

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

October 21st, 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.

The family of Walter Andres would like to thank the Helping Hands committee for the wonderful meal provided, the choir, Emily for taking care of the important details that lightened the load and the church family for their support. The funeral service for Walter was held here on Friday October 19th.

We give thanks for the preaching ministry Hans Juergen Wiens has carried out in our German worship as well as at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church and at the Heidehof Home for many years and wish him God's richest blessings as he retires from this service.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Rachael Peters
Congregational Life	John Tiessen
Worship in Song	Niagara Male Chorus
Children's Moment	Katrina Metsa
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Beverley Epp-Devolin
(Acts 4:23-31)	

“What do you expect?”	Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen
Benediction	

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko

German Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Orgelspiel: Giesella Doerwald

Lied: GB #3 “Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele!” (V. 1,2 u. 6)

Grusswort: Psalm 36:6-10

Lied: “Deutsche Messe – Zum Eingang“ Emily Fieguth

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #159 “O wie freun wir uns der Stunde” (V. 1, 2 u. 4)

Lied: “Deutsche Messe – Zum Gloria“ Emily Fieguth

Schriftwort: Matthäus 16:13-19

Botschaft: “Wer saget ihr, dass ich sei?” Ramona Neufeld

Lied: GB #220 “Solange Jesus bleibt der Herr”

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 28th we will continue with Session 5. 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 Harvest Party: A collaborative event with the youth at Bethany! Come out for a night of good ol' fashioned fun - pumpkin carving, festive treats, and halloween-themed challenges. Meet at Bethany Mennonite Church (572 East and West Line) at **7:00 on Friday, October 26** - we'll be there! Bring a friend and see you there!

Junior Youth: Save the date!!! November 16th @ 6:30 pm, December 8th @ 2:00 pm. Both events here at NUMC. Friends welcome.

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.

Sat. Nov. 10th, 7:30 p.m. Chorus Niagara, with the Avanti Singers and the Niagara Symphony will be performing Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem", a glorious celebration of faith and hope in God's eternal promises. Tickets are available through the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre box office. See poster in the foyer for details.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Food Donations: 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.

Communion Service: We will be holding a communion service in the gymnasium tonight 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.

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!

Candlelight Rehearsals start this week! Our first rehearsal for the candlelight services (combined with Bethany on **December 15 and 16**) will be this **Thursday, October 25th at Bethany**. We'll meet at **7:30pm**. We are looking forward to another great season of singing! More rehearsal details to come...

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.

Upper Room November and December issue are in your mailboxes.

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.

Search Committee Report

As presented at the October 16th Membership Meeting:

September has come and gone and the Search Committee mentor, David Brubacher, is back from his time in BC. In his absence, our interim pastor Waldo Pauls, agreed to step in to the role. His input and advisement was appreciated and we hope he will attend further meetings as his time and energy permits.

We received four MLIs applications for Lead Pastor and after careful and prayerful consideration and discussion, we are currently focusing on one. This candidate is not local and so we are thankful for the internet and skype. We had our first conversation on October 3rd and have a second one scheduled for October 29th. These skype conversations will help us form a more complete picture of the candidate before we potentially arrange for an in-person interview, but to be clear, we are still in the early exploratory stages. And of course this goes both ways with the candidate having numerous questions for us too.

We are aware of two MLIs that will be coming in for the position of Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. It is now required by MC Canada and therefore MCEC, that the MLIs come in with a Police Check in place. And as some of you already know, this takes time. As we get these MLIs in, we will update you.

Prayer. Prayer is such a vital component of this whole process. Time is moving on from when we first started our search and it's easy to forget about ongoing prayer. We as a congregation need to pray for each other now more than ever. Will we as a community of believers be ready for new things? Will we as followers of Jesus be ready for what the Holy Spirit is leading us to become? Have we been listening for the Holy Spirit?

As always, we, the Search Committee, thank you so much for your prayers and support over these many months.

Ruth Willms, Joachim Dau, Erik Metsa, Becca Willms, Becky Bartel, Linda Friesen

FINANCIALS:

Offering of October 7th : \$7,954.20			
Budget	\$5,574.20	Christian Witness	\$1,030.00
Youth Group	\$10.00	MCC Food	\$190.00
Mennonite Centre Ukraine	\$200.00	MCC	\$950.00
Offering of October 14th : \$0,00.00			

**** Please note that the financials are not handled in the office and are being done by a volunteer, as such we ask for your understanding in times of delay ****

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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 22nd to October 28th)

Monday: **7:00 pm** Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 pm Male Chorus Practice
 7:00 pm Private Meeting boardroom
Tuesday: **9:00 am** Women in Service
 7:00 pm German Advent Choir
 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Wednesday: **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study
 7:00 pm Advent Planning Meeting
Thursday: **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice
 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: **7:00pm** Youth @ Bethany Mennonite

Sunday, October 28th

9:45 am Choir Practice
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls
3:00 pm Seniors Tea / Niagara Region Hymn Sing @ NUMC

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

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.