

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2018

**~ EDUCATION SUNDAY ~**

“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 under 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 3 years to Grade 8 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service. 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:**

**Congratulations to Lindsay Neufeld and Garrison Barkway** who were married here in our church on Saturday. May God continue to lead you both through many joyous years together!

**Flowers at the front of the church today** are placed in remembrance of Augusta Friesen who passed away on September 19, 2013. She is fondly remembered by her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Please continue to pray for:** Audrey Epp, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls, Irene Penner and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers.

**The family of Jacob Friesen** would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who helped with his funeral service. Rev. Waldo Pauls for his warm and meaningful words, the choir for their beautiful voices and music, Helping Hands for putting on a lovely luncheon and those that ushered both the people and the traffic. Every kind word and deed was most appreciated. The Lord even blessed us with a perfect summery day. Thank you to the congregation for keeping him in your thoughts and prayers. We are at peace. We thank you.

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Praise & Worship
Congregational Life	John Tiessen
Worship in Song	
Children's Moment	Katrina Metsa
Education Commission	
Offering	
	<i>Offering Focus – see financial section</i>
Scripture Reading	Esther Willms
	(James 3:13-18)
<b>“Genuine Wisdom Leads to Humility”</b>	Pastor Waldo Pauls
Benediction	

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Becky & Gracyn Bartel

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## **German Service — 9:50 a.m.**

Andachtsleiter: Gunnar Doerwald

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB #270 “Gehe nicht vorbei, O Heiland”

Grusswort: Psalm 37:4-7

Chorlied

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #304 “Ich weiss nicht warum”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 15:21-28

Botschaft: “Ein grosser Glaube” :Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #407 “Wirf Sorgen und Schmerz”

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** – Today we welcome all children (age 3 to grade 8) back to Lighthouse. After the service, there is an Ice Cream Social planned for the front foyer and out into the front lawn. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing everyone from the congregation there!

**Youth Education Director** Church Council and Spiritual Council are pleased to welcome Ellery Rauwerda back as NUMC's Youth Education Director. Ellery will be working on a part-time basis to provide a youth program for our church this fall. We are excited to have Ellery and our Youth sponsors on board!

Contact information: [ellery@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:ellery@redbrickchurch.ca) Phone:905-468-3313

**Office Coverage** Emily Fieguth and Jolien Carter will be providing office coverage on an interim basis until Church Council is able to complete a proper recruitment and hiring process. Note, Emily often walks to work so her car is not here in the parking lot, but she is here.

**Correction to "Life With Us" newsletter-** We apologize for incorrectly listing the late Eugene Blechner in the recent issue of "Life with us". Our church records have been updated to ensure this does not happen again.

**Women in Service** Will begin again on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This will be a meeting only. Quilting will resume on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The downstairs nursery is back to full-serve** with many wonderful volunteers helping us again this year! Our nursery is staffed with two volunteers each week and snacks are provided. Our goal is to offer our children a safe, nurturing Christian environment to play and learn in, all while providing parents the comfort and opportunity to pursue their own spiritual enrichment during the Sunday service.

**Inviting all Grade 7 and 8 girls!** There will be a Bible study offered on Wednesday nights here in our church taught by Ramona Neufeld. The first class will be held on Wednesday, September 26 from 7:00 to 8:15. Please call Mrs. Neufeld at home (905-468-1847) to confirm you would like to participate and then bring your Bible to the first evening. Come out and bring a friend!

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Ministry has resumed!** Through this ministry, we build circles of moms who love each other like family. Our gatherings are where moms can meet to share their hopes, fears and insights, in a format that works with their schedules, that doesn't neglect their faith nor their womanhood, their motherhood nor their purpose, their heart nor their mind. For anyone interested in joining this ministry, you are invited to join these gatherings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 am. Please phone Erica Froese for more info.

**Seniors gathering:** In lieu of a regular Seniors gathering in October, EVERYONE is invited to come out for a Niagara Regional Hymn-sing at NUMC, at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28th**, exploring "Songs of the Seasons", both new and familiar. Refreshments to follow. Organized by music reps from Vineland UMC, Grace MC, and St. Cath. UMC. For details, contact Renate Dau Klaassen.

**German worship services:** In order to enable us all to worship together on Thanksgiving Sunday October 7th, the German service that was scheduled for that morning, has been postponed to October 14th. The next German service after that will take place October 21st, as scheduled at the beginning of the year.

**Welcome Centre Hosts:** We are in urgent need of volunteers to help out at the Welcome Centre. Please contact the office if you are interested so that you may be included in the rotation.

**Ushers needed!** We invite you to consider if you are willing and able to serve as an usher for our 10:45 English service. Our current vacancy is for 3 new ushers. Please kindly contact Harold Neufeld, Chair of the Nominations Committee for more information regarding this role, or to volunteer. Kind thanks for your prayerful consideration.

