

RED BRICK CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP

August 26th at 10:00am

A Special Welcome to

Melissa Marie Shriner



This morning we welcome the talented soprano **Melissa-Marie Shriner**. Melissa-Marie is well known as a versatile performer in recitals, concerts, and self-produced shows, throughout southern Ontario and upstate New York. She has even undertaken a concert tour of solo recitals in Europe. With her feet solidly planted in both the classical and jazz worlds, Ms Shriner regularly performs as soloist with the Avanti Chamber Singers, as a guest soloist with Choralis Camerata, with The Melissa-Marie Shriner Jazz Trio, as the featured artist for the In The Village Concert Series, the TD Niagara Jazz Festival, the Twilight Jazz Series, along with various other musical incarnations. She released her second album, A Christmas Love Song, to great acclaim in November of 2017, and is planning to release a recording of original and classical crossover music in spring of 2020. Melissa-Marie's gospel-inspired musical background is evident in her soulful and uplifting vocal sound, as she aims to use her voice to heal the soul. Having spent her formative years singing in the church as a soloist, worship leader, choir member, and as a musician, playing piano in the church band, Gospel and Worship music played a foundational role in her development as a singer and musician. We are delighted to have Melissa leading us in our favourite hymns and songs this morning. Melissa Marie Shriner's CDs are available in the foyer after the service or can be found online.

To find out more about **Melissa Marie Shriner**, please visit: <https://melissamarieshriner.com/>

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

August 26th, 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 8 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service September through June.  
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Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude The Torchmen Quartet CD
Congregational Life John Tiessen
Worship in Song Melissa Marie Shriner
Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading Udo Woelke
(Ezekiel 3:12-15; Mark 8:31-38)

“iChoices in iWorld Reconsidered” Carol Penner
Sending John Tiessen

German Service — 9:00 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Hans Juergen Wiens
Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski
Lied: GB #189 “Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte” (V. 1-3)
Chorlied
Opfergaben Fokus:
Lied: GB #384 “Nur mit Jesu” (V. 1-3)
Chorlied
Schriftwort: Psalm 84
Botschaft: “Zuhause im Hause des Herrn”- Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen
Lied: GB #384 “Nur mit Jesu” (V. 4 & 5)

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Please pray for Sylvia Tissen and her family, as her mother, Ilse Neukirchner went to be with her Heavenly father on August 18. Please lift their family with His joy, peace and light blessings as they grieve this loss.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Jake Friesen, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls, Irene Penner, Justine Reimer, and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers. Let us continuously look to our friends, neighbours and community members, remembering to pray for those around us as well.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Today we offer a very special and warm welcome to our guest preacher, Dr. Pastor Carol Penner! She is currently teaching theology at Conrad Grebel University College and has previously served various Mennonite congregations in Ontario and most recently, Alberta. Her research interests include feminist theology, Mennonite peace theology, and abuse issues. She also loves to write and to lead worship! She has a popular blog of her worship resources at www.leadinginworship.com. Thank-you so much, Carol, for being with us today!

Membership Information Meeting – will be held today, immediately following the English service, to discuss the inclusion of a Worship Co-ordinator/Outreach Co-ordinator position as part of our NUMC Church staff. This is an information session only with no vote to be taken. We strongly encourage you to take the time to attend this short meeting, as particulars regarding this proposed position will be provided. After a period of discernment, a vote on whether or not the congregation wishes to create this position will be held at a future congregational meeting.

Vacation Notice: Please note that Pastor Waldo Pauls is on vacation August 25th through September 1st. Please direct all pastoral concerns to Pastor Renate during his holiday. We pray that his time away is restful and rejuvenating.

Coming next week in the Summer Worship Series: Kendall Stone (Reimer)

Next week we wrap up our Summer Worship Series by welcoming back **Kendall Stone (Reimer)**, this time with her youngest cousin **David Reimer** on box drum. Kendall delighted us earlier this summer leading worship alongside her mother and her husband's best friend, and we look forward to an acoustic service on September 2nd rounding out a wonderful summer worshipping God through various forms of music.

Kendall's EP will once again be available in the church foyer after the service.

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

Welcome Sunday – will be held on **Sunday, September 16**. If you have any friends that you may have wanted to invite to church, but have not had the chance, or your friends have been curious about your church, then this is the day to invite them. We will be having coffee and some snacks in the front foyer before the service. The Service itself will be a visitor-friendly service, with a message that suits those who may be new to church. After the service, there is a meal planned for the front foyer and out into the front lawn. Please bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks but in the meantime, mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there!

