

"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 19th, 2017

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Choir

"What is this Place" HWB #1

"I will call upon the Lord" STJ #19

"Sing to the Lord"

Congregational Life & Announcements

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- MCC

"I saw a tree by the Riverside" STS #116

Proclamation

Children's Moment

Ramona Neufeld

"Take time to be Holy"

Scripture: James 3:13-18, pew Bible p. 1174

Bill Devolin

"Growing WISE in family Matters"

Pastor David Lewis

Sending

"Move In our Midst" HWB #418

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

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Today's Nursery Volunteers: Sue Fast & 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:**

**The flowers at the front of the church** are placed in loving memory of Henry Esau, who passed away 3 years ago on February 18. He is deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Kaethe, children and grandchildren.

### **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Donation Tax Receipts are now available!** Please find your receipts in your church mailboxes. If you do not have a church mailbox, then your receipt has been mailed out to your home address.

**Last Sunday's Worship services are available on DVD!** Due to the various issues we were experiencing last week with our internet, phone and cable connections, the worship services were not available for viewing by our congregation members who were away, at Pleasant Manor, or unable to attend to due inclement weather conditions. We have decided to make these services available at no charge to anyone interested in viewing them by way of borrowing the DVD copies that the office has made. Please visit the library today to sign out a copy or contact the office throughout the week. As usual, if you would like to purchase a copy to keep, you may do so for a charge of \$5.

**Our 2016 Annual Report is now available.** Please obtain your copy in the upper foyer. Note: the proposed 2017 committee directory which has traditionally been found in the last few pages of the report, has now been printed as a separate document for greater ease of use beyond the meeting. Please ensure you pick up both booklets and familiarize yourself with the information contained within them before our Annual Membership Meeting Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Minutes from our last congregational meeting are also available at the Welcome Centre for your review.

**Have you been baptized?** Baptism classes are being held on Sunday mornings at **10:00 am** in the boardroom. These classes 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).

**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). 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!

**The Ladies Bible Study is cancelled this week** for Family Day and will resume next Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

**Valentine's Seniors' Tea** The next Seniors' Time Out is scheduled for **this 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! Meet at the church at **6:30 pm**, pick-up is at 9:30 pm. Note: In order for youth to participate, all parents **must** complete the online waiver prior to arriving at SkyZone. Please access the online waiver at: <https://stcatharinesstore.skyzone.com/waiver/>

**Ladies Breakfast** All ladies are welcome to the monthly breakfast held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Our next gathering will be on **Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to be added to the email/phone reminder list please contact Linda Friesen 905-684-2929 or [hl.friesen@yahoo.com](mailto:hl.friesen@yahoo.com)

**Baked goods needed!** We are hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and are asking the congregation to please provide baked goods for the tea time that will follow this afternoon service. Please contact Laurene Nickel or Sue Fast if you are able to provide baking. Thanks!

**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 are included below:

**Office Hours This Week:**  
Monday: Closed for Family Day  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Please note that during the reduced office hours** the announcements will no longer be displayed on Power Point prior to the Worship service. Please read them in the bulletin or online.

**Please note that the weekly bulletin is now being printed on Thursday mornings.** 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 working within this timeline.

| Offering of February 12 <sup>th</sup> : \$7,658.00                                      |            |             |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| Budget                                                                                  | \$6,368.00 | MCC General | \$850.00 |
| Christian Witness                                                                       | \$300.00   | MCC Food    | \$40.00  |
| Junior Youth                                                                            | \$100.00   |             |          |
| Attendance February 12 <sup>th</sup> : German Worship Service- 56 ; Worship Service-160 |            |             |          |

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday: FAMILY DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday: 9:00 am** Women in Service  
**7:00 pm** Annual Membership Meeting

**Wednesday: 6:30 pm** Pioneer Club

**Friday: 7:00 pm** Jr. Youth @ SkyZone  
**7:30 pm** Youth

**Next Sunday, February 26<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 Hans J. Wiens

**10:00 am** Baptism Class

**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message from Pastor Dave Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Janice Janzen and Emily Dube

*\*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.*

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| January 15 <sup>th</sup>                                                                              | <b>"The Question of God"</b>                         | Psalm 19              |
| January 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                              | <b>"The God Who is There"</b>                        | Psalm 139:7-12        |
| January 29 <sup>th</sup>                                                                              | <b>"The God who knows all... and still loves us"</b> | Psalm 139:1-6; 23, 24 |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup>                                                                              | <b>"The God who is always right"</b>                 | Psalm 119:137-144     |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup>                                                                             | <b>"Praying Jesus' Way"</b>                          | Matthew 6:7-13        |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup>                                                                             | <b>"Growing WISE in family Matters"</b>              | James 3:13-18         |
| <i>Family Day Sermon: Wisdom calls us to the art of living well so that others around us benefit.</i> |                                                      |                       |
| February 26 <sup>th</sup>                                                                             | <b>"The God who amazes us with His grace"</b>        | Matthew 20:1-1        |

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm.**


**"LIVE LIFE WITH US"**

**Membership Meeting Agenda:**

Welcome

1. Opening/Devotional
2. Agenda
3. Appointment of Tellers Committee
4. Acceptance of Membership Minutes October 25, 2016
5. Committee Reports & Financial Statements
6. Audited Financial Statements & Treasurers Report
7. Budget 2017
8. Election of Committee Members

9. Refugee Update
10. Election of Delegates – MCEC Spring Gathering April 28 to 29, 2017 in Oakville
11. Spiritual Council Update
12. Intentional Interim Plan Update
13. Welcome Centre Enhancement
14. Other Business
15. Closing



