

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 12th, 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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Upcoming in November...

Giving to Your Heart’s Content Series

At a time of the year when giving is so much on our minds, starting next Sunday, Pastor Dave will explore in a two-part sermon series entitled – ***Giving to your heart’s content*** – the crucial matter of bringing God into your giving plans. He will explore the following topics:

The Spirit of Giving - Giving is the overflow of joy in God that gladly meets the needs of others. *(November 19th)*

What to Give - Percentage giving is a heartfelt choice to honour God from the resources He has entrusted to our care. *(November 26th)*

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering
Congregational Life
Worship in Song
Children’s Moment

Rachael Peters
Janice Janzen
Special Music- Rachael Peters
Jon Bradnam

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

“Who’s in control anyway?”

(Genesis 45:1-9 & Zechariah 10:1-4)

Donna Froese

John Tiessen

Sending

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German Worship Service – 9:50 am

Andachtsleiter: Renate Klaassen – Grusswort: Psalm 100

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #25 “Ich rühme Gottes Wundermacht”

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB #120 “Man weis nicht die Stund”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 25:1-13

Botschaft: “Wie viel Öl hast du?” - Joachim Dau

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Flowers are from the family of Hans-Juergen Wiens, in memory of Barbara Wiens, who passed away one year ago on Nov. 11, 2016.

Please remember to keep Audrey Epp and her family in your prayers as her health continues to deteriorate. Let us faithfully lift them to the Lord in prayer, and may he bless her with his peace, comfort and eternal hope in these difficult days, allowing her to experience his constant presence surrounding her always. May her family that faithfully supports her be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit and infused with his patience, understanding and compassionate love.

Please continue to pray for healing for Rosemary Marshall, stepmother to Debbie Fast, who is in hospital with a brain tumour. Let the miraculous healing of our Lord Jesus be seen in Rosemary, and his overwhelming peace be experienced by her. May the family continue to lean into the Father’s love to offer her hope, comfort and strength through this time.

Let us pray for continued renewal of the eternal hope that Jesus offers for Vern Riediger and his family in this fight against Lymphoma. As he continues through his treatments, may the Lord continue to provide what he needs each day, and cover him with his warm and loving embrace.

John & Lucy and their family are so thankful for our prayers. They report being able to feel the love & well wishes that are being sent up to our heavenly Father on their behalf! Let's continue to flood Heaven with praise & thanksgiving, through these trying times, for our faithful God of all who hears our prayers & responds! As John continues to battle on in the face of failing health, let's remain strong supporting him & his family in prayer. May our eternal healer bring healing, peace & hope to all.

May the healing love of Jesus be present to each one of us today. Those of us who are walking in health and strength can carry those around us who are experiencing more difficult days.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Reminders from the church office:

- All old FOBs are no longer functioning. Please return these to the church office at your earliest convenience.
- New FOBs are ready to be reissued for chairs and leaders of ministries and councils/committees who require access to the building during off hours. Please contact the office to discuss whether or not your needs fit within the parameters for possession of a FOB.
- Please remember that the preferred method of access to the building for church members is to arrange to come to the building when it is already open; for business hours (office hours), during weekly evening programming (as listed on the back of the bulletin), or during our library hours (Saturday mornings 9am-12 noon). If you require access outside these times, please contact the office to make arrangements to have the doors preprogrammed to be unlocked for your entry.

Youth & Education Director – Job Opening

NUMC is looking for a candidate to fill the position of Youth & Education director. The core responsibility is to plan, organize and co-ordinate the Youth Program. This person is also a resource for the Junior Youth Sponsors and Lighthouse Superintendent.

Details are as follows:

- Part time position - 20 hours per week
- Six month contract from January 1 – June 30, 2018
- See office for a copy of the Job Description or talk to our current director Ellery Rauwerda.
- Interested individuals should submit their resume to the church office by Nov. 28th.

The Leading Pastor Search Committee update report, as presented at the Tuesday November 7th Membership Meeting, is available at the Welcome Desk.

The November-December issue of Life With Us is now available in print at the Welcome Centre, as well as in electronic form on our church web page.

