

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering** Laury Willms

**Call to Worship** John Tiessen

**Worship in Song** Jon Bradnam & Rachael Peters

“Holy spirit come with power” HWB #26

“Longing for light” STJ #54

“Shine on us” Jon Bradnam & Rachael Peters

**Congregational Life & Announcements** John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

“You are salt for the earth” HWB #226

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment Jon Bradnam

“We Are”

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-20, pew Bible p. 936-937 Peter Janzen

“What Jesus says you’re good for” Pastor Dave Lewis

**Sending**

“Obey my voice” HWB #163

Benediction Pastor Dave Lewis

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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 - 9:00 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Udo Woelke, Psalm 119:9-10**

Orgelspiel: Giesella Doerwald

Lied: GB #116 “Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme”

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: MCC**

Lied: GB #114 “Jesus Christus herrscht als Koenig” Vs. 1-3+7

Chorlied

**Schriftwort:** Matt. 28:16-20

**Botschaft:** “Auftrag und Versprechen” – Hans H. Dau

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**From the family of Walter Berg.** I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who attended Walt’s funeral, sent cards, donations, & all your kind words of encouragement. We really do appreciate it. -Jan Berg & family.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Pastor David Lewis is on vacation from July 24- July 31<sup>st</sup>.** He will be enjoying time with many of his children and grandchildren and participating in a family reunion! John Tiessen is providing coverage for pastoral emergencies during Dave’s absence from July 24<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**April Michon is on vacation from July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>.** She is canoe camping in northern Algonquin this weekend, and running VBS at the other church she serves at this coming week! Emily Fieguth and Ann Marie Neustaedter will be providing coverage in the office this week. The office will be closed on Fri. July 28<sup>th</sup>. All bulletin submissions are due to the office by Wed. at 8:00 am to be included in this week’s bulletin.

**Pastor Stephen Cox is on vacation until the completion of his contract with us on July 31<sup>st</sup>.** We wish Steve and his family all the best in their future ministry in their new location.

**Peach Festival Volunteer Sign-up!** Please mark **Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars for the annual NOTL Peach Festival! Our church will be selling our famous peach salsa once again, as an outreach project under our Missions & Service committee. Please sign-up to support this fun service project! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

**Graduates & Post-Secondary Students** – please kindly inform the church office of recent graduations and/or upcoming or continuation of post-secondary studies this fall (program area as well). Deadline: August 21<sup>st</sup>.

<b>Offering of July 16<sup>th</sup>: \$3516.60</b>			
Budget	\$ 2,866.60	MCC General	\$ 495.00
Christian Witness	\$ 85.00	MCC Food	\$ 70.00

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.** Education Committee Meeting

**Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am** Worship Service – Message by Gregory Dick

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

Our Current Sermon Series... **THE ESSENTIAL JESUS SERIES**

Matthew has devoted more space to the words of Jesus in his gospel than any of the other gospel writers. He has preserved for us at least five of Jesus' major talks. The longest and best known of these talks is 'The Sermon on the Mount'. Over the summer months, we will be exploring the foundational themes Jesus outlines in this teaching. Here He gives concise statements on the essentials for becoming the kind of person who lives with God's kingdom values in mind. At the conclusion of this talk Jesus stated that all who would live by what He taught would have the benefit of understanding what is necessary to actually do what is right.

- July 16 "The Kind of Life God Blesses" Matthew 5: 1-12
- July 23 "What Jesus says you're good for" Matthew 5: 13-20
- July 30 "Growth" Guest Preacher Gregory Dick  
John 15:1-8 & Galatians 5:22, 23
- August 6 "How not to be Religious" Matthew 21-48
- August 13 "Prayers that God Hears" Matthew 6:1-18
- August 20 "What Jesus says about Ambition" Matthew 6:19-34

**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>

**Future Directions Update:** Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and Area Churches are now available at <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/documents/>

**The North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship (NAVVF)** held its biannual conference in Calgary June 30 to July 2, 2017. Pray that relationships nurtured through this gathering will resonate long after it ends. May connections be enhanced between the Vietnamese Mennonite churches in Canada and the US, inspiring new opportunities to support Vietnamese Mennonite Churches in Vietnam.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia.** People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274).

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**New MCC Canada Executive Director** It is with mixed emotions that, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 donate: call 519-745-8458 & specify that it's for soap/sewing kits. Questions? Call Carolyn Gray at 519-745-8458 ext. 234 or email [carolyngray@mcco.ca](mailto:carolyngray@mcco.ca).

**Grow Hope:** There are still acres available to sponsor through Grow Hope Niagara and raise funds to help hungry people around the world. \$400 per acre can become \$2,500 through government matching. More info at [mcco.ca/grow-hope-niagara](http://mcco.ca/grow-hope-niagara).

**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. Contact Sheryl Bruggeling ([sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca](mailto:sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca) or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

**OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Pleasant Manor is raising funds for its Outdoor Beautification Project** – sidewalks and benches to enhance the grounds for the benefit of tenants and residents. Please consider making a donation! See bulletin board for details, or contact Judy Willems, Director of Communications and Community Development at 905-934-3414, extension 1089.

**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're interested and looking for how you can help with this program, please call Rita or Joanne at [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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP:** Volunteers needed in the kitchen & for maintenance projects August 6-12. For more info contact the camp – 519-422-1401 / [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca) or visit [www.slmc.ca/volunteers](http://www.slmc.ca/volunteers).

**MEDA BBQ- Friday August 25th, RSVP by August 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the poster on the Community Bulletin board. The BBQ is a fund raiser for MEDA's Myanmar project.

**The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2017-18; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is **September 15**. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca).

**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. Stay tuned for more details!

**Office Hours This Week:**

Monday: 12:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday: Closed

**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.

**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.