

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

July 30th, 2017

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Rachael Peters

Call to Worship

Erv Willms

Worship in Song

Janice Janzen

“I sing the mighty power of God” HWB #46

“Yahweh”

Congregational Life & Announcements

Erv Willms

Offering Focus- MCC

“Thou true Vine, that heals” HWB #373

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Katiana Dick

“I See the Love of God”

Scripture: John 15:1-8 and Galatians 5:22, 23

Pew Bible p. 1046 & 1132

Sue Fast

“Growth”

Pastor Greg Dick

Sending

“I will sing The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Benediction

Pastor Greg Dick

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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:

God bless and comfort those who are suffering among us. Although their names are not published weekly, there are those who need to be lifted up to God. We are encouraged to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who have experienced joy. How blessed we are to be in God’s family!

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Welcome to today's guest preacher, Pastor Greg Dick! Greg has grown up and lived in the Niagara region for most of his life. He loves the area, his family and friends. He has a Masters of Divinity from Acts Seminaries of Trinity Western University. Most recently he was the Associate Pastor of Family Ministries for 5 years at Vineland United Mennonite Church, a position from which he moved on in February 2016. For those who like to play the Mennonite game, he is the husband to Katiana Wiens, who grew up attending this church.

Ladies Breakfast this Thursday! All ladies are invited to join together this coming **Thursday, August 3rd**, as we gather together at the Red Rooster at **9:00 am** for a time of fellowship over breakfast. If you wish to be added to the email reminder list, please contact Linda Friesen at hl.friesen@yahoo.com. All women are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Pastor David Lewis is on vacation from July 24- July 31st. 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 24th-July 28th.

Peach Festival Volunteer Sign-up! Please mark **Saturday August 12th** 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 21st.

Book Sale – Thank you to everyone who purchased books, you helped raise just over \$100. Don't forget to check out the new books on the library window sills.

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).

LIGHTHOUSE:

Lighthouse Curriculum from Menno Media has arrived- "Digging for Treasure" – Parables Revealed! A display is set up in the lower foyer. Feel free to browse the materials. sign up to help in areas. offer feedback. ask questions and pray for God's leading for Lighthouse. Laurene Nickel (905)262-5166 or karlhnickel@yahoo.com

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 (NAVMF) 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 CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

New MCC Canada Executive Director It is with mixed emotions that, as of September 30th, 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 carolynggray@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.

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 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.

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 needed in the kitchen & for maintenance projects August **6-12**. For more info contact the camp – 519-422-1401 / fun@slmc.ca or visit www.slmc.ca/volunteers.

MEDA BBQ- Friday August 25th, RSVP by August 18th. 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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 31st – August 6th)

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. Ladies Breakfast at Red Rooster Restaurant

Sunday August 6th

10:00 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor David Lewis

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

Offering of July 23rd – not available at this time

Due to vacations, donations will be reported in the August 6th bulletin for the weeks of July 23rd and July 30th.

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.

Church Contacts:

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Office Administrator: April Michon office@redbrickchurch.ca

Office Hours This Week:

Monday: 12:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 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.