

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 1st, 2017

~ New Year's Day ~

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Call to Worship

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Jon Bradnam, Rachael Peters, Sharla Wiens, & Julieanne Enns

“Joy to the World” HWB #318

“This is My Father's World” HWB #154

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” STS #32

Congregational Life & Announcements

Linda Friesen

MCEC holiday video clip

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“The Prayer”

Special Music

Proclamation

“God of Wonders”

“Under the Stars”

Pastor Greg Dick

(Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:1-12)

Sending

“We have a Saviour”

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Laurene 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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German Worship Service -10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Hans H. Dau - Grusswort: Psalm 37:5

Orgelspiel:

Chorlied: “Herr, deine Güte”

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #406 “Befiehl du deine Wege”

Chorlied: “Der Herr ist mein Licht”

Schriftwort: Jakobus 4: 13-15; Johannes 14:1-6

Botschaft: “Herr, weise uns deinen Weg” – Udo Woelke

Lied: GB #415 “Weiss ich den Weg auch nicht”

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary have been placed here today by Udo Woelke in loving memory of Anne, who passed away two years ago on Dec. 31st. She is deeply missed and held dearly in the hearts of her family and loved ones. May the Spirit uplift those who are feeling sorrow over the loss of family members this holiday season.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Welcome to today's guest preacher, Pastor Greg Dick! Greg has grown up and lived in the Niagara region for most of his life. He loves the area, his family and friends. He has a Masters of Divinity from Acts Seminaries of Trinity Western University. Most recently he was the Associate Pastor of Family Ministries for 5 years at Vineland United Mennonite Church, a position from which he moved on in February 2016. For those who like to play the Mennonite game, he is the husband to Katiana Wiens, who grew up attending this church.

Holiday Hours Please note that the church offices remain closed tomorrow for the holidays and re-open for regular business on **Tuesday, January 3rd**. April and the staff thank the church for this holiday time of rest.

Pastor David Lewis is away visiting with his daughter, Michelle, and her family in Edmonton for the holidays. He will return to work on January 13th.

Transitional Work Group Summary - Please pick up the report at the Welcome Centre which summarizes the first Transitional Work Group session that was held in November. This update is designed for the congregation to be informed and included in the progression of this group.

January Church Calendar Please find our January church calendars available for pick-up at the Welcome Centre. Please note that all events and happenings are also listed on our church website as well.

The German Worship Calendar for 2017 is available at the Welcome Centre. Please feel free to pick-up a copy for yourself.

The Upper Room The January/February issue of the Upper Room has arrived. Please find it in your mailbox if you have signed up to receive it. If you have not yet paid, please do so ASAP. If you forgot to sign up, there are still a few subscriptions available on a first-come, first-serve basis- please speak to April to secure yours.

Ladies of all ages from NUMC, we will be having our monthly breakfast get together on **Thursday January 5th at 9:00 a.m.** We meet at The Red Rooster Restaurant (Mary Street in NOTL beside Tim Horton's). As always feel free to invite others. If you would like to be added to the email reminder list please contact Emily Fieguth at emily@lawyersniagara.com.

Correction: Pioneer Clubs will meet again on **Jan. 11th**, not Jan. 4th as per letter home to the parents. Any questions please contact the office. Thank you.

Attention Seniors! The next Seniors' Tea will be held on **January 15th at 3:30 pm** here in the church auditorium. This is open to all seniors- hope you can join!

Annual Report Submissions All councils, committees, groups, and ministries are invited to submit a report to be included in our church Annual Report. Please kindly begin preparing these reports for submission. The deadline this year is **January 31st**, though please feel welcome to submit ahead of the deadline, as some of you already have begun to do. Thank-you to those of you who have already submitted your reports! If you have questions or require further information, please contact April.

Have you been baptized? Beginning **February 5th**, baptism classes will be held on Sunday mornings at **10:00 am** in the boardroom. These classes will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and to prepare for baptism. The class is open to anyone who has made a commitment to follow Jesus, or who wishes to do so, and who wants to take the next step of obedience to Christ in baptism. If you are interested please call April in the church office at 905-468-3313 or email her at office@redbrickchurch.ca.

NIAGARA UM FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Thank you for all your generous donations. Revenues were short of budget for 2016 and while we are hoping expenses will be down, a budget surplus is not expected for 2016. Once 2016 expenses have been finalized, an update will be posted in the bulletin.

Offering of December 25th: \$23,496.00			
Budget	\$21,729.00	MCC General	\$1,310.00
Christian Witness	\$220.00	MCC Food	\$130.00
Niagara Teen Evangelism	\$107.00		
Attendance December 25th: Joint Worship Service - 169			

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (January 2nd – January 8th)

Monday: OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday: **7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting
Friday: **7:30 pm** Youth

Next Sunday, January 8th

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
9:45 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry
10:00 am Youth
10:00 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Worship Service – Message from John Tiessen

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Anita Sawatzky & Sue Fast

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

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on **Saturday, January 14th at 2 pm** in the Tabor Manor Chapel in St. Catharines. Please park in the Scott Street Church parking lot. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com.

SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP Fathers and Kids Retreat –Don't miss out on this great winter experience, **January 13-15!** Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smore's over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dads enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. **NOTE:** Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. Retreat Cost: \$225 for Father and one Child (each additional child is \$50) To Register Online: <https://silverlakemennonitecamp.wufoo.com/forms/z12cq29710oob7d/> or contact Rebekah at 519-422-3200 or rebekah@slmc.ca with any questions.

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.