

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

## Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

“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 glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your child and follow along in 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.

### Current Sermon Series ... **RESOLUTE DISCIPLESHIP**

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS? To answer this question, we will consider the words of the apostle Peter who overcame some profound and provocative miscues in his apprenticeship as a follower of Jesus to become a stalwart learner in the discipleship pathway. Beginning with a reluctant faith, he is shaped, mentored, challenged, rebuked and desperately loved by the living Christ into a place of *resolute discipleship*. From a heart purified through the heat of refining fire he hammers out seven virtues that are to distinguish the character of every Christ follower. When purposely added to our lives, these seven virtues outlined by Peter in the opening verses of his second letter will bring more promise, more life, more of God.

January 14	<b>“Doing What You Want- God’s Way”</b>	2 Peter 1:1 – 5a
January 21	<b>“Good to Go”</b>	2 Peter 1:5a
January 28	<b>“The Need to Know”</b>	2 Peter 1:2-3, 5, 8
February 4	<b>“Get a Grip”</b>	2 Peter 1:6a
February 11	<b>“Too Soon to Quit”</b>	2 Peter 1:6b
February 18	<b>“The ‘Me’ God Imagines”</b>	2 Peter 1:3,6c & 1 Timothy 3:15, 16
February 25	<b>“The Feeling’s Mutual”</b>	2 Peter 1:7-11

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Marlene Borzychowski
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam

*Children exit for Lighthouse*

Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading	Bill Devolin
	(1 Peter 1:13 - 21)

<b>“Get a Grip”</b>	Pastor David Lewis
<b>Sending</b>	Pastor David Lewis

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

**Andachtsleiter: Renate Dau Klaassen– Grusswort: Psalm 147: 1-11**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #7 “ Heilig, heilig, heilig”

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #387 “ In dir ist Freude”

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Markus 1:29-39**

**Botschaft: “ Zu was sind wir berufen?” – Joachim Dau**

Lied: GB #166 “Schenk uns, Vater deinen Segen” (Vs. 1 & 3)

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

Our prayers are extended to the Teichgraf family, who suffered the loss of Erika Teichgraf on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Visitation was held for her Tuesday evening at Tallman, with her funeral service held here on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. May the Lord continue to wrap the family in His love, bringing cherished memories of Erika to mind, offering the promises of His eternal peace.

Deep sympathy is expressed to the family of Mary Hilda Willms, who passed away on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. A time of visitation was held here in our church on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, followed by her funeral service on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am. May Christ, our eternal source of hope, be a healing presence to the family through this time of grief.

**Brian and Joannie Penner would like to thank our church family** for all of their love and support in the passing of their father John Penner. After a long battle with Alzheimer's disease/dementia and Parkinson's disease he passed away peacefully on Monday, January 29th. A celebration of life was held at Vineland UM Church on Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Our condolences are extended to the family of Mary Dirks**, who passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Visitation will be held here in the church on Monday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, with her funeral following on Tuesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. A funeral choir will rehearse at 10:00 am.

**Please pray for Peter Dirks**, who is suffering at home, in Tabor Manor, from pneumonia, influenza, and now the recent loss of his wife, Mary. May our faithful Lord Jesus be his strength and loving comfort in these dark days, offering him eternal hope and peace.

**Please pray for Jake Wiens**, who has been hospitalized in Niagara Falls this week following a fall, in addition to continued failing health. Let this praying community uphold Jake and his family in prayer, that they may experience the comforting presence of the Spirit, and that Jake may feel the hope and warmth of Jesus' loving embrace.

**The family of Erika Teichgraf would like to extend heartfelt gratitude** for the love and support shown during this difficult time. Thank you so much to all who were involved with the visitation, funeral service, and fellowship meal. A special thank you to John & Kathy Rempel and the choir members as well as the AV attendant, Esther Willms, Ann Marie Neustaedter and the Helping Hands volunteers for the fellowship meal at Bethany Church; April Michon for coordinating many logistics considering the situation with the church facilities; to those who served as ushers; to Jeff and Anita Friesen for preparing the church; and to Pastor David Lewis who met with our family and provided spiritual leadership and guidance. We are grateful for all of the thoughts and prayers, and feel so blessed to be a part of this caring church community. - The Teichgraf Family

**The Willms family would like to thank everyone** for their best wishes and condolences this week, as well as all who were involved in the funeral service and fellowship meal preparations. Your expressions of sympathy are so appreciated. Thank-you.

**Please continue to pray for:** Audrey Epp, Luanne Kulchar & Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, as well as those who are experiencing failing health in our community, and others who have not made public their prayer needs at this time.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**February calendars are available in print at the Welcome centre.** Our updated calendar is always available online on our website.

**Women in Service** is cancelled for the rest of the season.

**IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** During this time while we are borrowing Bethany's auditorium for our Funeral Fellowship meals, we need two additional funeral volunteer roles which have not been required in our facility. They have asked us to provide someone to operate their elevator lift, as well as turn on their sound system (flick an on/off switch). Minimal orientation to these roles is required and will be provided. If you would be willing to help with either of these roles while we are without our basement, please let our church office know ASAP.