Call out for new Welcome Centre Hosts! This is the time of year when we welcome new people to consider joining our wonderful team of Welcome Centre Hosts! The role entails serving every couple of weeks with another host to welcome and greet those who come through our doors, familiar faces, and new alike. Current weekly info is emailed each week from the office so all the "need-to-know-info" is provided to offer to anyone who inquires from you. We have some openings on our team coming up this year, so anyone who has an interest in getting involved and has a passion for helping people to feel welcome in this place, this is a perfect time to please consider giving this vital ministry a try! Please contact April in the church office by Sept. 5th with questions, or to join the team!

Mark your calendar! This year's Safe Places Seminar will run on **Thurs. Sept. 13th from 6-8:30 pm**. Everyone involved in children/youth ministry who did not attend last year, or who are new to volunteering in these ministries are required to attend this seminar as per Church Council's Safe Places Policy (participation is required at least every two years). **Please note: *this is only offered once this year.*** Please ensure you are able to attend! Child care will be available from nursery to school aged, so the whole family can come together! Come for the pizza dinner beforehand, and the children will be cared for while parents are in the seminar!

Sunday, Sept 16th We are planning lunch in the front foyer and front lawn following the service. The sandwiches and finger foods will be provided. If you would like to bring squares or cookies please make sure they are cut up and ready to eat.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse Registration - Parents, please register your children. We will be offering programs for children in Kindergarten to Grade 8 starting this September. Registration forms are available at the 'Shine On' display in the foyer. For any questions, please contact Emily Fieguth.

Lighthouse - We are looking for helpers for the Lighthouse program. We need individuals to teach lessons, to assist with the music time, to be classroom helpers, and also someone to be the Assistant Lighthouse Coordinator. We'll need a total of 16-20 volunteers to run the program efficiently. Highschool credits are available for many of these positions. See the sign-up board in the foyer for detailed descriptions of all the positions. For any questions, or to discuss please contact Emily Fieguth

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Choose Welcome with Ann Voskamp Travel with best-selling author and blogger Ann Voskamp through her refugee sponsorship journey, hear about her passionate response to the refugee crisis and the joys and challenges of refugee resettlement. Bethany Community Church on **Sept 20th**. More info at mcco.ca/ann-voskamp or by calling 519-745-8458 ext 265.

Attend MCC Ontario's AGM The Annual General Meeting is our opportunity to share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. We encourage you to join us in person for a light supper leading into a time of sharing and attending to the annual business requirements for our organization. The AGM will also be available to view online but voting privileges do not extend to delegates viewing online. **Monday, Sept 24 at 6:00 pm**, MCC's Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Fall Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, September 24th or 25th. Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead us in our theme of "Close Encounters of the Scriptural Kind - the delight, danger, and dynamism of reading the Bible with each other and with 'the other'". Join your peers to reflect on and share your experiences with scripture. Explore the life-giving possibilities and significant dangers of different ways of reading the Bible. For more information contact the camp at 519-625-8602, info@hiddenacres.ca, or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca. Space is limited, please register by September 17th. *Brochures available on the table by the church mailboxes.*

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 7 pm. Remembering & Thanksgiving Event - 100 years since the Russian revolution. Featuring historian Aileen Friesen recently in Ukraine, Senator Peter Harder from Ottawa, Special Mass Choir of Choral Music led by John Rempel, Soloist Russell Braun, & much more. Held at St Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. Singers are invited to participate with Choir rehearsals for this event on **Tuesdays Sept. 25th, Oct. 2nd and Oct. 9th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 13th at 4 p.m.** All practices at St. Catharines U.M. Church, 335 Linwell Road.

MEDA Convention "Business as a Calling 2018: Intersections" Join MEDA for 4 days of inspiration, information and networking in Indianapolis, IN during **November 8-11**. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work, to learn how to live out your values in the marketplace. Two sessions are available at no charge: The Saturday morning "MEDA Year in Review" and the Sunday morning session. Both begin at 9:00 a.m. Go to www.medaconvention.org or call 1 (800) 665-7026 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (August 27th – September 2nd)

Thursday: 7:00 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Sunday, September 2nd

10:00 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Waldo Pauls

**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 & up to the front third of the pews in the picture that is recorded. We encourage all ages to sit in the front pews of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support.

Offering of August 19th: \$ 4,645.00

Budget	\$ 4,180.00	M.C.C.	\$ 200.00
Christian Witness	\$ 60.00	MCC - Food	\$ 30.00
Capital Fund	\$ 75.00	Presb. Church(Syria)	\$ 100.00

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.