

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 14, 2017
~ Mother’s Day ~

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering Kathy Rempel
Call to Worship Joachim Dau

Worship in Song
“Happy Happy Mother’s Day” Lighthouse
“I just want to say I love you”
“Peace before us” StS #16

Children’s Moment Kathy Rempel
“Prayer of the Children” Ladies Choir

Congregational Life
Child Dedication Stephen Cox
Kaliana Charliese Ilona Neal – parents: Josh & Anysa Neal
Announcements Joachim Dau
Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun
Piano Solo Kaitlin Hinz
“Music in my Mother’s House” Ladies Choir
“A Poem for Mom” Ali & David Neufeld

Proclamation
Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-18, pew Bible p. 257 Peter Wiens
“A Mother’s Faith Journey” Melanie Scott, Janice Janzen, Patricia Regier & Pastor Stephen Cox

Sending
“Go my children” HWB #433
Benediction Pastor Dave 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:

The flowers at the front of the church today are from the Schroeder family, in remembrance of Susanna, who passed away earlier this year on March 18th and is dearly missed. The family praises God for all wives, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers this day!

Please pray for Reinhard Gau, is out of hospital and convalescing from surgery. He would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and support and ask that you continue to pray for him as he convalescing.

Please pray for Eric Goerz, who is being cared for in intensive care at the Niagara Falls hospital as a result of his heart attack last week. He and his family covet the prayer support of this congregation and seek strength and healing from our mighty and ever-gracious Lord.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

May newsletter, calendar & Life in Christ are available at the Welcome Center.

Senior's Time Out Tea Please come and share the afternoon on **Sunday, May 21st at 3:30 pm**, here in the auditorium with Kathe Wiens, who travelled to Mexico to the old colony Mennonite villages this past year. She will share some of her experiences with us through stories and pictures. See you there!

Correction to the Bulletin: We're sorry!! In last Sunday's bulletin there was an announcement from Pleasant Manor which did not clearly indicate as such, regarding a memorial service to be held on Thursday May 18th. This is something that they do regularly to honour their residents that have passed away and is not something that we do as a church family. We are sorry for any misunderstanding that this error caused. The corrected announcement is printed this week in the "Our Community and Beyond" section.

Niagara on the Lake Peach festival – Saturday August 12. In past years we have produced and sold Peach Salsa and Jam at the festival. Our participation in the festival very much fits with NUMC's renewed focus to engage the local community. Here is where we need the congregation's help. We need to commit to making peach salsa and participating in the Festival within the next few weeks. In particular, at this time, we are asking for volunteers to commit to helping on August 12th and the week leading up. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer for the next two Sundays. Without commitment we will likely need to decline participating this year. Please contact Bill Devolin if you can help. 905-468-4452.

'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign for Hannah House We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with Hannah House Maternity Home in its 13th annual 'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign. Hannah House Maternity Home exists as the only Christian non-profit maternity home in the Niagara Region, offering shelter and support to young adolescent mothers and their babies. For more information about Hannah House, please visit www.hannahhouse.ca. The baby bottles will be available for you and your family to pick up starting **TODAY, Sunday May 14th** after the service. We encourage you to find creative ways to collect spare change or cash to fill your bottles. Please note, bottles must be returned to the church by Father's Day, and all donations above \$20 will be recognized by Hannah House with a charitable receipt. If anyone does not want to take home a baby bottle, you can also make an online donation today by visiting our website at www.hannahhouse.ca. Donations from the 'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign are used to enable Hannah House to provide its young mothers and babies with food, shelter, programming and educational opportunities as well as cover household expenses."

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, May 30th, at 7:00 pm** we will be having our Spring Membership Meeting. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting, whether you are a member or not. It is your opportunity to be informed with what is happening here at church and an important time where new ideas are presented and discussed.

Stephen Cox is Moving on As announced in early April, Stephen Cox visited a church in Kitchener called "The Gathering" to candidate for the position of Lead Pastor. His weekend went very well, he has been offered the position and he has accepted. Steve will be continuing his work here until his contract is completed on July 31. We are happy for Steve and his family as he takes on a larger role in his work for the church. After the final Transitional Workgroup session, and this past week's Church Council meeting, a detailed staffing plan is being prepared and will be presented at the May 30th Membership Meeting.

A book of original Gospel songs and hymns written by Eric Goerz has been added to our church library. It was written over an approximate 60 year period, the songs and music are presented in 4 part harmony and are suitable for piano and guitar accompaniment. Included also is a brief history of the recent musical group "Peach Pickers" with applicable photos.

New Library books in our church library. Please come and see what is new and exciting in our beautiful church library. New books are on the window sill.

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.

Summer Worship/Music Leader

Church Council has approved a request from the Worship Committee and Music Committee to hire a part time summer Worship/Music Leader (10-12 hours per week).

This person would work together with the pastoral team to develop and lead a creative, multi-generational worship time consistent with NUMC traditions. He/she will have musical, organizational and communication skills to inspire and foster artistic gifts within the NUMC community.

In hiring someone to fulfill the above role, it is the hope of the Music and Worship Committees to keep our summer services consistent, vibrant, and a place where members of our congregation want to be on a Sunday morning, and invite family and friends from the community to join them.

