

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 13th, 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.

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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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JOYS & CONCERNS:

Carl & Debbie Fast are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianne, to Jake VanHezewyk, son of Christian & Christine VanHezewyk.

Heartfelt sympathy is expressed to the family of Nettie Goerz, who passed away on May 4th. Her funeral service was held here on May 9th, with visitation held on May 8th and 9th. May the love of our Lord bring peace to all who grieve her passing and comfort knowing she’s at long last in her Saviour’s presence.

Ruth Janzen’s membership has been withdrawn by request, effective today. We pray that God bless her as she continues her journey.

Baptism preparation – We have one candidate for baptism this year, and that is Alex Froese. Please pray for Alex as he prepares himself for the step of baptism next Sunday.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rhodie Marshall, Irene Penner, Helen Wall & Martha Wiens, as well as others who may need prayer. Let us continue to be a strong praying community, lifting one another to our Lord Jesus in prayer.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude Kathy Rempel
Congregational Life Erv Willms
Worship in Song Congregational Singing/Girls Ensemble
Children's Moment "Planting Seeds" by Kathy Vincent, read by
Offering Lighthouse children

Offering Focus – see financial section

Children exit for Lighthouse

Scripture Reading Ruth Lamarre
(1 Samuel 1: 9-18, Romans 8:1)

"Celebrating Mom" John Tiessen +

Additional speakers: Linda Pankratz, Dorothea Enns & Ellery Rauwerda

Worship in Song Girls Ensemble

Sending John Tiessen

Our Girls Ensemble is comprised of: Brynna Bartel, Linnea Bartel, Sienna Browning, Julieanne Enns, Joyce Friesen, Logan Friesen, Erin Jarrett, Vanessa Kradko, Katrina Metsa, Austin Penner, Rachael Peters, Laury Willms, Ruth Willms

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN: Happy Mother's Day! Let's not forget the opportunity we all have to help hurting women who desire to have their lives restored. At Niagara Life Centre, many women wish to be stronger and healthier women and mothers. With your support of filling the containers with coins, bills, or cheques, Niagara Life Centre can continue to help women and mothers receive the help they need. Pick these up at the Welcome Centre. Thank-you for your support.
Life-giving change is good!

Volunteer Opportunity for high school students: We need assistance with cataloging all the music in the church. See poster on the Volunteer Board. Please contact Emily Fieguth 905-329-2084 by May 14th to let her know if you would like to participate. The day of the volunteering will be on the PD Day: **Friday May 18th from 9 am - 4 pm.**

Senior Youth: Make-Your-Own-Pizza/Movie night at Austin's! This **Friday, May 18th** we will be having youth at Austin's house for make-your-own-pizzas! There will be rides leaving from church at 7 pm, or come right to her place (come around back to the basement apartment) for 7:30 pm. Wear comfy clothes and bring your best pizza-making ideas. Can't wait to see you there!

Report on basement remediation work has been delayed to **Friday May 18** instead of May 14 as reported earlier.

The Music Committee and Worship Committee, with the support of Church Council, are excited to present a new initiative for this summer. We will be inviting music groups (and individuals) from Christian music groups to present the musical portion of our Sunday morning worship services. This will allow our current volunteers to have a break. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to hear different styles of music, as well as enjoy some old favourites. After searching for some organizational support, we are grateful for Jolien Carter's help in administrating this new initiative!

Dear Congregation 🙏 We are presently taking inventory of all the music in the church. If you have a church hymnal, music book, choir music, children's music, German music or any other music that belongs to NUMC, we are asking you please, to return it to church ASAP. There will be a box by the Welcome Centre for you to drop off music. As an alternative, contact Emily Feiguth and let her know what you have. May 18th, is the day most of the inventorying will take place. *See notice below* Thank you, your Music Committee 🙏

Church Mailbox Update! – Last week the mailbox room was updated. If you have not yet been to check it out, we encourage you to do so. Some of the changes you will find are:

- Some regular attenders have now been given mailboxes, regardless of membership status.
- Some individuals who previously had been sharing boxes with other family members, now have their own box.
- Labels have been updated and some boxes have been removed.
- If there is a change that was made in error, please notify the church office so that we can correct it.
- If you do not have a mailbox and would like one, please let us know.
- Please be extra careful when taking your mail to ensure it is your box, as the location of boxes have shifted through this process.

Thank-you so much to all of our Scripture Readers! We are very blessed to have so many people participate in our worship services through the rotation of Scripture readers! Thanks to everyone who read for us as a part of the 2017-2018 schedule. Our current schedule ends in the fall. Please begin thinking and praying to consider if participating in our weekly worship services in this way is a way you could be involved in the life of our congregation.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

May 22 to 25, at St Jacobs Mennonite Church, FUNDRAISER FOR MCC. Church packed with quilts and fibre art. \$5, students free. Featuring preview of quilts for New Hamburg Quilt Auction; Bonnie Murdock, feature artist; Kate Carder-Thompson, student, Masters in Fine Art (fibres) at Western University. Details - St Jacobs Festival - see www.stjacobs.com/events.

Momentum Choir -- May Gala, **Sunday, May 27 from 4:00- 7:00 pm @** Southridge Community Church. Please see small poster on our NUMC Community bulletin board for ticket info.

On Thursday May 31, Radiant Care Pleasant Manor will be having their May Memorial for those in their community who have died over the last six months. Friends and family of our tenants and residents are welcome to join us in the Creekview Meeting room at **7:00 PM** for a short celebrative worship service and time sharing memories. Light refreshments are to follow.

The United Mennonite Home's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM** in the Chapel/Celebration Room. According to the Constitution, "Notice of the time and place of every such meeting shall be given by announcement in each Church which is a member of the Corporation." As well, the by-law requires "not less than twenty-five persons" to achieve quorum. Delegates are selected on the basis of one for every twenty-five church members. As this is a public meeting, attendance is not restricted to delegates. Visitors are welcome. For delegates Information Packages will be available for pick-up Sunday, May 27/18.

Saturday afternoon, June 2nd - "Sängerfesst" - the Heidelberg-Rheingold Singers are hosting a choirs concert with guest choirs from Calgary, Alta., and Oshawa, Hamilton, Kitchener, and London, Ontario at Club Heidelberg in St. Catharines, starting at 2.00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each and available from Ursula Hinz 905-262-4130 and Martha Bartel 905-468-7029. Refer to poster on bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 14th – May 20th)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: 9:30 am MOPS- last meeting before summer break
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Sunday, May 20th - PENTECOST- Testimony, Baptism & Communion

9:45 am Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing
10:20 am Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3rd floor
10:45 am Worship Service– Message by John Tiessen

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

Offering of May 6th: \$ 11,620.00

Budget	\$ 9,805.00	M.C.C.	\$ 925.00
Christian Witness	\$ 150.00	MCC - Food	\$ 130.00
Youth	\$ 10.00	MCC – Pork on a Bun	\$ 200.00
		Menn. Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 300.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of MCC-Pork on a Bun. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

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.