

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 8th, 2017

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Marlene Borzychowski

Call to Worship

Steve Cox

Worship in Song

Ruth Willms & Laury Willms

“We're a Fellowship of Believers”

“We Three Kings from Orient Are”

“Come Walk in the Light”

Congregational Life & Announcements

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“As with Gladness Men of Old” HWB #218

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“Jesus, Be the Centre”

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8 – 18 pew Bible p. 1178

Evelyn Finlay

“Do I Love My Enemy?”

John Tiessen

Sending

“Come Light of the World” STS #3

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Anita Sawatzky & Sue Fast

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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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JOYS & CONCERNS:

The roses at the front of the sanctuary have been placed by Dietrich, Ruth, Julia and Mark Bartel in loving memory of our dear Aunt Laura (Eleonore Suckau) who passed away 2 years ago today, January 8, 2015. She is deeply missed and lives on in our memories of her love, kindness and gentle spirit.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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.

Niagara UM Financial Update: With your financial support and lower than budgeted expenses over the past year, we were able to meet all of our financial obligations for 2016. Thank-you for all of your generous donations in 2016!

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.

The Women’s Bible Study resumes their Monday evening meetings this week: 7pm in the Meeting Room.

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!

The Junior Youth are having their annual Spaghetti Lunch on **January 29th at noon** in the church auditorium. They invite everyone to come out to eat together.

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.

Offering of January 1st: \$6,512.00			
Budget	\$5,905.00	MCC General	\$215.00
Christian Witness	\$265.00	Friends of Menn. Cntr Ukraine	\$20.00
Niagara Teen Evangelism	\$107.00		
Attendance January 1st: German Worship – 67 ; Worship Service - 143			

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 9th – January 15th)	
Monday:	7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday:	9:00 am Women in Service
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club
	6:30 pm Grow Life With Us Meeting
Friday:	7:30 pm Youth
Next Sunday, January 15th	
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 from Hans H. Dau
10:00 am	Youth
10:00 am	Choir Practice
11:00 am	Worship Service – Message from Pastor David Lewis
3:30 pm	Seniors’ Time Out
Next week’s Nursery volunteers: Jolien Koole & Laurene Nickel	

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

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Our Upcoming Sermon Series.... The God You Need to Know

There is an undeniable urge within us to experience God. Whether this translates into a negative or positive experience has a lot to do with how we view God and what our understanding is about our ability to know him. For the next 6 weeks Pastor Dave will be exploring the compelling nature of the God you need to know.

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| January 15 th | “The Question of God” | Psalm 119 |
| January 22 nd | “The God Who is There” | Psalm 139:7-12 |

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.

Fairview Church Ladies' Time out is running again. Registration takes place **Tuesday January 10 from 9am to 10am**. Come check out the interest class choices for the winter session. Cost is \$35 for 10 weeks of activity, friendship and inspiration. Child care is also available for \$5 per child for the session. (455 Geneva St, St. Catharines. 905-934-3398.)

Wednesday, Jan 11th, 1:00 pm "End of Life Medical Issues" InfoHealth lecture by McMaster University Medical School students will be at the NOTL Community Centre, Mori Room.

St. Catharines Right to Life Coffeehouse "Stop Censorship Tour": Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 pm at Vineland Free Reformed Church, 3685 King St., Vineland. Learn about the censorship surrounding abortion in Ontario, why abortion data is essential in our work to protect the unborn and their mothers, and what's being done about it. Speakers: Lawyer John Sikkema and WeNeedALaw.ca Director Mike Schouten. Everyone welcome. For more info, contact St. Catharines Right to Life at 905-684-7505 or visit ChooseLife.ca.

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 smores 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.

"The Armor of God" Ladies Bible Study @ Orchard Park Bible Church

Meet Tuesday mornings from Jan 24-Mar 7th @ 9:15am in the Fireside Room. Registration deadline is January 16th. Cost is \$18.50 for the book. Further details available on the poster, which is posted on our Community Bulletin Board.

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.

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.