

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 29th, 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.

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.

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

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Congregational Life

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Praise & Worship

Children’s Moment

Sue Fast

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Al Teichroeb

“To tell the truth”

Pastor David Lewis

(Galatians 5:13-15, Ephesians 5:21, Acts 4:32-35)

Sending

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German Worship Service - 9:50 am

Andachtsleiter: Gunnar Doerwald – Grusswort: 1.Johannes 4,10

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Lied: GB #348 “So lang mein Jesus lebt”

Chorlied Opfgaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #348 “So lang mein Jesus lebt”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Lukas 18,1-8

Botschaft: “Der ungerechte Richter” – Hans J. Wiens

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers at the front of the church are placed in loving memory of David Dyck who passed away 20 years ago on November 1, 1997. He is dearly remembered by his wife Maria Dyck & family.

Wedding Bells: Jolien Koole and Curtis Carter invite you to share in their joy as they wed this Saturday, November 4 in the sanctuary at Niagara United Mennonite Church at 4:00 in the afternoon. <3

Your prayers are deeply appreciated for John Harder and his family as he remains in Critical Care in hospital. As his family surrounds him, may our Lord and Healer also be a constant, tangible presence, encouraging them all, filling their hearts with his eternal peace, bringing healing and hope to John.

Please continue to pray for Vern Riediger, who continues his chemotherapy treatment in his battle against Lymphoma. Let us lift Vern and the family up to God in prayer and invite the Lord’s healing power to bring strength and recovery through this trying time.

Please continue to pray for the members of our church family and local community, who are battling sickness, require healing from injury, and who are in need of encouragement from our prayers. We recognize that many individuals and families face hardships, physical and otherwise, which go unmentioned publicly. Please continue to share the love of Christ as the Spirit leads, and support one another in prayer to our Father in Heaven.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Please note the following information from the church office:

- This past week our church office computer's hard drive experienced a mechanical failure. We were without our computer and files for a significant portion of time.
- We have lost some files, as well as the draft bulletin that April had been working on throughout the week. She has done her best to remember to include as many of the announcements that she had committed to including, but asks for your forgiveness if some have been missed due to this past week's crisis. If your announcement has not been included this week, please resubmit for next week.
- As well, April passes along sincere apologies if she has not been able to reply to your requests in as timely a manner as usual, as this computer issue has taken the top priority this week.
- The Smartlock Pro system, which is our automated system of unlocking the glass doors via the FOBS is also affected with this hard drive failure. Next week the system will be reset and new FOBs will be reissued. If you are someone who currently has a FOB, it will become inactive. Please stay tuned for further information.
- Thank-you for your patience and understanding as April continues to manage the repercussions of this setback!

Vacation Notice: Pastor Dave will be on vacation from **Tuesday, October 31st – Sunday, November 5th** inclusive. Please direct all pastoral concerns during this time to Renate Klaassen via the church office. We wish Dave and Janie a restful time as they head north to the site of their future home beyond his term with us here, as they begin to clear the site, and visit with the family who now lives in the area.

The Upper Room issue for November/December has arrived. For those of you who have not yet collected it, it is in your church mailboxes.

The printed November calendar is not yet available due to the computer problem the office experienced this week. As always, the most up to date version of the calendar is accessible on our church webpage.

Ladies Breakfast this Thursday! All ladies are invited to join together this coming **Thursday, November 2nd** 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!

YEEEE HAWWW - Senior Youth Square Dance! Join with youth in our community for another annual square dance extravaganza, hosted by Cornerstone Community Church. Not a dancer? No problem! A live professional caller will teach all the steps you need to know! No experience or dance partner necessary. Snacks and hot chocolate provided. Bring \$5, a friend, and comfy shoes and clothes for outdoors. **Friday, Nov. 3 from 7:00-10:00PM**. Drop off/pick up at Froese Farms: 280 Niven Road, RR3 Niagara-on-the-Lake. See you there!

Next week...

Patricia Regier and Ellery Rauwerda, our delegates who attended the Special MC Canada Assembly in Winnipeg just a few weeks ago, will share a presentation with us **next week on Sunday, November 5th** from this special gathering. Please join together to learn and engage, as they share with us on the topic of:

"Is the Larger Church Body Relevant? MC Canada Future Directions"

Spiritual Gift Discernment: Be sure to visit the sign-up table in the foyer for the upcoming Spiritual Gift Discernment event to be held on **November 17 from 6:30 - 9:00** at the church. In preparation for this event you will need to take the required spiritual gifts assessment. More information is available at the sign-up table along with a sample of the extensive report linked to the spiritual gifts assessment that now only identifies your individual gifts but helps you understand how your spiritual gifts play out in the context of relationships within the church body. Join the growing number of people who have already signed up!

Daylight Savings Time Ends! Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night and enjoy one extra hour of sleep! Mark your calendars now, and don't be the one caught arriving for church at the wrong time next Sunday!

Last Sunday's (October 22nd, 2017) givings totaled: \$4,172.70. The donation breakdown is unavailable this week due to the computer crisis. It will be included in next week's bulletin for you.

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness.

Fall Membership Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of May & August Membership meeting minutes
- 5) Financial Update
- 6) Search Committee for Lead Pastor - Update
- 7) Transitional Workgroup Recommendation - Restructure Leadership
- 8) Youth & Education Director
- 9) Refugee Update
- 10) Spiritual Council
- 11) Maintenance Update
- 12) Other Business
- 13) Close

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

School for Laypeople: Doing Spiritual Care Anabaptist Learning Workshop, a joint program offered by MCEC in cooperation with Conrad Grebel, is offering a workshop for “average people” who take on the role of spiritual care, often fulfilled by seminary-trained pastors. It will include interactive activities, tools for spiritual formation, and theological resources for those who find themselves offering spiritual or pastoral care. **November 11th, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm @ Niagara UM Church.** \$40 fee. To register, go to <https://mcec.ca/alw>, or phone 519-885-0220 x24211. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Rita Epp, or April in the church office. *More information is also available on our Academics bulletin board in the lower foyer.*

Tabor Manor will be holding a memorial service on Thursday November 16 @ 7:00 PM. We will be remembering the lives of residents and tenants who died between November 10, 2016 and October 31, 2017. Please feel free to join us for this service in the Tabor Manor “Great Room”, which is in the new long-term care facility at 7 Tabor Drive.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht lunch and Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 18th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** All are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 30th – November 5th)

Monday: 7:00 am Women baking for Pleasant Manor
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service Quilting & Devotionals
7:00 pm Adventsfeier Practice

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club

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

Friday: 7:30 pm Youth – Square Dance @Froese Farm

Saturday: 4:00 pm Wedding Ceremony for
Jolien Koole & Curtis Carter

Sunday, November 5th

9:45 am Choir Practice
10:45 am Worship Service –
Message by Patricia Regier & Ellery Rauwerda

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

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.