Office Hours This Week:

Monday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 15th – May 21st)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting

Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Next Sunday, May 21st

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice

9:30 am German Choir Practice

9:45 am Lighthouse Praise & Worship Practicing for Mother's Day Service

9:50 am Choir Practice

10:00 am German Worship Service – Message from Joachim Dau

11:00 am Worship Service – Message from David Lewis

3:30 pm Senior's Tea

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

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

Offering of May 7th : \$ 10,175.00			
Budget	\$ 7,890.00	MCC General	\$ 980.00
Christian Witness	\$ 485.00	MCC Food	\$ 50.00
MCC Pork on a Bun	\$ 570.00	MCC Famine relief	\$ 200.00

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.

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.

PASSION – unpacking the heartbeat of Paul’s letter to the Colossians

The apostle Paul wrote from a prison cell a celebrative short letter to the emerging church in Colosse. At the heart of his word to these Christians was a passionate appeal for them to live in the reality that God had rescued them from the dominion of darkness and brought them into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom they have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (1:13, 14). The letter to the Colossians is all about being receptive to the work of Christ in securing for us release from the disappointment of morally bankrupt living. The provision of Jesus reaches into the core of our being with the liberating message of deliverance and calls us to follow Him as rescued rescuers. And so, as we journey forward from the Easter event, we embrace the apostle’s passionate call to journey with our victorious Lord.

- April 30 **“Who is Jesus?”** *Stephen Cox*
Colossians 1:1-20
- May 7 **“What does it mean to be a Follower of Christ?”** *Dave Lewis*
Colossians 1:21-2:23
- May 21 **“When do we know we are living like Jesus?”** *Dave Lewis*
Colossians 3:1-17
- May 28 **“What does Jesus bring to working households?”** *Dave Lewis*
Colossians 3:18-4:6

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 & 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).

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Pray for the thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide life’s necessities for those who have fled their homes, for stable national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Save-the-date for MCC Ontario's Annual General Meeting The format of our AGM is different this year. We will begin at 12:30 pm with lunch, followed by worship and reporting on what MCC Ontario has been up to for the past year and what we have planned for the year ahead! More info will be available soon.
Sat, Sep 30, 12:30-3 pm Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RELIEF SALE (MAY 26 & 27TH):

My Coins Count containers have been made available around our church; placed by the whiteboard near the office, one by the mail boxes and one on the Welcome Center. Containers will be out until May 21st. Funds raised will go to the MCC relief sale.

New Hamburg MCC Relief Sale – Pork on a Bun – May 26 & 27

It's that time of year again and the relief sale is coming up fast. For nearly 50 years Niagara UM and Bethany Mennonite Churches have contributed to the ministry of MCC through our Pork on a Bun project. We need your help again to make this happen. Please join us on Sat. May 27 in New Hamburg. Call Joachim Dau (905-468-4620 or ajjedau@gmail.com) to reserve your preferred time slot.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (www.nhmrs.com) is less than three weeks away! Pack up your travel mugs, water bottles and your rhubarb (to donate to the Rhubarb Tent J), register for the 2k or 5k Run (on our website), and take in the Indoors Auction (Fri evening) and Outdoors Auction (Sat morning).

Bring your yeast baking (with name and contact info) to our Yeast Baking venue. Contact Darlene at ddriedger@simplycreative.ca for more information.

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. Drop them off at our Drop off Tent at the entrance to the Sale. Contact Marlene at callmtk@yahoo.com or [519-662-1464](tel:519-662-1464).

10th Annual Run for Relief May 27th at 8:00 am at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. Come out for some exercise and work up an appetite before enjoying all the great food at the Relief Sale! This fun event includes a 5k Run and a 2k Run/Walk. You can register for the race, select your t-shirt size, set up a customized page, tell your friends, and collect donations online at nhmrs.com/run-for-relief. All money raised goes to support MCC.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

CWOP (Caribbean Workers Outreach Program) representative Nancy Howse and Rev. Norlene have requested some extra support from our congregation for the workers in our area.

- Two more drivers are needed for Sunday night services at Bethany Mennonite Church
- Refreshments are needed for May 14, 21, June 4, 18 and 25
- Two hosts are still required for Rev. Wayne Wisdom during May 29 - June 5, and June 5 to June 14

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to enter your name and contact number if you are willing to help. For any further information, please call Kathy Rempel at 905-468-3829, or email jrempel6@icloud.com. Thank-you for considering sharing your time.

Pleasant Manor would like to extend a thank you to all you – the churches in Niagara – that support the work that we do hear, caring for the seniors in our community.

Pleasant Manor Memorial Service on **Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 PM**. We will be celebrating the lives of our residents and tenants who have passed away over these last six months.

Farmers Day Saturday June 17th – 10:00am-1:00pm. Pleasant Manor would like to invite the greater community by inviting members of our constituency churches to this year's Farm Day. If you have not had the joy of experiencing Farm Day, you should know that this is the perfect day to bring the generations of your family together! The young and young at heart gather together to enjoy live music, BBQ food and many attractions including performance by Marty Allen Band, Pony Rides, a Jump and Bounce, displays by Niagara Antique Power Association and much more! Everyone is invited to join us – Rain or Shine! (We plan to use the parking garage in case of rain) We will be selling burgers and hotdogs, ice cream with local strawberries (if they are still in season) and corn on the cob to raise money to support resident programming. Bring your lawn chairs! We hope you can come!

The Mennonite Story: Consider a visit to "The Mennonite Story" in St. Jacobs. Come as a family, church group, or with visitors this summer. Let The Mennonite Story's multi-media exhibits inspire and inform you. For more information see poster on the community bulletin board or at www.mennonitestory.com
1-519-664-3518