

*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Rachael Peters

**Call to Worship**

Erv Willms

**Worship in Song**

“Now God be praised”

Choir

“Good good Father”

Jon Bradnam & Josh Baergen

“How deep the Father’s love”

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Erv Willms

Offering Focus- MCC

“Guide my feet” HWB #546

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Ellery Penner

“Everything”

Jon Bradnam & Josh Baergen

Scripture: Psalm 119:137-144 pew Bible p. 602

Melissa Teichgraf

**“The God who is always right”**

Pastor David Lewis

**Sending**

“Be still and know that I am God”

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Kathe Wiens & 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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## JOYS & CONCERNS:

**Thank-you for the great care and concern that this congregation has expressed** to me during this time of stepping back from my regular work hours to focus on my physical recovery from my motor vehicle accident. I sincerely appreciate the words, actions and prayers that many of you have offered me. Thanks for the emails or visits to inquire or encourage me these past months, and especially this past week. I am so blessed to be surrounded by such an uplifting church family at this time. 😊

– April Michon

## WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

**Have you been baptized?** Beginning **today**, 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).

**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 **next 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.

**Prayer Journals** have been published by our pastoral team as a tool for use in our church's 100 day focus on prayer (January 28-May 7). They were introduced last weekend, first at our Transitional Work Group last Saturday, and again in our Worship service on Sunday, to the congregation so that everyone be invited to participate. If you have not had an opportunity to pick-up a copy of the prayer journal and are interested in following along in this journey with us, please go to the Welcome Centre and get your copy today!

## OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

**The Annual Meeting of the Bible Society (Niagara Branch)** will take place at Grace Mennonite Church, 677 Niagara St., St. Catharines, on **Monday, Feb. 6th**. Join us at 6 p.m. for a roast beef dinner, followed by worship, a short business meeting, and an informative update from new National President, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent. RSVP to Kevin by January 30th. A free will offering in support of the Bible Society will be taken.

**"The Last Objectors"** a documentary film about Second World War conscientious objectors to military service will be screened **Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm** at St Catharines United Mennonite Church (335 Linwell Road). Alf Redekopp will host a Q&A session after viewing. A free-will offering to support Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives will be welcomed (cheques to "Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives"). Please see the poster on our community bulletin board in the foyer.

**Taizé Jazz** Quest Christian Community is hosting a contemplative Taizé worship service of songs, poetry, silence and instrumental jazz on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** and invites us to join them. Doors open at **5:45 pm** and the service runs from **6:00 – 7:00 pm** at St. Thoma' Anglican Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. Parking is located at the rear of the building. Please see the poster on our community bulletin board in the foyer.



**Valentine's Seniors' Tea** The next Seniors' Time Out is scheduled for **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** at Creekview at Pleasant Manor. All seniors are welcome, so please join us for this Valentine's Day-themed time together!

**Junior Youth trip to SkyZone!** All Junior Youth, mark your calendars for **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**- you won't want to miss this fun night! We will gather together at **7:00 pm**. Stay tuned, further details will follow.

**Please check out the 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.

**Attention! Please note the recent 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.



**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 will be printed each week in the bulletin during this time, and included below:

**Office Hours This Week:**  
 Monday: Coverage by Emily - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Tuesday: April - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday: Coverage by Emily - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Thursday: April - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
 Friday: April - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 6<sup>th</sup> – February 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday: 7:00 pm** Women's Bible Study  
**Tuesday: 5:30 pm** Women in Service Pot-luck with Husbands & Friends  
**Wednesday: 6:30 pm** Pioneer Club  
**Friday: 7:30 pm** Youth

**Next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:45 am** Praise & Worship Practice  
**9:30 am** German Choir Practice  
**9:45 am** Lighthouse Kids Ministry  
**9:50 am** Choir Practice  
**10:00 am** German Worship Service - Message from Ramona Neufeld  
**10:00 am** Baptism Class  
**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message from Pastors Dave Lewis & Steve Cox  
**6:30 pm** Congregational Call to Prayer

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Christina Cox & Julia Bartel

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

<b>Offering of January 29<sup>th</sup>: \$7,513.00</b>			
Budget	\$6,028.00	MCC General	\$640.00
Christian Witness	\$620.00	MCC Food	\$70.00
Junior Youth	\$135.00	Friends of Menn. Cntr Ukraine	\$20.00

**Attendance January 29<sup>th</sup>:** German Worship Worship-76 ; Worship Service-176

**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.

**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.

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