**On October 7th our church is celebrating Thanksgiving:** We are grateful to Dick and Marlene Heidebrecht for happily decorating the church for the fall and Thanksgiving season. If you would like to share items with your

community by donating to our food pantry, please place these gifts in the bins provided in the foyer on October 7th. We are not requesting any additional contributions to the sanctuary displays. We look forward to praising God for the many gifts He has given us!



**The Search Committee** has continued to meet over the summer. Our mentor, Dave Brubacher will be away for the month of September and our interim pastor Waldo Pauls has agreed to step in for this time. Currently, we are in conversation with several persons for both the Lead Pastor and the Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries positions. We are hopeful that we will receive two or three MLIs (applications) as a result of these conversations. We trust in the Lord's leading as we continue on and ask for your ongoing prayers for the Search Committee; and for continued prayers for this congregation and for the persons the Holy Spirit is preparing for NUMC.

**Risk of a postal strike** – If there is a postal strike after September 26, delivery of *Canadian Mennonite* magazine may be delayed. Subscribers are welcome to add email delivery to a print subscription. The PDF is emailed to you on the day the magazine gets printed. To add digital delivery, please email [office@canadianmennonite.org](mailto:office@canadianmennonite.org) and include your name, address and subscription number (see your mailing label; it begins with an A).

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

**Senior Youth Iron Chef 2018!!!** The eagerly anticipated cook-off returns, and pasta is our ingredient challenge! What will YOU create to become the ultimate chef? Some supplies provided. Bring your own to up your game. **7:30pm at NUMC on Friday, September 28.** All students in Grades 9-12 are welcome. Bring a friend (or 2 or 5) and see you there!!

Lighthouse Fall 2018

**Images of God's Care**

**Early Childhood: Ages 3-5**

Sept. 23 God Provides a safe Place

*Psalm 91*

**Sept. 30 God gathers us close**

*Deuteronomy 32:4, 10-13, 18; Matthew 23:37*

Oct. 7 Thanksgiving – No Lighthouse

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**God's Blessing and Care**

**Lower and Upper Elementary: Grades 1-8**

Sept. 23 Jesus' ascension

*Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11*

**Sept. 30 Peter, John and a lame man**

***Acts 3:1-10***

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. (1) Read Acts 3:8–10. How do you praise God? (2) When the man walked, people were filled with wonder and amazement. What wonderful or amazing thing have you seen recently? (3) *Alleluia* means “Praise the Lord.” Write the word “Alleluia” by arranging beans or some other dry food item.

**Did you know?** Jews, like Peter and John, recited three prayers each day: *Shacharit* (morning), *Mincha* (afternoon), and *Arvit* (nightfall).

**Prayer for this week:** *God, we marvel at your healing power. Amen.*

Oct. 7 Thanksgiving – No Lighthouse

**Offering of September 16<sup>th</sup> :**

Financials will be listed next week.

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

**MENNONTIE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**Unity in the Community** Come feel the culture and celebrate with us. Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Westview Centre 4 Women, 124 Queenston Street. Admission is free!

**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

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**First Annual Radiant Care Foundation Banquet** In support of Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Friday, October 12 – reception 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, White Oaks Resort. Tickets on sale for \$85. Available at Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor admin offices  
Guest Speaker Adam Shoalts, writer and explorer.

**Used Book Donations** -The Canadian Bible Society requests donations of used books in good condition for their Annual Fall Used Book Sale at the Fairview Mall on Oct. 12-13. For more information, and regarding donations, please contact Kevin at 905-646-8062, or e-mail [kmccabe57@hotmail.com](mailto:kmccabe57@hotmail.com).

**"Interested in issues related to generational poverty and neighbourhoods?** Looking to learn about life in and around Queenston St.? Westview Christian Fellowship and Westview Centre4Women are looking for board members willing to share their gifts with our small but feisty community. Message Caleb Ratzlaff at convener.westview@gmail.com for more details.

**Niagara Life Centre would love to help you on your journey through life.** GriefShare is a friendly support group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is held at Niagara Life Centre every Monday from 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. You are welcome to come any Monday, and you are also welcome to attend as many times as you are able. Niagara Life Centre is located at 65 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines (905-934-0021).

**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. **Saturday, October 13, at 7 pm.** 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. *Please see the poster on our Community bulletin board.*

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 24<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:**      **7:30 pm** Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice  
**Thursday:**      **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice  
                        **8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting  
**Friday:**        **7:30 pm** Youth – Iron Chef Dinner

### **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:45 am**      Choir Practice  
**10:45 am**     Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Nancy Dube & Allison Dube

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

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### **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 the Pastors directly to book an appointment to see them.