

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”
Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 24, 2019

“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. We hope you feel at home with us and we would be happy to share ways that you can participate more fully with us.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for: Hertha Neumann, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude		Rachael Peters
Congregational Life		Janice Janzen
Worship in Song		Special Music
Offering		
	<i>Offering Focus – see financial section</i>	
Scripture Reading		Katrina Metsa
	(Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40)	
Message	"Why are you worrying"	John Tiessen
Benediction		John Tiessen

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

Life in the foyer: Lots of good things happen here -- come early! Meet & greet each other; read the bulletin boards; check your mail box; get info at the welcome desk; receive a bulletin. ***When the ushers flash the lights at 10:45***, you'll know the service is beginning -- let's worship!

German Service

Andachtsleiter: Ramona Neufeld

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Lied: GB #13 "Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut"

Grusswort: Hebräer 4:14-16

Chorlied

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #304 "Ich weis nicht, warum Gottes Gnad"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: 1. Mose 45:3-11,15

Botschaft: "Die geheimnisvollen Wege des Herrn" — Pastor Renate Dau
Klaassen

Lied: GB #416, "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" (V. 1,3 u. 4)

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet am 3. 3. statt, im Oakview Chapel
im Pleasant Manor*

FINANCIALS:

Tax receipts have been issued. Please check your mailbox here at church for your 2018 tax receipts for 2018 donations.

Offering of February 10, 2019: \$6,660.75

Budget	\$5,310.75
Mennonite Central Committee	\$755.00
Christian Witness	\$265.00
MCC Food	\$330.00

Offering of February 17, 2019: \$4,755.85

Budget	\$3,980.85
Mennonite Central Committee	\$620.00
Capital Fund	\$75.00
MCC Food	\$80.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget giving requirement in 2019 is \$7,965. 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.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Spaghetti Lunch The Jr. Youth will be holding their annual spaghetti lunch fundraiser on **Sunday March 10th** following the worship service. All are welcome and invited, freewill donation for the luncheon. Come out and support the youth of our congregation!!

The German service scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd, will take place at 9:50 a.m. in the Oakview Chapel at Pleasant Manor, to accommodate set-up time for the Conrad Grebel Choir that will be sharing in the main service at 11:45. We welcome all Pleasant Manor residents to join us!

Save the date for seniors tea happening on March 3rd at 3:00 pm at NUMC. We are excited to welcome Ellery Rauwerda to come share her travel experiences with us. In addition, Austin Penner and Rachael Peters will be joining Ellery to provide some musical entertainment. Hope to see all of you there.

Catechism classes – To all those who are interested in exploring their faith with the possible goal of baptism, we will be starting catechism classes **today Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** in the Board room on the second floor of the education wing. If you have any questions about this class, please call John Tiessen.

Senior Youth Laser Tag. Join us for our last event before March Break! Upon request of your youth exec, we are going laser tagging! Meet on Friday, March 1 at 7PM at NUMC. \$15 or pay what you can. Bring a friend and see you there!

Office Hours: February 25 – March 1

Monday Feb. 25	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday Feb.26	Noon – 2:00 pm staff meeting / 6:00 – 10:00 pm
Wednesday Feb. 27	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday Feb. 28	9:00 am – 3:00 pm with archivist from MCC
Friday March 1	9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Database & Photo Directory 2020!! Thank you to those who have been coming into the office this past week. We have started the process of confirming the information on each person's database profile. If you can pop into the office when you are here at church, the office would love to take the opportunity to see as many people in person as possible. The less calling and tracking down the better. Adult non-member children & friends of the congregation, we want to hear from you too, we welcome having your current information included in the database. The goal is to have a very accurate database for our Pastoral and Care Teams to use in their ministries to our congregation. This will also be useful as we begin planning for our photo directory.

Photo Directory Meeting is this Tuesday February 26 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the directory and start the planning process. Please contact the office if you would like to join the planning meeting.

Front Lawn Initiative - All youth and young adults are invited to a visioning session on Monday February 25th at 7pm in the youth room to brainstorm a makeover of our front lawn space. All are invited, but RSVPs are requested to Ellery or Rachael.

March calendars are available at the Welcome Centre.

Committee Directory 2019 copies are available at the Welcome Centre. To save on printing, electronic versions of the document are available on request from the church office. A large printed version is also posted outside Pastor Waldo's office.

A huge thank you to all the committees and groups who got their information on positions and members into the office so promptly. Your attention to this detail makes finalizing this document possible.

Clear your clutter of coffee mugs! The coffee station in the foyer is requesting gently used mugs. Drop off to Rachael's office, or leave at the coffee station throughout the week.

Special music with Conrad Grebel Ensemble next week! Don't miss out this wonderfully talented group, leading us in worship at 10:45. Troy Osborne, professor from Grebel will be sharing the message with us as well. Mark your calendars!

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 11th or 12th, 2019. Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of learning and celebrating indigenous culture through playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Doug Dolittle will be joining us as our resource person. Brochures can be found on the Community Bulletin Board. For more information, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call (519)625-8602.

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church is currently looking for a part time office administrator, to begin in May 2019. For more details, and information, please visit scumc.ca.

Niagara Life Centre Anyone struggling with anxiety or depression is welcome to join our support group. No commitment is necessary. Wednesdays from Feb. 27 - April 3; 1:30 PM -3:30 PM at Niagara Life Centre, 65 Lakeshore Rd., ph. 905-934-0021 Topics Include: A vision for change, Assessing the problem, finding hope & technique implementation, Neuroplasticity, Diet & Mental Health, Spirituality & Mental Health, Capturing the gift of motivation.

Audio for our sermons is available online at

www.redbrickchurch.ca

Filming Privacy Notice

Our services are sent via closed circuit Television to Radiant Care Pleasant Manor. This captures the stage & up to the front third of the pews in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit in the front pews of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support!

"Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries"

Search Committee Update

TO REVIEW: A motion was presented at the Tuesday June 12, 2018 membership meeting that the search for an associate pastor for the youth begin as soon as possible.

The Search Committee for the Lead Pastor was asked if it would be interested in taking on this search as well. After careful discussion and thought, all members of the Committee agreed that this was a good idea since we were already familiar with what was involved in the search process.

A pastoral profile was prepared and the position title changed from Pastor of Relational Ministries to its current title of "Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries". The position was posted on the church and MCEC websites by mid July. Ads were worked out and placed in the Canadian Mennonite.

UPDATE: For some weeks now, the Search Committee has been focusing on an MLI or application for this position. With the candidating events for a Lead Pastor completed, we were ready to more fully devote our attention to this MLI.

An informal meet & greet was held with this potential candidate last week and we are currently discussing next steps. At this point, we don't yet know where this will lead us and we ask for your prayers and support in our further discerning.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb.25- March 3, 2019)

- Monday:** 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm Front Lawn Initiative Meeting
7:30 pm Male Chorus Practice
- Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service quilting
7:00 pm Engagement Ad-hoc Meeting
7:00 pm Photo Directory Meeting
- Wednesday:** 7:00 pm grade 7/8 girl's bible study
- Thursday:** 8:00 pm Al-Anon
- Friday:** 7:00 pm Youth- Laser Tag

Sunday, March 3rd

- 9:30 am Baptism Classes – Boardroom
9:50 am German Worship – at Oakview Chapel Pleasant Manor
10:45 am Worship Service – Conrad Grebel Choir
3:00 pm Seniors Tea at NUMC

Nursery volunteers: Anita & Kendra Sawatzky

*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 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.