

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 14th, 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	Praise & Worship
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Praise & Worship
Children’s Moment	Kathy Rempel
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading Al Tiechroeb

(Mark 10:35-45)

“The Path to Greatness” Pastor Waldo Pauls

Benediction

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Janice Janzen & Julia Bartel

German Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Hans Hermann Dau

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB #27 “Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König”

Grusswort: Philipper 4:4-7

Chorlied

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #9 “Nun danket alle Gott”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Psalm 65

Botschaft: “Alles von Gott” Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #570 “Dankt dem Herrn mit frohen Gaben”

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse: Please see the link online through our church website on the Lighthouse Ministry page to access the weekly home devotional! Next Sunday, October 21st we will continue with Session 4. We still have many missing registration forms, please pick one up at the Welcome Centre if you have not yet registered your children.

Senior Youth GRUMBLER: Back by popular demand! Defeat the grumblers before they defeat you in this annual fall event. Friday, October 19 at 7:00pm at NUMC. Bring a friend and see you there!!

Junior Youth: Hayride: Saturday October 20th. Please **bring \$10. Meet at church for 6:15 pm SHARP.** See you there!

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Thanksgiving Display: We are grateful to Dick and Marlene Heidebrecht for their gorgeous decorating of the church for the fall and Thanksgiving season. Thank you to them for all their time and efforts. It is appreciated by the entire congregation.

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 during the month of October.

German worship services: The next German service will take place October 21st, as scheduled at the beginning of the year.

Church Council Planning: A membership meeting will be held October 16, 7:30 pm. Membership will be asked to vote on:

1. Creating the position of Worship and Engagement Coordinator, which is the same position (with a slightly changed title), as was introduced at the August 26 information meeting; and
2. An extension of the term for the Associate Pastor for German Worship.

An update from the Pastoral Search Committee will be brought, as well as the extensions of the term of the Interim Pastor and an extension of the ministry of Renate Klaassen for services to the congregation above and beyond the role of Associate Pastor for German Worship, pending the hiring of permanent staff for those roles.

Any items which members wish to introduce as Other Business may be considered, provided Church Council has received written notice one week prior to the date of the meeting. These notices can be delivered to the church office.

Communion Service: We will be holding a communion service in the gymnasium on Sunday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the service will be a prayer time, as we bring to God the needs of our church.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH Cont'd:

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!

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 today, for a luncheon celebration of their father's 100 years in God's Hands and counting. Best wishes only.

Adventsfeier: The annual German "Adventsfeier" has been scheduled for **December 2nd**, in the afternoon (time TBD). The German Choir will start practicing for this event on **Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 16th, at 6:30 p.m.** to accommodate the Membership Meeting and subsequent practices will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.** All who enjoy singing traditional German carols & choral songs are welcome!

Let's sing together! The fall Niagara Area Mennonite Hymn Sing will take place at NUMC on **Sunday, October 28, 3:00 pm.** We will sing hymns and songs from our faith heritage as well as feature the singing of choral groups. Refreshments will follow the hour of music making. All are welcome! ... bring a friend!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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

Card Ministry: This week while cleaning up the offices we found a large box of greeting cards. They have been placed in the mailbox area in the hopes that should you feel moved to give a card to someone, there are some readily available. This is a wonderful way for us all to take a moment to minister to one another.

Advent Services We are looking for volunteers to be dramatic speakers and families to light the advent candles. If you are interested in helping with Advent, please contact the church office.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Radiant Care Tabor Manor: will be holding a memorial service on **Thursday November 8 @ 7:00 PM.** We will be remembering the lives of residents and tenants who died between April 1, 2018 and October 20, 2018. Please feel free to join us for this service in the Radiant Care Tabor Manor “Great Room”, in the long term care home at 7 Tabor Drive.

It's OPERETTA Time again Bus trip to see DIE FLEDERMAUS in Toronto on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Seats have been reserved. Please call Martha Bartel at 905-468-7029 asap if you wish to go.

FINANCIALS:

The October 7th donations will be included in next week’s bulletin.

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!

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

Over the course of a week, our church receives so much interesting information, from updates on what is happening within our church ministries to news from groups connected to the church and community! In an effort to properly share this information with you all, we ask for your patience as we rework how we distribute this information.

- **Our church website:** www.redbrickchurch.ca
This your primary source for information! We hope this will be a space through which those within our church community as well as those beyond can connect and engage with us.
At any time, you can visit the calendar online to see what is happening right now at NUMC. Over the course of the weeks to come, we will also be updating all the ministry pages, as well as creating a new resource page with links to groups such as MC Canada, Mennonite Disaster Services, MCEC, MEDA, Christian Benefit Thrift Shop, Silver Lake and more!
- **Facebook:** Niagara UM Church (Page), Niagara United Mennonite Church (Group), NUMC Youth (Group), MOPS (Page)
If you have Facebook, these pages and groups are a great way to connect with one another and find events that are happening!
- **Bulletin Boards:** The bulletin boards around the church contain valuable information and special events from the Niagara community and other organizations. Outside the church office we have our calendar and schedules, as well as other office news.
- **Bulletins:** We hope to make the bulletin more readable and compact, so we will only be including information from outside organizations upon request to the office by the rep for the respective organization.
- **Emails:** We will also no longer be forwarding emails from organizations outside the church, but rather encourage you to personally sign up for emails from the organizations that interest you!

We know this is a lot of change and we appreciate not everyone is tech savvy, if you need assistance with accessing this information, please contact the office and we will gladly assist you!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 15th to October 21st)

Monday: **7:00 pm** Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: **9:00 am** Women in Service
 9:30 am MOPS
 6:30 pm German Advent Choir
 7:30 pm Membership Meeting
Wednesday: **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study
Thursday: **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice
 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: **7:00pm** Youth
Saturday: **6:15 pm** Jr. Youth

Sunday, October 21st

9:15 am German Choir Practice
9:45 am Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service – Message Udo Woelke
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Renate Dau Klaassen

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko
*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.