. Dec. 18th**.

One of our white church tablecloths has gone missing! Please check your linen closets at home. Perhaps it was taken home to be washed and hasn't quite made its way back here yet. If so, please take this opportunity to return it. Alternatively, if you have an idea of the missing tablecloth's whereabouts, please contact the office. Thanks ever so much!

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. **Please sign-up/renew by November 30th**.

| THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 21st - November 27th) | |
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| Monday: | 1:00 pm Ladies Baking 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Program Meeting 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice |
| Tuesday: | 7:00 am Ladies Baking 7:00 pm Welcome Centre Team meeting |
| Wednesday: | 6:30 pm Pioneer Club 7:00 pm Young Adult Leadership Discussion |
| Thursday: | 7:00 pm German Advent Choir Practice 8:00 pm Candlelight Choir Practice |
| Friday: | 7:00 pm Junior Youth Pictionary Night 7:30 pm Youth |
| Next Sunday, November 27th – First Advent | |
| 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 Stephen Cox |
| 3:30 pm | Adventsfeier German Christmas Program |
| Next week's Nursery volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel | |

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

Upcoming Sermons...

First Advent: "Clothed in Christ"

November 27th

We live in a world that seems to carry a great deal of anxiety, spilling over into violent extremism in some places, and contained as fear and despair in others. These are anxious times and even the beauty that Christmas brings oftentimes does little to reduce the anxiety. To get to God's heart of peace, from a world of anxiety, we need to take a walk with Jesus.

| Offering of November 13th: \$6,954.00 | | | |
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| Budget | \$5,724.00 | MCC General | \$790.00 |
| Christian Witness | \$50.00 | MCC Haiti | \$250.00 |
| Refugee Sponsorship | \$20.00 | MCC Food | \$20.00 |
| | | MCC School Kits | \$100.00 |
| Attendance November 13th: Worship Service - 242 | | | |

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.

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.

Restorative Justice Week Nov 20-27 is Restorative Justice Week and we encourage our partners to acknowledge the impacts or the approach of Restorative Justice to the traditional justice system. Go to mcco.ca/rj and follow us on facebook and twitter for stories and resources.

Receive a copy of Emmanuel, God with Us, Robert Witmer's journey of faith from depression-era Ontario farm life to the mission suburbs of Paris for the gift of \$20 (soft cover) or \$25 (hard cover) to MCC. Your gift will be matched by a foundation. Makes a great and meaningful Christmas gift! Drop by our offices at 50 Kent or call 519-745-8458 for your copy.

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:

Support for Darin Fast! On Sunday, November 20th at 7pm, Cornerstone Community Church is hosting a music and worship night at in honour of Darin's love and skill for music. We will spend time worshipping our great God together and spending time in prayer & intercession for the Lord to miraculously heal Darin. We will also be taking an offering that will go directly to supporting the Fasts. It's a small, practical way that we can relieve one of the many burdens that accompanies this illness. If you are unable to join us on the 20th but would like to give, you can send an e-transfer directly to Dave and Teri at teri.fast@gmail.com

or to admin@ccchurch.ca through which we're able to provide a charitable donation receipt. Please use the password "Holdingfast" for any e-transfers. Any cheques can be made out to Cornerstone Community Church with a memo: Benevolent and the money will go directly to covering medical costs for the Fast's. To stay updated on Darin and the family's journey, you can follow Teri's blog at <https://holdingfastsite.wordpress.com>

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.

PLEASANT MANOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016 Our annual Christmas Bake sale will be held on **Saturday, November 26 from 10am to 11:30am**. We would appreciate contributions of baked goods from anyone who would like to bake for this occasion. Baked goods could include items such as bread, buns, zwiebak, Christmas cookies, squares, pies. Everyone enjoys purchasing these delicious goodies. Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off for the bake sale in the Pleasant Manor Chapel on Friday, November 25 between 7 and 8 pm. We look forward to an enjoyable time with you! - The Pleasant Manor Auxiliary

The 3rd annual Anabaptist Heritage Concert will take place on Saturday, **November 26, at 7:00 pm**, at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church.

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.