## World Day of Prayer 2017

### “Am I Being Unfair To You?”

*Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of  
The Philippines*

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

**We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at:**

Niagara United Mennonite Church  
(location)

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30 pm  
(date and time)


*More information about our community's service is available from:*

Sue Fast 905-468-7046

*Please join us!*

All are Welcome  
Men • Women • Children

The World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the  
Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3  
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[www.facebook.com/WICCanada](http://www.facebook.com/WICCanada)



### MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

**MCEC has made available lawn signs that welcome new Canadians.** As Christians, we are called to speak out against any form of violence and especially those that are motivated by religious discrimination and lead to the tragic loss of life. In three languages, the sign reads, “No matter where you are from, we are glad you’re our neighbour.” These were previously mentioned in our worship service as we prayed for the attack on the two mosques in Quebec. These signs are now available for purchase today in the Welcome Centre for \$10 each (which includes the “H stake” for your lawn), and through the rest of the week in the office, while quantities last.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**Save the date: Special Assembly scheduled for October 13-15** The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada has set the date for a final review of Future Directions proposals to re-organize national and area church bodies. Mennonite Church Canada delegates are invited to a special assembly Oct. 13-15 in Winnipeg, Man. The event will begin with a dinner on Friday and conclude with worship on Sunday. The venue, costs, and other details are pending.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Thank you to all who attended the screening of "The Last Objectors"** at St Catharines United Mennonite. Thank you also for the offering of \$652.50 to support Mennonite Heritage Archives (Winnipeg) for their on-going work of sharing the stories of our faith. Additional materials for discussion about faith and the use of violence can be found at [alternativeservice.ca](http://alternativeservice.ca).

**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.

**Pancake Supper** - Please join Bethany Mennonite Church on **Thursday, February 23, 2017 between 5 and 7 p.m.** for a delicious supper of pancakes, sausages and dessert. Suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$30 per family will be gladly accepted. All proceeds will be sent to our "sister church" in Pereira, Colombia, to assist them in their plans to renovate and expand their church building!

**There will be a Book and Postage Stamp Sale** in support of the Canadian Bible Society at the Fairview Mall (by Zehrs), **Feb. 24-25**, which will include new Christian/Amish romances. Also a Bible display, along with free scripture portions and CBS literature. Meet and greet Bible Society representatives. For more information, phone Kevin at 905-646-8062.

**St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Sat. Feb. 25, 6:00 pm.** at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Gray, author of Love Unleashes Life. Join us to hear this highly acclaimed international pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. Enjoy an excellent dinner and fellowship, celebrating the beauty in every human life. To reserve tickets (\$45, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca). For more info, visit [ChooseLife.ca](http://ChooseLife.ca).

**Greg Sykes LIVE at Bethany Sun Feb 26, 6 pm** at Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines. Come join us as we gather together in community, filling the 1,000 seat auditorium, lifting our voices in praise and worship to our God. Featuring singer/songwriter and worship leader, Greg Sykes. A freewill offering will be taken to support new missionary, Jarin Harvey, as she follows God's calling into ministry. Click here to follow Jarin's journey. For more info, call Michelle Atherton at 289-929-8594.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Choral Concert, February 28**, Vineland United Mennonite Church. Come enjoy a pancake supper in the gym, **5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**. Pancakes, sausage and a variety of toppings -- Adults \$7; Children \$5. Proceeds will be divided between Upper Deck, Vineland and Niagara Community Care. **At 7:00 pm**, the Goshen College Women's World Choir will perform "Reflections of Light". The concert is free; all are welcome. A little background to the choir: The goals of the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir are to discover and perform spiritual music of many cultures, both national and international, particularly indigenous cultures. The choir highlights the role of women in these cultures, celebrating the unique spirit, faith and energy that women bring to the world as creators and sustainers of life and art. The 50 voice choir is made up of members from five different nations and their repertoire is from around the world.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NIAGARA LIFE CENTRE –**

#### **WE'RE MOVING!**

Niagara Life Centre is moving to 65 Lakeshore Road this spring. (formerly Lakeshore Baptist Church)

"Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory..." 1 Chronicles 4:10



Praise to our living God for His gracious provision of a property that will allow us to double the number of clients we serve!

\$150,000 is needed to convert this building into counselling offices that will allow:

- Easier access for our clients (3 bus routes)
- More offices to house more counsellors
- Bigger Community Groups:
  - Young and Pregnant in Niagara
  - Moms and Tots Program
  - Addictions, Anxiety, Depression, Marriage
  - Mental Health and more

Time: When we know the exact date of our move, we could use your help to organize and pack our office.

Talent: Are you a tradesperson? We could use your help!

Treasure: Our need is great, but our faith is greater! All donations made towards the renovations are greatly appreciated! Please mark "Building Fund" on your cheque.

For more information, please contact Joanne Vink at 905-934-0021 or email: [admin@niagaralifecentre.ca](mailto:admin@niagaralifecentre.ca)

**More space..... More service!**

**Pray, Listen, Respond!**

Niagara Life Centre is a vibrant, visible, Christian organization caring for families and individuals by offering hope, help and healing. They provide practical and compassionate care through consultation, guidance and support for the emotional, social, physical and spiritual needs of those they serve.

We encourage you to seek their services if you feel they may be of benefit to you.

We will launch our annual coin campaign to assist funding their ministry (separate from their moving project) on March 5<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the season of Lent.

**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.