**Baked Goods Welcomed:** Our Senior Youth will be heading to Hidden Acres Camp on **Friday, February 16** for a weekend-long Winter Retreat. They will be joining a number of other area MCEC youth for this event. In an effort to keep costs down, they are inviting support in the form of nut-free baked goods. If interested, please get in contact with Becca Willms at any time leading up to that date. Thank you in advance!

### **Springfest**

As discussed at the recent Membership meeting, the idea of hosting Springfest this year is being considered as a Church sponsored, local community outreach program. The tentative date is **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

In order to determine if this can work, we need your input on the idea along with determining if we have the necessary volunteer support.

To get this started there will be a **meeting Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30**.

If you like the idea please try to join this meeting or provide your input to anyone on the Mission and Service committee.

**Car seat needed** for toddler 10-12 kg and growing. We are expecting our next newcomer family to arrive in 2 weeks. They have twins aged 15 months. We have one car seat already; if you have another - gently-used and in good condition - to give or loan, please contact Greta Wiens from the Sponsorship Committee. Thank you!

**Upper Room** A second shipment of the January-February Upper Room issue has come in to us (at no additional charge). Please collect these from your mailboxes. If you do not have a friend to pass it along to, you are invited to drop it in the book bin in our mailbox room and they will be donated.

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:**

**Baptism Preparation** These classes continue to be held in the Board Room on the second floor of the Education wing at **9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings**. If you feel called to be baptized this year, or would like to explore the option, please join us for these classes.

**Senior Youth at the Sky Zone!** This **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** we will be heading to the Sky Zone in St. Catharines for a fun night of jumping! It will be glow in the dark so **please wear a shirt that glows** or you will be required to purchase one there. Meet at the church for 7:30 pm. Cost is \$20 or pay what you can. We hope to see everyone out! Waivers can be found at <https://stcatharinesstore.skyzone.com/waiver/>

## **NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:**

### **Offering of January 28<sup>th</sup>: \$4,497.00**

Budget	\$ 3,590.00	MCC General	\$ 190.00
Christian Witness	\$ 430.00	MCC Food	\$ 80.00
Niag. Teen Evangelism	\$ 107.00	MCC School Kits	\$ 100.00

**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.

**Children's Coin Collection** Thank-you to all for supporting our **children's coin collecting** with your coin donations. Our last project funds of \$975.00 went to MCC for Christmas Gift Giving of chicks, rabbits, and goats for families in Africa to provide sources of food and income. Our present project will go to MCC Relief Sale "My Coins Count" to support MCC projects of relief, development and peace around the world. Once again, thank-you for supporting our children and MCC through your donations.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Anabaptist Heritage Choir** rehearsals: Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 @7:30 at St. Catharines UM Church.

**You are cordially invited to the Annual Gathering of the Canadian Bible Society (Niagara)** at the Salvation Army Citadel, 400 Niagara St., St. Catharines on **Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. There will be a complimentary supper, followed by an informational program, and free will offering. Our speaker will enlarge on the work of scripture translation, including among Canada's Native people. For more information, or to RSVP (before Feb. 1), please phone Kevin at 905-646- 8062.

**Day of Quiet Prayer: Practices to Nourish our Wintry Souls** Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada offer Pat Wagler who will lead a day apart to sustain our wintry spirits with prayer practices both new and familiar as we quiet ourselves, engage our senses, and explore patience as an underrated gift of the season. Waterloo-Kitchener UM Church, **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Women's Retreat: February 9-11<sup>th</sup>**, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women's Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more info & to register visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-422-3200.

**"Lower Back Pain in Later Life"** Niagara-on-the-Lake's InfoHealth lectures at the Public Library provide timely, accurate information about health matters for residents in the area. This InfoHealth lecture and Q&A session will take place on Wednesday, February 14, at 1 pm, at the NOTL Public Library, and will be presented by Dr. William Brown. For more information see the link: <https://notlpubliclibrary.org/infohealth>

**Eden High School Council is selling delicious high quality pork sausage.** Feed your family and support this great school at the same time. Go to [eden.dsbm.org](http://eden.dsbm.org) and click the sausage link. Register with school cash if you haven't done so already. Sale ends **Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Need more info please contact Alex Baergen @ 905 327 6052.

**St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.** at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Josh Brahm, founder of the Equal Rights Institute. Join us for an excellent dinner, fellowship and an outstanding pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: [info@chooselife.ca](mailto:info@chooselife.ca) . More info at [ChooseLife.ca](http://ChooseLife.ca)

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 5<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:**        **7:00 pm** Women's Bible Study (off-site location)  
                      **7:30 pm** Niagara Community Male Chorus  
**Tuesday:**        **7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting  
**Wednesday:**    **6:30 pm** Pioneer Club  
**Thursday:**        **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship Practice  
**Friday:**            **7:30 pm** Youth

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:45 am**        Choir Practice – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of education wing  
**9:45 am**        Baptism Class- Board Room  
**10:20 am**        Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
**10:45 am**        Worship Service – Message by Pastor Dave 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, 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.