

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

June 18, 2017

~ Father’s Day ~

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Worship in Song**

Praise & Worship

“A New Hallelujah”

“Chain Breaker”

“Eye of the Storm”

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

John Tiessen

**Offering Focus- MCC**

“Shout to the Lord”

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Scott & Yvonne Vanderlee

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Scripture: John 21:1 – 17, pew Bible p. 1053

John Epp

“What would Jesus say to Fathers?”

Pastor Dave Lewis

**Sending**

“Days of Elijah”

Benediction

Pastor Dave Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Andrew & Kristina 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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**German Worship Service - 10:00 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Gunnar Doerwald, Philipper 4: 4, 6**

Orgelspiel: Giesella Doerwald

Lied: GB #40 “Ich singe dir mit Herz und Mund” V.1-3, 7, 8

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB #27 “Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König” V. 1-3, 5

Chorlied

**Schriftwort:** Markus 7: 31-37

**Botschaft:** “Jesus hat alles wohl gemacht” – Udo Woelke

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Hedy Kopeschny’s brother John Kliewer recently passed away** and his funeral was held on **June 12<sup>th</sup>** in Waterloo. Our prayers are with the family at this time.

**Please pray for Elizabeth Schachowskoj, who is receiving care in the St. Catharines hospital.** She deeply covets your prayers for the healing touch of our Lord and Saviour. May the prayers of our church family uplift her and call upon the Spirit to minister to her physical sufferings.

**Congratulations to Kaitlyn Pauls & Luc Lobsinger** who were married at Queenston Heights yesterday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. May God’s love and Spirit be a constant encouragement to them and be their guide throughout their marriage. We pray that their lives be full of blessings and great joy.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Please note that we will begin our Summer Worship Hours** beginning this year on July 2<sup>nd</sup>! Our Worship services will begin at **10:00 am**. On weeks where German Worship services are held, they will begin at 9:00 am, and the Worship services will begin at 10:00 am.

**Service of Blessing & Release** – We will be having a service of blessing and release for Steve & Christina Cox on **Sunday, July 9**. There will also be a potluck after the service. Details on the potluck will follow over the next few weeks.

**July/August edition of the Upper Room are in mailboxes.** We would like to remind people that the Upper Room is a paid subscription, please do not take copies from someone else's mailbox as the copies they receive are a paid subscription. If you are interested in subscribing to receive your own copies, please speak to April in the church office.

**No more soup labels!** Campbell Soups has discontinued their "Labels for Education" program. Therefore, WMCEC is no longer collecting the labels. Thank-you for your participation over the years.

**Floor Waxing: June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** the floors in gym and the entrance way by the office are being stripped and waxed. Access to these areas is not available. This area will be open again on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please use the doors by Dave's office to enter the church during this time.

**Book Club open to all the ladies of our church.** We invite you to join with us in a monthly book club. If this piques your interest, please contact Yvonne or Debbie for more details.

**Books from Rudy's personal collection** are available to anyone in the congregation who would like to help themselves. The books are on a table outside Sharon's office. They will be displayed until July 9<sup>th</sup> at which time they will be given to our church library for their annual book sale.

**The Search Committee reports that the posting for the position of Leading Pastor** is now online at the MCEC website on the "Ministry Opportunities" page. A print advertisement is scheduled to run in the Canadian Mennonite late June or early July. We will also be researching additional websites and publications to get the word out into a wider area. As well, the conference is encouraging qualified and interested potential candidates to submit their applications and at this point there is one already that will do so. If you are aware of anyone, don't hesitate to point them to the posting. Your ongoing prayers and support are appreciated and if you have any questions or concerns, just talk to anyone on the committee. Ruth Willms, John Rempel, Joachim Dau, Becca Willms, Erik Metsa, Becky Bartel and Linda Friesen (Henry).

**Christian Education Worker** - As discussed at the May 30 Membership Meeting the Education Committee has requested we hire a "Christian Education Worker" once Stephen Cox finishes his work here. This person would lead, resource, equip and assist in any way necessary in the spiritual nurture of our children (cradle to college). This would be a one year contract until our new Associate Pastor is hired and in place. This request will be brought to the membership for approval later this month.

**Associate Pastor: German Worship** – The proposal by the German Worship team to hire an Associate Pastor on a 35% part-time basis was approved by the membership at the congregational meeting on May 30. The position has been posted at both the NUMC and MCEC websites for applications to be received by July 15. A search committee, consisting of Hans J. Wiens, Wilhelm (Bill) Harder, Franz Siemens and Udo Woelke, will evaluate applications and invite a chosen applicant to be interviewed and presented to the membership for approval at a special meeting. A starting date of Fall 2017 is anticipated.

