

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

~ Palm Sunday | April 9, 2017 ~

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

“Give me Oil in my lamp” power point

Choir, Praise & Worship

“Crown Him with many Crowns” power point

Lighthouse

“Sing Hosanna” power point

“Our Father who art in Heaven”

**Call to Worship**

Joachim Dau

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- MCC

“Holy God we praise thy name” HWB #121

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

John Tiessen

“Sing to the Lord a new song”

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-6; 13-15; 24-26, pew Bible p. 1131

Willi Pankratz

**“For Your Freedom and Mine”**

David Lewis

**Sending**

“Praise God from whom” HWB #118

Benediction

Joachim Dau

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Anita Sawatzky & Sue Fast

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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: Ramona Neufeld**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: MCC**

Lied: GB #41 “Wie soll ich dich empfangen” Verse 1, 2 u. 4

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Lukas 18,31-34 u. 19,1-10**

**Botschaft: "Nach Jerusalem" – Renate Klassen**

Lied: GB#88 “O du Liebe meiner Liebe” alle Verse

### **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](mailto:kspiessmann@ontario.cancer.ca) 905-684-6455 ext. 3152

**We invite you to the annual Good Friday programme** presented by the *Niagara Community Male Chorus*, on **Friday, April 14, at 7:00 pm.**, at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church.

**Mental Health First Aid** St John Ambulance, Niagara Region Branch and the Mental Health Commission of Canada are pleased to offer Mental Health First Aid. Please see the flyer posted on the community bulletin board for course details. To register call St John Ambulance 905-685-8964 x202. For specific course information visit:

<http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.ca/en/course-info/courses/mhfa-basic>

### **TRANSITIONAL WORKGROUP:**

At the Welcome Center you will find the Transitional Workgroup Session #3 summary. There are still copies of the Session #2 summary still available at the Welcome Center as well.

### **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.

## **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](http://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](http://futuresdirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal).

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**We lift up Audrey & Orlin Epp in prayer,** as her condition worsens and becomes more difficult to endure. She very much appreciates visits from her church family and friends, and these visits lift her spirit greatly. Please continue to pray for continued strength for the entire family as they care for Audrey and one another through the struggle of this disease.

**Update from the Dirkses:** Thank you to each one of you for your participation in Sharon's healing journey in every single way that you have been part of this. The next step will be to start to start 5-6 months of chemo and radiation therapy. The doctor said she is using everything she can to fight this cancer. Sharon is blessed to be able to take the chemo in pill form at home, rather than through IV at the clinic - although the radiation, of course, will be at the clinic. We continue to pray for the cancer to be totally destroyed in this process. We also pray for relief from the side-effects of the chemo, continued physical recovery of strength and weight. God has already given Sharon much better-than-expected recovery from surgery, and so we pray for that favour to continue through the chemo stages. We continue to trust in God as the Healer.

**Thank-you for the prayers** and expressions of concern for Marion Simmons, grandma to April Michon. The power of this praying community and the compassion of this church family have helped to channel Jesus' healing love to manage her condition and comfort her while in hospital and carry our family as we care for her. How blessed it is to be a part of this congregation of believers!

## **FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

**Lighthouse News TODAY:** All the kids will be assembling on the 3rd floor after their classes at 10:30 to get ready for the processional at the beginning of the service. After walking up the aisle with their palm leaves they will be integrated with members of the choir to sing with the choir and congregation and will go back to their parents after the children's story.

**EASTER SUNDAY** Lighthouse will meet in the gymnasium from **9:45 - 10:30 am**. **Jessica and Katie, the puppets**, will be presenting, "The Story of Easter...EGGactly!"

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Please join us for our Holy Week Services!** This week we will come together to worship God on both Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to come with you to church as we celebrate these most special days in the church calendar! Join us on Friday for our **Communion Good Friday service at 10:45 am** and then come back on Sunday at we celebrate at our **Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am!**

**Fire Doors** -This past week we had our annual fire inspection done. This is mandatory and ensures the integrity of our fire systems and in the event of a fire. We have been reminded again that the use of any type of wedge or door stop to prop open the fires door is not allowed, ever. The fire doors are equipped with automatic doors closures that are supposed hold themselves in an open position when there is no alarm. There are many that are not working at this time. We need to replace the power system that operates the doors. For now, the only doors that may be held open by their own hinge are clearly marked with signage. They include the two doors at the back of the sanctuary, the doors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education wing by Pastor David Lewis's office, the right side door by the church office, the right side door by the kitchen. We have removed the wedges from the building we ask that new ones not be made. Failure to follow the fire code by tampering with systems not only leaves the church vulnerable in the event of a fire, it puts us in a position of violating our property insurance. Should there be a fire and doors were not used properly or on a random inspection found to be open, voids our property insurance and sets us up to receive a financial fine. We thank everyone for your adherence to the church's fire policy as mandated by the Ontario Fire Code.

**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: Closed for Good Friday

### **Our 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 12<sup>th</sup> **A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World**

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

March 19<sup>th</sup> **Cross Walk**

*Galations 2:15-21*

March 26<sup>th</sup> **Connecting the Congregation to the Mission Field**

*Acts 17:14-34*

Message by David Martin

April 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Foolishness of the Cross**

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

April 9<sup>th</sup> **For Your Freedom and Mine**

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

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:**    **7:00 pm** Women's Bible Study  
              **7:00 pm** Worship Committee Meeting  
              **7:30 pm** Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice  
**Tuesday:**   **9:00 am** Women in Service  
**Wednesday:** **6:30 pm** Pioneer Club  
**Friday:**     **GOOD FRIDAY** - Office Closed  
              **10:45 am** Good Friday Communion Worship Service –  
              Message by Pastor Stephen Cox (no nursery care provided)

**Next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

**8:45 am**     Praise & Worship Practice  
**9:45 am**     Lighthouse Kids Ministry  
**9:50 am**     Choir Practice  
**10:45 am**    Worship Service – Message from Dave Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Laurene Nickel & helpers

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

<b>Offering of March 26<sup>th</sup> : \$ will be included in next weeks bulletin</b>

**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.