

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Laury Willms

**Call to Worship**

Steve Cox

**Worship in Song**

Julieanne Enns, Kaitlin Hinz, Katrina Metsa,  
Austin Penner, Rachael Peters & Ellery Penner

"Holy, Holy, Holy" HWB #120

"Take my life"

"You are all we have" STJ #29

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- MCC

"Marvelous grace of our loving Lord" HWB #151

**Proclamation**

Children's Moment

Katrina Metsa

"Open my eyes"

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-13, pew Bible p. 938

Linda Pankratz

**"Praying Jesus' Way"**

Pastors David Lewis & Stephen Cox

**Sending**

"Our Father which art in Heaven"

Benediction

Pastor David Lewis

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Christina Cox & Julia Bartel

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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: Lani Gade - Grusswort: Jesaja 12,2 und 4**

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB #340 "Bei dir Jesu will ich bleiben" all Verse

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Lukas 17,5-10**

**Botschaft: "Glaube und Knecht " – Ramona Neufeld**

Lied: GB #74 "O Jeus, wahrer Frömmigkeit" alle Verse

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Many thanks to the Junior Youth and sponsors** for serving us a wonderful Spaghetti Lunch on Jan. 29th. It was very well done, and the desserts were delicious! May God continue to bless your activities here in this Church.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**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 **this evening, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Pastors Dave and Steve will be doing a team teach on "Praying Jesus' Way" during this morning's service. This evening will be a practical response in prayer to what we have learned. Please plan to attend this spiritually informing event.

**Our Annual Report have now been published.** Please pick-up your copy at the Welcome Centre and familiarize yourself with the information contained within it 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).

**Spiritual Council invites you to attend the Wholeness Through Christ** Prayer Ministry in Guelph. This is the last call for this year's retreat being held in Guelph from **March 22-26<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Stephen Cox ASAP for further information or for information on how to register. Financial aid is available for those interested in participating.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**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!

**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.

**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>     **"The Question of God"**     Psalm 19

January 22<sup>nd</sup>     **"The God Who is There"**     Psalm 139:7-12

January 29<sup>th</sup>     **"The God who knows all... and still loves us"**  
Psalm 139:1-6; 23, 24

February 5<sup>th</sup>     **"The God who is always right"**  
Psalm 119:137-144

February 12<sup>th</sup>     **"Praying Jesus' Way"**     Matthew     6:7-13

*Jesus both modelled and taught the importance of prayer to his followers. This avenue of conversing with God would bring power and direction to the disciples in fulfilling the calling and mission of Jesus. The place of prayer has well been established as crucial to the advancement of God's kingdom. We understand this truth. However, often we struggle in knowing how to pray. Using the Lord's Prayer as a model, Pastors Dave and Steve intend to unpack the highlights of 'praying Jesus' way' for our instruction and as a preparatory invitation to the Congregational Call to Prayer to be held this evening.*

February 19<sup>th</sup>     **"Growing WISE in family Matters"**     James  
3:13-18

*Family Day Sermon*

February 26<sup>th</sup>     **"The God who amazes us with His grace"**  
Matthew 20:1-1

**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!

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
**Friday:** Youth Retreat at Hidden Acres  
**Next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice  
 9:45 am Lighthouse Kids Ministry  
 9:50 am Choir Practice  
 10:00 am Baptism Class  
 11:00 am Worship Service – Message from Pastor Dave Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Sue Fast & Laurene Nickel

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

<b>Offering of February 5<sup>th</sup>: \$7,099.00</b>			
Budget	\$5,654.00	MCC General	\$1,210.00
Christian Witness	\$185.00	MCC Food	\$50.00
<b>Attendance February 5<sup>th</sup> : Worship Service–192</b>			

**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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