

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

*“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 3 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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Our Lighthouse program, which is a time of fellowship and learning for those aged 4 years to Grade 6 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service. Those in Grade 7 and 8 are also welcome to attend. The children will be called to the front for the Children’s Moment and then released after that. Parents may pick up their children in the Education Wing at the end of the service.

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### Our Current Sermon Series... **LIVE LIFE WITH US**

LIVE LIFE WITH US is an invitation that is commonly spoken in the context of the NUMC church community. What does that mean and how will we know if we are fulfilling this calling we have placed upon ourselves? In a series of messages designed to explore the theme of Live Life With Us, we will examine several directives that shaped the church community as it started out on its mission of advancing God’s kingdom through faith, hope and love.

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| <b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Make the Love Connection</b><br><i>John 15:12-17</i>                              |
| <b>September 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>The Power of Everybody</b><br><i>Romans 12:1-5</i>                                |
| <b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Please Pray for me</b><br><i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>                                |
| <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>    | <b>Exposing the Imposter in Us</b><br><i>2 Corinthians 3:7-18</i>                    |
| <b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Relational Intelligence</b><br><i>1 Peter 3:8-12</i>                              |
| <b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>To Tell the Truth</b><br><i>Ephesians 4:14-25</i>                                 |
| <b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Serving and Sharing</b><br><i>Galatians 5:13-15, Ephesians 5:21, Acts 4:32-35</i> |

**German Worship Service - 9:50 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Renate Klaassen – Grusswort:**

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Lied: GB #570 "Dankt dem Herrn mit frohen Gaben"

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB #573 "O Gott von dem wir alles haben"

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Luk. 12:13-21**

**Botschaft: "Selbstverstaendlich?" – Hans H. Dau**

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Next week's sermon information...

***October 8<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Sunday, Preacher: John Tiessen***

**"How much is enough?"**

Though we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, where we praise God for his bounty, there can be many times when we feel like we do not have enough. Yet God does provide what we need in the amounts that are needed. Over the coming week take the time to meditate on these verses and think about how much we trust him to do just that.

*Exodus 16:4-30, Jeremiah 9:24, James 1:16-18, Psalm 23, Ecclesiastes 5:13, Matthew 6:19, Philippians 4:19, 2 Corinthians 9:8, Matthew 7:9-11, Psalm 37:4*

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Praise God that Vern Riediger, brother to Ron & Laury, was released from Princess Margaret Cancer Clinic Tuesday of this past week,** to his home, where he is taking the necessary medications to help him prepare for his next round of chemotherapy within the next 2-3 weeks. He is very optimistic that he will battle his non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with renewed determination. He is thankful for the prayers and support from the Toronto UM Church and our Church for our prayers and support. Please continue to pray for him as he continues this battle.

**Sharon and Rudy Dirks are delighted to report that initial testing shows no further sign of cancer.** The next round of tests will be in January. Thank you so much for your prayers and loving support.

**Please boldly lift one another in prayer to God in Heaven.** In our deepest pains, in our wandering, in our suffering, we may not always find the voices we need. As a church family, let us stand in the gap for each other.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Order of Worship** – As part of a number of recent changes to our worship service the printed order of the worship service has been omitted from the bulletin. This is a new initiative from the Worship Team/Committee and is intended to encourage us as a church and congregation to be drawn into the presence of God. The intent is that those worshipping will stay in the moment of worship. We thank you for your patience as we experiment with this new initiative.

**October church calendars are available** as printed copies at the Welcome Centre. Please remember the most up-to-date calendar is always accessible to you by logging on to our church website and viewing our online calendar there.

**Ladies Breakfast this Thursday!** All ladies are invited to join together this coming **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:hl.friesen@yahoo.com). All women are welcome! Hope to see you there!

**Office Hours Notice**- Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**Senior Youth Potluck Thanksgiving Feast** - Join us on **Friday, October 6** for a ***Potluck Thanksgiving Feast***. Bring your favourite dish, with extras for sharing! We'll be introducing a really exciting new opportunity for us too - don't miss out! Meet at the church at **7:00pm (earlier than usual)**. All youth Grades 9-12 are welcome. See you there!!

**UPDATE!!** The bulletin boards in the front foyer, mailbox room, and NOTL-side entranceway have been updated and refreshed. Some have been relocated to allow for more appropriate space for their communication needs. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the new locations and materials posted on these boards. Please also remember to check these regularly as this is an alternative way that we communicate information to you from our partner organizations. Moving forward, there will be less repeated announcements in the bulletin, and instead they will be posted on the boards after first being announced in the bulletin. \*Please remember to submit posters, information, or signage for the bulletin boards to the office or the organization rep to be posted on the appropriate bulletin board.

**Vulnerable Sector Police Check Update** (for Children & Youth Ministry Volunteers)!!! Anyone going in person to request their Vulnerable Sector Police Check at the 5700 Valleyway location in Niagara Falls has the option to have this check done for them while they wait!! **We strongly encourage any volunteer who has not yet filed for their clearance to please do so in this manner** to save the two month backlog that has accumulated by filing online or by going to the other locations (St. Catharines station, etc.). **Since the education ministry year is now underway, we are anxious to receive these clearances ASAP.** For further details, please contact April in the church office.

