

*"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Marlene Borzychowski

**Call to Worship**

Joachim Dau

**Worship in Song**

Choir

"Come, now is the time to worship" STJ #9

"He my Shepherd is"

"Come to the Water"

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

"I sing the mighty power of God" HWB #46

**Proclamation**

Children's Moment

Jon Bradnam

"Cleanse Me"

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6; 23, 24 pew Bible p. 609, 610

Beverly Epp-Devolin

"The God who knows all... and still loves us"

Pastor David Lewis

**Sending**

"For God so Loved us" HWB #167

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Nancy Dube & Emily Dube

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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: Udo Woelke - Grusswort: Psalm 25:8-10**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB #139 "Teures Wort aus Gottes Munde"

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Jeremia 29,1-9**

**Botschaft: "Suchet der Stadt Bestes" – Isaak Eitzen**

Lied: GB #146 " Wohl dem, der Jesum liebet"

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Praise God!** Elizabeth Schachowskoj has returned home after a recent stay in the Niagara Falls hospital. She is thankful for the prayers of her church family and is happy to accept visitors as she continues to recover. May God continue to heal her and uplift her spirit through this time of physical struggle.

**The "Joys and Concerns" section of our weekly bulletin and announcements** is a vital part of our church community. Please note that in order for something to be in the "joys and concerns" of our bulletin or announced by the worship leader, we request that family members submit this to the office as these are sometimes sensitive issues and we have to respect confidentiality and the privacy of an individual or family. If something should be in the bulletin, a request must come to April or the Care team from the church member or their immediate family member. Thank-you for continuing to value and use this helpful tool within our church. So many people have been blessed by the prayers of God's people during difficult times and the prayers of celebration during special times.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**The Junior Youth are having their annual Spaghetti Lunch** today, immediately following the worship service in the church auditorium. Everyone is invited to come eat together and support the Jr. Youth!

**Mark your calendar!** Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**. The agenda will be in the bulletin in early February.

**Office Hours Adjustment-** Our Office Administrator April Michon was recently involved in an automobile accident and her doctor recommends that she work reduced hours for a few months to help recover from her injuries. The weekly office hours are listed below:

### **Office Hours This Week:**

Monday: Coverage by Emily - 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Tuesday: April - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: April - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday: April - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Friday: Coverage by Emily - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Attention! Please note the immediate change to the bulletin submission deadline!** The weekly bulletin is now being printed on Thursday mornings. Therefore, all submissions for the bulletin need to be received in the office no later than Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Thanks for your cooperation in adapting to this change. 😊

**Annual Report Submissions** All reports to be included in our church Annual Report are due in to the office on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Thank-you to those who have already submitted your reports!

**Have you been baptized?** Beginning **next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca).

**Please check out the new art exhibit on display** in the lower hallway of the church. The featured artist is Jennifer Janzen-Jabs. See the write-up in the current issue of Life With Us, or posted on the wall.

**Looking to do some more reading up on *The God You Need to Know*?** Come check out the display of our sermon-series themed book display on the centre table in the church library! While you're there, check out the collection of new books arranged on the shelves below the window. Please also check at home for books at home that may belong to the NUMC library. There are several missing books from our collection that we'd love to see returned! Thank-you!

**Congregational Call to Prayer** All throughout the history of God's people, prayer has been the impetus to move the hand of God for their good. As a church community we are in a crucial time of discerning God's direction for the advancement of the congregation. It only makes sense for us to talk to Him and have Him talk to us about His intentions for our future. An opportunity for the whole church to engage in the ministry of prayer is being planned for **Sunday February 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Pastors Dave and Steve will be doing a team teach on "Praying Jesus' Way" during the morning service. That evening will be a practical response in prayer to what we have learned. Plan now to attend this spiritually in-forming event.

<b>Offering of January 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$6,077.00</b>			
Budget	\$5,117.00	MCC General	\$220.00
Christian Witness	\$720.00	Refugee Sponsorship	\$20.00
<b>Attendance January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Worship Service – 191</b>			

**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 30<sup>th</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service  
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
**Friday:** 7:30 pm Youth  
**Saturday:** 9:00 am Pre-Marriage Course

**Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice  
9:45 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry  
9:50 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Youth  
11:00 am Worship Service – Message from Pastor David Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Kathe Wiens & Laurene Nickel

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

**Our Current 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 these 5 weeks Pastor Dave will be exploring the compelling nature of the God you need to know.*

January 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The Question of God"</b>	Psalms 19
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>"The God Who is There"</b>	Psalms 139:7-12
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The God who knows all... and still loves us"</b>	Psalms 139:1-6; 23, 24
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The God who is always right"</b>	Psalms 119:137-144
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Praying Jesus' Way"</b> (See Congregational Call to Prayer announcement above)	Matthew 6:7-13
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Growing WISE in family Matters"</b> Family Day Sermon	James 3:13-18
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"The God who amazes us with His grace"</b>	Matthew 20:1-16

**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.