

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 24th, 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 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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Today: Seniors Tea @ 3pm @ Creekview! ALL seniors are welcome to join.

Next week: Our Summer Worship Schedules Begin!

The German Worship Service will begin at 9:00 am (according to their schedule) and the English Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Steve & Monica Epp & their unborn twin babies, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rhodie Marshall, Irene Penner, David Steingart, Helen Wall & Martha Wiens, as well as others who may need our prayers. Let us continue to show our care for one another through the act of prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us. May we raise these individuals to our mighty God, as well as other neighbours, and community members as often as our Father in Heaven lays it upon our heart to do so.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Seniors Tea! We will be holding our next Seniors' Tea **this afternoon at 3:00 pm** at Creekview. We are excited to have Erv and Esther Willms share some stories of their adventures with us. We look forward to seeing you there! ALL Seniors are welcome!

Today is the final day of Lighthouse before our summer break.

Kitchen item giveaway- final day! Water glasses, stainless steel coffee and tea pots and a few other things available free outside the gym doors, please help yourselves before it's all gone.

Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN: As we continue to collect containers at the Welcome Centre today and at the church office through this week, we wish to thank you for your contributions! We are grateful God continues to use our ministry at the Lakeshore Road location (65 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines, 905-934-0021) to help hurting families and individuals of the greater Niagara community. Every day at Niagara Life Centre, we strive to be the hands of Jesus offering hope and help to anyone who walks through our doors. Thank you for bringing hope and change to your neighbours. **To God be the glory!**

Lost & Found! Please look through the items on the table in the mailbox area. These items have been around for some time now. All unclaimed items will be sent to the Benefit shop on June 25th.

Scripture Readers- A new Scripture reader schedule is being prepared. *New readers are encouraged to participate!* Requirement: read a scripture passage in the worship service once this coming year. A great way to serve our congregation with no committee work! 😊 Current readers are auto-renewed on the list. New readers- please contact April in the church office **THIS WEEK** to be included!

Library Overdue Notices – Please check your church mailbox. Overdue notices were put in the boxes last week. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Recent graduate information required- Please send April notice of your information if you have recently completed high school, or a post-secondary program/school or have graduated. We'd like to share in the excitement with you and your family of this achievement and know what direction you are embarking on next! We'd also like to include you in our bulletin in August when we bless our recent grads and bless those who are returning to studies. Please pass this info to April in the church office by **August 26th**.

Mark Your Calendar Now! Our Safe Places Seminar Date has been set for the fall! Please circle **Thursday, September 13th** and reserve it for training if you are or plan to be involved in any way with our childrens or youth ministries. This is a mandatory training event for all of our volunteers to engage in once every two years. The office has records of the last time you participated, so please contact April if you are unsure if this is your year to attend, though attending every year is welcome, and encouraged for anyone in ministry leadership. Please don't forget this date over the summer- **Thursday, September 13th**! We will meet in the evening and have pizza available beforehand to make it easier for anyone coming directly here from work or other commitments.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

MCEC in Prayer: Each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. We invite you to join us in praying this week for **Calvary Church, Ayr.**

MCEC Indigenous-Settler Working Group Update At the Annual Gathering, a group of interested persons met to reflect on how we as MCEC congregations might deepen our understanding of Indigenous-Settler issues in Canadian society and explore ways to engage with our Indigenous neighbours and the challenges they face. Recently, a smaller group has met to explore next steps in forming regional working groups. A survey is being planned for Sept. that will poll the interest & availability of MCEC constituents. Further steps will then be taken to encourage the formation of local working groups of interested persons. If you'd like direct email contact (and have't already provided your name/email), please contact Joan Schooley at jschooley@mcec.ca.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Prayer Request from MC Canada Joint Council We invite all congregations and members of Mennonite Church Canada to join with us in prayer as we seek an EXECUTIVE MINISTER.

Great news! With your amazing efforts, Bill C-262—An Act to Ensure that the Laws of Canada are in Harmony with the UNDRIP—has passed 3rd reading in the House of Commons. Now it is being debated in the Senate, and if it passes, it will receive Royal Assent and become one of the statutes of Canada. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has stated that the UNDRIP is the blueprint for reconciliation in Canada and has called all churches to adopt it and advocate for it. Would you and your church consider writing a short, encouraging note to some of the 100+ Senators in support of Bill C-262? Contact Info available on our MC Canada bulletin board.

Christian Peacemaker Teams is a key partner of Indigenous-Settler Relations because of the courageous and creative ways they seek to transform situations of violence and oppression.

Policy Change on free shipping CommonWord is now offering free shipping on ALL loan orders (previously it was limited to loan books). Borrow DVDs or other non-print items & pay no postage!

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Bring MCC your Collected Kit Materials! This July MCC is sending a shipment to Jordan. Please bring any collected kit materials to any MCCO drop off location. The shipment will focus on Relief Kits, but we welcome any supplies you may have. Thanks for your continued support!

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

The Abner Martin Music Scholarship (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2018-19; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is September 15, 2018. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at lbrubacher@sympatico.ca.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 25th – July 1st)

Thursday: 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Sunday, July 1st – Canada Day

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship Service– Message by Daniel Willms

3:00 pm Senior’s Tea@ Pleasant Manor

Our nursery is self-serve through the summer beginning next week.

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

NUMC sermons are available online.

Individual Sermons or Sermon Series are available for purchase (CD or DVD). Please place your order through the church office.

Online Filming Privacy Notice – Our sermons are recorded for streaming over the internet, capturing the stage and up to the front third 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.

Offering of June 17th: \$ 6,042.30			
Budget	\$ 5,232.30	M.C.C.	\$ 500.00
Christian Witness	\$ 70.00	MCC - Food	\$ 160.00
Teenage Evangelism	\$ 80.00		

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. 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.

Office Hours:

The office is open weekdays from 9 am-3pm.

Pastor Waldo Pauls is in the office Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen is in the office Thursday & Friday mornings.

Please contact April to schedule appointments with our pastors.