**BOXES NEEDED** - all sizes, flattened or built, we'll take them! They are for an upcoming youth event. Drop them off in the youth room OR contact Ellery to have them picked up (289-213-4995). Thank you!

### **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**Future Directions: Covenant New – Update to Congregations:** In October, delegates to the MC Canada Special Assembly in Winnipeg will be asked to approve the Future Directions: Covenant New proposal for re-visioning our denominational structure. Immediately following the Assembly, MCEC is holding a series of regional meetings to introduce and review the actions taken at the Assembly. An update will be provided on the decisions made at the Assembly and their implications for MCEC, congregations and the future of MC Canada Witness initiatives. MCEC is asking that pastors, council chairs, treasurers, other church leaders and interested individuals to attend. This is your opportunity as leaders to be informed and to support the work of the church. Together, we want to collaborate with how God is calling us to shape the church for mission and ministry in the world today. Please join together with David Martin, Executive Minister of MCEC, for this important update and how congregations can engage with and support the regional and nationwide ministries of the church. **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 pm @ The First Mennonite Church, 3557 Rittenhouse Rd, Vineland.** *This information is also available on our community bulletin board.*

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**A response to the Winsor, ON Flooding has been organized.** For more information, please see the MDS bulletin board in the foyer.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**In light of re-organization proposals that will be discerned at Special Assembly 2017 (Oct. 13-15)**, pray that God will provide energy, hope, and a strong sense of God's guiding presence for Mennonite Church Canada staff and Witness workers living abroad.

**Assembly registration is now officially closed.** The numbers are strong, with more than 360 people registered, and numbers well above levels needed for quorum. Thank you!

**Why Change?** Check out the conversation points (today's bulletin insert) about our Future Directions Process in a new resource shared by Mennonite Church Alberta as we consider how culture shifts are ministry opportunities.

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**To stay fully informed of all the initiatives, opportunities, and projects that MCC has on the go**, please consider subscribing directly to their monthly e-newsletter, which will consist of an email delivered to your inbox once per month. Alternatively, you can also like them on Facebook, view them on Instagram, follow them on Twitter, or subscribe to them on YouTube. **We strongly encourage you to do this so that you do not miss out on any events or news that is important to you!** If you require assistance setting yourself up with this, please contact April, and she will be happy to help you.

**NEW PRICE!! MCC lawn signs welcoming new Canadians** are available at the Welcome Centre. In 3 languages, the sign reads, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbour." These signs are available at our Welcome Centre for **\$5 each** (which includes the "H stake" for your lawn).

**If you like shopping as well as helping people, here is an opportunity for you:** For the planned shipment of relief goods to the Ukraine in November, MCC still needs supplies for various kits, including newly developed women's and men's "care kits". These are for a special request by partner agencies supporting orphans and prisoners in that country. Sample kits are on display in the downstairs foyer, where you can also pick up a complete list of the items needed. We will have a collection box out for the next two Sundays. If you would like to bring MCC school kits, sewing kits, or hygiene kits, we will deliver them to MCC, too.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Please check out our community bulletin board** (lower front foyer outside the sanctuary) to stay current on the community events that are being promoted within the church. These posters change often and this is the best way to stay current on what is happening in your community!

**Pleasant Manor has recently become in need of a volunteer** to help transport flowers from St. Catharines to Heritage Place. Their current volunteer will be retiring from the position, and as a result they are looking for more help. The Watering Can generously donates a bucket of flowers each week, which needs to be picked up on Tuesdays and delivered to Heritage Place, where they are distributed around the home. Time required is estimated to be no more than an hour. Anyone interested please contact Norma Restivo at [Normar@pleasantmanor.net](mailto:Normar@pleasantmanor.net) or by calling Pleasant Manor directly.

**If you like to sing the old hymns, country, folk, gospel and campfire songs**, you are invited to a “country gospel sing-a-long” on **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **2:00 pm** in the Chapel at Pleasant Manor. This event will take place on the first Wednesday of every month during the winter months.

### **Let's sing together! Niagara Area Mennonite Hymn Sing**

We will sing hymns and songs from our faith heritage as well as feature the singing of our choral groups. Refreshments will follow the hour of music making. All are welcome ... bring a friend.

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm** Vineland UM Church  
**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00 pm** Grace Mennonite Church  
**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 pm** St. Catharines UM Church

For more information, please contact any of the following persons:  
Annie Schulz: 905-562-8129; Alf Redekopp: 289-362-5963 or  
Louise Wideman: 905-562-4422.

### **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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study  
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service Quilting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting

**Thursday:** 9:00 am Ladies Breakfast @ Red Rooster Restaurant  
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

**Friday:** OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00 pm Youth – Thanksgiving Feast

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by David Lewis

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

**Offering of September 24<sup>th</sup>: \$6,422.10**

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| Budget                | \$ 4,542.10 | MCC General          | \$ 1,240.00 |
| Christian Witness     | \$ 210.00   | MCC Hurricane Relief | \$ 150.00   |
| Menn Disaster Service | \$ 100.00   | MCC Ukraine          | \$ 100.00   |
|                       |             | MCC Food             | \$ 80.00    |

**Offering Focus** – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. 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, 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.