

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 2, 2017

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Ensemble

“Holy Spirit Come With Power” HWB #26

“Seek Ye First” HWB #324

“There is a Well” power point

Congregational Life & Announcements

John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

“In the Secret”

Austin Penner & Rachael Peters

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“I’ll Be Somewhere Listening” power point

Scripture: Galatians 3:1-3 pew Bible p. 1129

Debbie Fast

1 Corinthians 1:18-23 pew Bible p. 1105

“The Foolishness of the Cross”

David Lewis

Sending

“Go my Friends in Grace” STS #57

Benediction

John Tiessen

Today’s musical ensemble is comprised of Julieanne Enns, Kaitlin Hinz, Katrina Metsa, Austin Penner, Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda & Ruth Willms

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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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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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.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Margaret Warkentin who passed away on March 28th. Her memorial service will be held at the Vineland Chapel of Tallman Funeral Homes, 3277 King St., on Monday, April 3 at 10:30am. May God be a comforting guide for the family at this time.

Please pray for Marion Simmons, grandma to April Michon, who has suffered two strokes this past week and continues to be in critical care at the hospital.

God bless and comfort those who are suffering among us. Although their names are not published weekly, there are those who need to be lifted up to God. We are encouraged to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who have experienced joy. Please continue to reach out to those around you and extend the loving care of God. How blessed we are to be in His family!

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Office Hours Adjustment- Our Office Administrator April Michon is recovering from an automobile accident and in following doctor recommendations, is working reduced hours for a few months to help recover from her injuries. The weekly office hours are being printed each week in the bulletin.

Office Hours This Week:

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Lighthouse PRAISE & WORSHIP News Please bring your kids for 9:45 sharp April 2 and April 9 so that we can practice the song the kids are singing on April 9th in the Service.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – **April 23 - May 14** – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa. Details at www.pfir.ca.

Future Directions: Vineland United Mennonite Church is hosting a meeting on the proposed future direction of Mennonite Church Canada. Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) staff will be there to facilitate conversation and understanding of this new vision for being the church in contemporary Canadian society. The meeting takes place Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 and is open to anyone who is interested. The current proposal may be found online at futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Canadian Cancer Society is in need of Leadership Volunteers for the Niagara-on-the-Lake branch board. Be part of the future. Help share the direction of the Canadian Cancer Society in your area. If interested please contact Kim Spiessmann at kspiessmann@ontario.cancer.ca 905-684-6455 ext. 3152

Pleasant Manor annual Spring Tea and Bake sale will be held on **Saturday, April 8th from 10am to 11:30am**. We would appreciate contributions of baked goods from anyone who would like to bake for this occasion. Baked goods could include items such as bread, meat buns, zwiebak, squares, pies and of course Paska. Everyone enjoys purchasing these delicious goodies. The bake sale will be held in the Pleasant Manor Chapel and in the Heritage Place Chapel. We will also have a Tea Room in the Pleasant Manor Retirement Village dining room. Come enjoy the fellowship over a cup of tea. Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off for the bake sale in the Pleasant Manor Chapel on Friday, April 7th between 7 and 8 pm. We look forward to an enjoyable time with you!

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

MCEC Annual Church Gathering: The Great Recommission - Matthew 28:19. **Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29** at the Meeting House, Oakville. Rescue Junction, Bruxy Cavey, workshops, Relearning Community, Sacred Trust, and more! If you are interested in attending please contact April Michon in our church office so you can be registered.

MCEC has made available lawn signs that welcome new Canadians. As Christians, we are called to speak out against any form of violence & especially those that are motivated by religious discrimination and lead to the tragic loss of life. In 3 languages, the sign reads, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbour." These signs are available for purchase in our Welcome Centre for \$10 each (which includes the "H stake" for your lawn).

Women of MCEC invite women of all ages to St Jacobs Mennonite Church, **April 22**. Registration and Coffee 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Program 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Guest speaker, Carol Penner currently. Topic: "body and soul" Singing, Scripture, Stories, Sharing. Carol Penner teaches and writes in the area of practical theology. After many years as a pastor Mennonite congregations, she joined the faculty of CGUC. She has a popular blog <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>. Offering towards WMCEC Conrad Grebel Scholarship.

Our Upcoming Lenten Sermon Series.... **Cross-examined**

Into a world of hostility and retribution, God introduces the gift of forgiveness. And he did so in a most violent and offensive way. He brought the grace of forgiveness into the world through the cross. How this all works out in our lives requires a 'Cross examination'. For the next few weeks, leading up to Easter, we will go on a journey of examining the cross as it portrays the heart of God for us.

March 12th **A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World**

Galations 1:3-5; Psalm 103:3; Hebrews 10:15-18

March 19th **Cross Walk**

Galations 2:15-21

March 26th Connecting the Congregation to the Mission Field

Acts 17:14-34

Message by David Martin

April 2nd **The Foolishness of the Cross**

Galations 3:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:18-23

April 9th **For Your Freedom and Mine**

Galations 5:1,6,11; 6:12

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 3rd – April 9th)

Monday: 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Friday: 7:00 pm Jr.Youth
7:30 pm Youth

Next Sunday, April 9th

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
9:30 am German Choir Practice
9:45 am Lighthouse Praise & Worship
9:50 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry
10:00 am Baptism Class
11:00 am Worship Service – Message from Dave Lewis

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.

Offering of March 26 th : \$10,477.00			
Budget	\$9,547.00	MCC General	\$280.00
Christian Witness	\$630.00	MCC Food	\$20.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,900. 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.

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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.