Senior Youth Come out and Care Night - Ellery and Mark Rauwerda are excited to host the youth at their home this week! We'll be going shopping for Christmas gifts for youth in need in our own community this year. Pizza, snacks, and our quirky cat Mabel are all included in this experience. Bring \$20 or whatever you can contribute to help make a fellow youth's Christmas brighter! Meet at Ellery & Mark's place at **7:00PM on Friday Nov. 17th** (near the Fairview Mall). Rides going from NOTL too. Connect with Ellery to request one. Bring a friend and see you there!

Jr Youth will be having a Quesadilla cook off and games night at the Church on **Friday, November 24th from 7:00 - 9:30 pm** Please come join us for another fun filled evening!!

Parent Conversations - If you have a child between grade 6-12, we invite you to gather for a time of open conversation about spiritual nourishment & equipping for our youth and junior youth on Sunday, **November 26 at 9:00AM** in the youth room. This is a chance to engage in honest and open dialogue as we consider the next generation of our church family. ALL parents are welcome, no matter what level of church participation your children are engaged in. Please **sign up** by e-mailing Ellery Rauwerda (ellery@redbrickchurch.ca) by **Sunday, November 19**. Please try to make it out - these are critical conversations! Thank-you!

Keep Someone Warm - As the cold of winter sets in, we have a chance to help keep our neighbours warm through this Community Care initiative. Until December 17th, we will be collecting & decorating our sanctuary with warm clothes for all ages. Donations of NEW hats, gloves coats, boots, slippers, PJs, socks, and long underwear for ALL ages are needed. Please leave donations in the Community Care barrel in the bottom foyer. Our youth will take care of the decorating! Any questions, contact Ellery. Thank you for your generosity!

ATTENTION! ALL volunteers who are working with children, youth or vulnerable persons are REQUIRED to attend our church's Safe Places Seminar every two years. We still have approximately 35 individuals who are currently serving in ministry roles who have not done this. Two seminars were held in September, and due to the high number of people who did not attend, we are holding a third and **FINAL** seminar on Sunday, **December 3rd from 8:45-10:45 am**. If you or your children/partner/ parent/ministry partners/ministry helpers have not yet done this, please take this opportunity to gently remind them that this is a requirement of our church's policy to be able to work with our church's vulnerable populations and encourage them to register for it. All registrations should be done through April in the office by phone, email or in person.

Everyone is invited to the German Advent Program (Adventsfeier) Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. Music by the German Choir, and favourite carols to sing together. Refreshments to follow in the gym/auditorium.

Please bring cookies and squares to the Adventsfest at church on Sunday Dec 3rd. Please drop off in the kitchen in the morning if possible.

Sermon Notes: _____

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

The Assembled News newsletter detailing the events of the special assembly of MC Canada held in October are available for you to take home to review. Please pick-up your copy at the Welcome Centre.

UPDATE – The Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly, Oct. 13-15, marked a historic turning point for Mennonite Church Canada, Regional Churches, and our congregations across the country. Delegates charted a new course for Mennonite Church Canada with a 94% approval of the Covenant New restructuring proposal. The new structure revisions Mennonite Church Canada as the covenant partnership created by the five nationwide Regional Churches. Working together, Regional Churches have been mandated to foster the health and vitality of local congregations, who are engaged in mission in their immediate neighbourhoods and around the world. While delegates celebrated a structure that has served them well in the past and grieved its passing, they also embraced the vision of a vibrant, nationwide Mennonite Church that is actively engaging our world. To learn more, visit www.futuredirectionsmc.ca.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

The Pleasant Manor Auxiliary is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on **November 25th from 10 - 11:30am.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 13th - November 19th)

Monday: 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service Quilting & Devotionals
6:00 pm Adventsfeier Practice
Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
Friday: 6:30 pm Spiritual Gifts Equipping
7:00 pm Youth – Meeting at Ellery & Mark's House
Saturday: 9:00 am Candlelight Choir Workshop

Sunday, November 19th

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. **

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.

Offering of November 5th: \$7,938.25			
Budget	\$ 6,778.25	MCC School Kits	\$ 50.00
Christian Witness	\$ 455.00	MCC Food	\$ 70.00
MCC	\$ 425.00	Menn. Ctr. Ukraine	\$160.00

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.

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.