

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 30th, 2018

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“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:

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.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Rachel Peters
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Leanne Reimer
Children’s Moment	Kathy Rempel
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Linda Pankratz
(Psalm 34)	

“God IS Good!!!”	John Tiessen
Benediction	

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Nancy Dube & Allison Dube

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Church Council Planning - Church Council is planning a membership meeting, to be held either October 16 or 23rd. The date will be finalized at the Council meeting of October 2. Agenda items slated for decision at the membership meeting will include the creation of a new position, Outreach & Involvement Coordinator, extension of the term for the Associate Pastor German worship, extension of the term for Interim Pastor.

The Worship Coordinator & Community Engagement is the same position as was introduced at the information meeting of August 26, with the title change arrived at through consultation between Church Council and Worship Committee.

An update report is also expected from the Pastoral Search Committee.

Any items which members wish to introduce as other business may be considered, provided that they have given Church Council written notice one week prior to the date of the meeting. These notices can be delivered to the church office.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH Cont'd:

Pastor Waldo will be speaking at the Fairview Church in St. Catharines this morning at its closing celebration service after 54 years of existence. Waldo was the pastor there from 1995 -2005. The Ontario MB Conference will be utilizing the building in a new church plant in the coming months.

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.

Ladies bible study will be starting up Monday October 1st at 7:00 p.m. meeting in the meeting room.

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

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 am. Please phone Erica Froese for more info.

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 classes will be held on Wednesdays 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!

Attention all Ladies! Please join us for our Ladies Breakfast this week, being held on **Thursday October 4th at 9 a.m.** at the Husky Stop Restaurant, 615 York Road, NOTL. Join together for fellowship over food. All women are welcome. If you wish to be included on the email reminders, please contact Linda Friesen

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, nor will the display items be offered for sale after the service. We look forward to praising God for the many gifts He has given us!

Peter Dirks' Birthday celebration Sunday October 14th. Peter Dirks and Susan Kaye invite the church family to join their families, immediately following the English worship service, for a luncheon celebration of their father's 100 years in God's Hands and counting. Best wishes only.

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.

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.

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.

Update on Search Committee notes: We have received four MLIs for the position of Lead Pastor and are in the beginning stages of reviewing them. Most likely, we will select two or three that we will take further to a Meet & Greet evening, either with the candidate being present or over the internet by skype. As well, we are hopeful that in the next few weeks, we will receive at least two MLIs for the position of Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee, that we may see with clarity where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Please continue to pray for each other and the congregation as a whole, calling upon the Holy Spirit to guide our wishes and dreams for NUMC and these positions, realizing that we are not all of like mind, but that without a doubt, we all love Jesus!

Leadership Opportunity: Senior Youth is actively seeking sponsors (volunteer leaders) who have a passion for building meaningful relationships with some pretty amazing youth. We are especially in need of male role models and couples. (Older) **age is not a factor!** Some of the most memorable youth sponsors at NUMC have been the ones with “more life experience.” If this is at all on your heart, please be in touch with Ellery as soon as possible for more details: ellery@redbrickchurch.ca.

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.

New Hymnal? - A Music Committee Update: Did you know that our blue hymnal is over 25 years old? MennoMedia is developing a new hymnal to replace our blue books with an anticipated release of 2020. As of right now, our music team is curious and waiting to learn more about this new resource. In October of last year, we received a sampler from the new hymnal and sang some of these new songs in our service, aptly titled "The Great Day of Singing" as Mennonites across Canada and the USA sang the same songs from the new hymnal. We anticipate receiving more samplers over the next few years, as the project nears completion. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more or make a donation to the project, please visit voicestogetherhymnal.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse: We are so excited to begin this season with new tools under our belt! We are now providing a link online through our church website on the Lighthouse Ministry page to access the weekly home devotional! We will begin this Sunday with Session 2, then on October 14th we will continue with Session 3. Please contact Emily or the office if you have any questions.

Senior Youth Under Construction! There will be *no Senior Youth gathering this Friday* (October 5) as we take some time to develop a new plan that is influenced by the voices of our youth and their families. **We will gather again on Friday, October 12** (details to come). Families of youth can expect an email with some updates in the coming week. Please don't hesitate to direct questions or thoughts to Ellery Rauwerda: ellery@redbrickchurch.ca. We are eager to explore God at work in this part of our church family!

Offering of September 16th :		\$11,142.75	
Budget	\$9632.75	Christian Witness	\$20.00
Capital Fund	\$210.00	MCC Food	\$130.00
Youth Group	\$50.00	MCC	\$1000.00
Library	\$40.00	Mennonite Centre Ukraine	\$60
Offering of September 23rd :		\$6262.55	
Budget	\$4767.55	Christian Witness	\$20.00
Youth Group	\$60.00	MCC	\$1255.00
		MDS	\$50.00
		MCC Food	\$110.00

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.

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!

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

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

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.

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 p.m.** Singers are invited to participate with Choir rehearsals for this event on **Tuesdays 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 poster on our Community bulletin board.*

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 and include your name, address and subscription number (see your mailing label; it begins with an A).

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 1st – October 7th)

Monday: 7:00 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service
9:30 am MOPS
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am Ladies Breakfast (Husky Restaurant)
7:00 pm Praise & Worship practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Sunday, October 7th – Thanksgiving

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:45 am Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Audrey Dau & Emma Thwaites

*For a complete listing of Church events,
Please see our online calendar on our website:
www.redbrickchurch.ca*

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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.