

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 25, 2017

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Worship in Song Rachael Peters, Jon Bradnam, Katrina Metsa, Julieanne Enns & Lisa DeVries

“How Great Thou Art”

“Take My Life”

“Unhindered – No Other Name”

Congregational Life & Announcements

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Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“I Will Come to You in the Silence” StS #49

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Nathan & Taryn Dirks

“Here I Am Lord” HWB #395

Scripture: Luke 9:1-9, pew Bible p. 1003

Ruth Lamarre

“Ministry Report on Serving in Botswana”

Nathan & Taryn Dirks

Sending

“Hamba Nathi”

Benediction

Pastor Dave Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Laurene Nickel & helpers

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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 are in memory of Jake Goerz. A loving husband, Father and Opa. A year has passed since that sad day when the one we loved was called away. God took him home, it was His will but in our hearts he liveth still. Marg Goertz and family

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.

Jolien Koole, along with her friends and family, are delighted to announce the news of her engagement to Curtis Carter. A late autumn wedding is on the horizon and they couldn't be happier!

Rick and Erika Froese are very happy to announce the engagement of their youngest son, Eric to Rachel de Waard. Rachel is the youngest daughter of Franklin and Theresa deWaard of Niagara on the Lake. Franklin and Theresa worship at Grace Community Church in Thorold. A June 2018 wedding is being planned.

Ed and Marlene Borzychowski are thankful for the birth of their tenth grandchild. Samuel Edward Lowden arrived on June 8th in Zurich Switzerland to parents Angie and Adrian Lowden. A great grandchild for the late Paul and Margarete Rempel.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Today we welcome Nathan, Taryn and Malakai Dirks here with us! Today they will share with us from their past five years away on mission in Botswana. We thank the Dirkses for all of their service and their selfless devotion to their mission in the name of the church. We recognize and honour them and eagerly look forward to their presentation today on their experience. Thank-you Nathan and Taryn!

Please note that we will begin our Summer Worship Hours next week on **July 2nd**! Our Worship services will begin at **10:00 am**. On weeks where German Worship services are held, they will begin at **9:00 am**.

Stephen Cox Service of Blessing & Release – We will be having a service of blessing and release for Steve & Christina Cox on **Sunday, July 9**. Everyone is invited to join us after this service for a potluck BBQ lunch. Please bring either a salad OR a dessert to share. We will BBQ hamburgers and a few hotdogs. Bring lawn chairs or blankets if you wish to sit outside.

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 copy, please speak to April in the church office.

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

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.

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 9th** at which time they will be donated to outside community organizations.

Book Sale in the church foyer. \$1.00 hardcover, \$0.50 soft cover, proceeds of the sale to support our church library.

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 on **July 16**.

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 26th – July 2nd)	
Next Sunday, July 2nd – summer hours begin	
10:00 am	Worship Service – Message from Pastor Dave Lewis
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Summer Hours- nursery is self-serve	

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

Offering of June 25th: \$ 11, 031.00			
Budget	\$ 9,786.00	MCC General	\$ 480.00
Christian Witness	\$ 105.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$ 500.00
		MCC Gardening Kits	\$100.00
		MCC Food	\$ 60.00

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.

Our Sermons & Services in July...

- July 2 **Final Sermon by Pastor Stephen Cox**
- July 9 **Service of Blessings & Release for Pastor Stephen Cox**
- July 16 **“The Kind of Life God Blesses” Matthew 5: 1-12** *Dave Lewis*
- July 23 **“What Jesus says you’re good for” Matthew 5: 1-12** *Dave Lewis*
- July 30 **Guest Preacher Gregory Dick**

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.

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. 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.

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 or contact Sheryl Bruggeling (sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

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>

Summer is an opportunity to take out the lawn chair or beach blanket and read! CommonWord's 9th annual Summer Reading list (items for sale or loan) is available here – www.commonword.ca/go/1213.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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 26th 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 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 to learn more and apply.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Seeking Understanding: Reading the Bible in light of same sex relationships -- Saturday, **September 30-- 9:00 am -- 3:00 pm**, Grace Mennonite Church, St. Catharines. Seminar presenter: Dan Epp-Tiessen, professor of Bible at Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg. Cost -- \$15, includes coffee break and lunch. Planned by Grace Mennonite Church, The First Mennonite Church, & Vineland United Mennonite Church. Watch for more information.

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 – 12:00 noon

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.