**Graduates & Post-Secondary Students** – please kindly inform the church office if you or your son/daughter has or is graduating from high school or post-secondary studies this year. Please also notify April if you/they plan to attend/continue college or university in the fall and if so, in which program you/they are enrolled.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm** Spiritual Council Meeting

**Wednesday: 7:00 pm** Young Adult Leadership Ministry Discussion

**Next Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 am** Praise & Worship Practice

**9:50 am** Choir Practice

**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message from Nathan & Taryn Dirks

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Laurene Nickel & helpers

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

**Our Sermons & Services in June...**

June 4 "Water & Spirit" *David Lewis*  
Matthew 3:13 - 17; John 3:1 – 8

June 11 Church Picnic – Steve Cox

June 18 "What Jesus says to fathers" *Dave Lewis*  
Matthew 7:24 – 29

June 25 Nathan & Taryn Dirks

<b>Offering of June 18<sup>th</sup>: \$ 0.00 no collection taken at the church picnic</b>			
Budget	\$0.00	MCC General	\$ 0.00
Christian Witness	\$ 0.00		

**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.

**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**Assembly Registration is open!** You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**New MCC Canada Executive Director** It is with mixed emotions that, as of September 30th, 2017, we bid farewell to our beloved Executive Director, Rick Cober Bauman. Fortunately for MCC as a whole, Rick's next role will be as Executive Director of MCC Canada where he will continue to provide the warm, wise, and forward-thinking leadership that we have benefitted from here in Ontario.

**Come meet, hear and thank Don Peters, long serving and now retiring MCC Canada Executive Director** In his last visit to Ontario, we want you to have an opportunity to hear Don reflect on his 16 years of leadership in MCC Canada and thank him for his generous service. Can't attend in person? Watch live. More info at [mcco.ca/events](http://mcco.ca/events). Thursday, June 22 @ 12 noon, Community Room @ MCC, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener.

**NH Relief Sale Convenor's Meeting: Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at the MCCO Office (50 Kent Ave Kitchener ON).

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY- JUNE 20** Imagine for a moment you were forced to leave your home. The place where you'd grown up was no longer safe. This is the story for many, many people today. We are in the midst of a global refugee crisis. June 20 is designated by the United Nations as World Refugee Day - a day to commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of refugees around the world. Join in marking World Refugee Day by listening, learning, praying, giving and be inspired to offer hospitality and hope to refugees.

**Famine Relief** For every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to MCC until June 30, the government will set aside one dollar in the Famine Relief Fund. Learn more about MCC's famine response at [mcco.ca/famine-relief](http://mcco.ca/famine-relief). Donations can be made online, by calling 519-745-8458 or by mail to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON, N2G 3R1. Please mark your donation "Famine Relief Fund".

**Material Resources Shipments** We have two upcoming shipments, potentially to the Middle East. Bars of hand soap, laundry soap and sewing kits have been requested. Please consider making a financial donation to help purchase these greatly needed supplies, or buy them and donate to Material Resources at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. To make a financial donation, call 519-745-8458 and specify that it's for soap or sewing kits. Questions? Call Carolyn Gray at 519-745-8458 ext. 234 or email [carolyngray@mcco.ca](mailto:carolyngray@mcco.ca).

**Baby Comforters** We will no longer be shipping baby comforters. Any comforters that we receive will be distributed locally or sold at thrift shops. Thank you for your generosity throughout the years.

**IVEP Hosts Needed** Interested in travelling the world without leaving home? Open your home to an International Volunteer Exchange Program participant! Hosts are needed in St. Catharines for the 2017/2018 IVEP term. Remuneration is provided. Go to [mcco.ca/ivep](http://mcco.ca/ivep) or contact Sheryl Bruggeling ([sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca](mailto:sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca) or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Hospice Niagara's Annual General Meeting** is being held **Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm** at the Stabler Centre, 403 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting. For further info, please see the letter on the community board in the foyer.

**Mulligans for Moms-** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hannah House Maternity Home Benefit Golf Tournament is being held on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm with a shotgun start at Rolling Meadows Golf & Country Club, 12741 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls. For further details, please see the poster on the community board in the foyer.

**Ten Thousand Villages in Niagara-On-The-Lake** is looking for volunteers for our first ever Fair Trade Rug Event! Our store will be hosting over 250 rugs from Pakistan that come in a wide range of sizes and styles. We are looking for help with loading and unloading the rugs on **Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup> from approx. 9:30am-2:30pm**. We are looking for volunteers with strong arms and backs as the rugs can be heavy and due to repetitive lifting. If you would like to help please contact Teresa Friesen at [niagara@villages.ca](mailto:niagara@villages.ca) or [905-468-5242](tel:905-468-5242).

**Niagara Life Centre Counselling** needs your help. If you love to cook, and are able to take part in our cooking ministry for 8-10 young pregnant moms, we need you. Every Thursday the NLC Young and Pregnant Niagara group meets from 4:30 to 6:30 and this includes a healthy dinner. If you are interested and would like to learn more about how you can help with this program, please contact Rita or Joanne at NLC by calling [905-934-0021](tel:905-934-0021).

**Do you know a young person eager for adventure, learning, travel and friendship** - all while exploring a life of following Jesus? Outtatown still has space available for 2017-2018! Visit [outtatown.com](http://outtatown.com) to learn more and apply.

**Thank you for your support in the United Mennonite Home Bazaar.** Your hard work and donations helped us raise over \$9,500.00. Congratulations to raffle winners Anneliese Pankratz, Ann Scott and Hannelore Harder.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP:** Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and to help with maintenance projects the weeks of **July 16-22 and August 6-12**. For more information please contact the camp – 519-422-1401 / fun@slmc.ca or visit [www.slmc.ca/volunteers](http://www.slmc.ca/volunteers).

**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: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Online Filming Privacy Notice** – Our church services are recorded for streaming 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.