

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

March 17, 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.

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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.

***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.

**The flowers at the front of the sanctuary** are placed in loving memory by the family of Kaethe Esau, who passed away two years ago on March 19th. Not a day goes by that we don't think about our sweet Mama and Oma. You are always in our hearts. Lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her daughters, Dorothy, Dagmar, Christie, and their families.

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude

Congregational Life

Erv Willms

Worship in Song

Choir

Offering

Scripture Reading (Psalm 27, Luke 13:31-35)

Emily Fieguth

Message "How do we find perspective"

Waldo Pauls

Benediction

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Nancy & Allison Dube

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**Lent Reading Guide** - We encourage you to reflect on the Scripture verses for next week, as we journey through the season of Lent together. In preparation for March 24th:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

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## **German Service — 9:50 a.m.**

Andachtsleiter: Joachim Dau

Orgelspiel

Lied: GB #29 "O Gott, du Hilf von Alters her"

Grusswort: Psalm 27:1

Chorlied

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #425 "Harre, meine Seele"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Lukas 13:31-35

Botschaft: "Flügel der Zuflucht" — Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #422 "Näher, mein Gott, zu dir" (V. 1 u. 3)

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet am 31. 3. statt.*

## ***FINANCIALS:***

### **Offering of March 10, 2019: \$5,368.00**

Budget	\$ 4,013.00	MCC Food	\$ 120.00
Christian Witness	\$ 310.00	MCC Ukraine	\$ 50.00
MDS	\$ 200.00	Youth Group	\$ 10.00
MCC	\$ 640.00	Library	\$ 25.00

New! This week, you can find this information  
on the bulletin board in the foyer as well.

**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.

**Donation Envelopes** – I have a favour to ask of everyone when donating, please complete the Full Name - Number – Address portion on the envelope. Why? Many have been using initials or just a number, I cannot tell from initials who you are. Especially for cash donations, please be clear who you are. The more information you give, the better way to check the donation being allocated to the correct person.

Thank you -Emily

## ***SEARCH COMMITTEE:***

The Search Committee is pleased to announce Chris Hutton as candidate for the position of Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at NUMC. After reviewing and discussing his application, we invited Chris for a meet-and-greet. The Committee agreed that we should follow up with an interview. Both of our meetings with Chris went very well. Chris has also met with our Worship & Engagement Coordinator, Rachael Peters, our Interim Youth & Education Director, Ellery Rauwerda, and our incoming Lead Pastor, Daniel Janzen (via Skype). Consensus was unanimous to call Chris to candidate for this position. The candidating weekend will take place Thursday March 28th to Sunday March 31st. You will find the schedule in the insert in today's bulletin along with a brief bio of the candidate as written by the Search Committee. Copies of the job profile for this position, are available at the Welcome Desk or online at our church website. We have treasured your prayers and support these many months, and ask that we continue to pray for our congregation and now for Chris and his family in this time of discernment. ---Ruth Willms, Joachim Dau, Becky Bartel, Rebecca Willms, Erik Metsa, Linda Friesen

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE CANDIDATING WEEKEND**

### **THURSDAY March 28th**

**7 p.m. Business Meeting:** Church Council Executive meets with Chris

### **FRIDAY March 29th**

**7 p.m. Youth Event with Chris**

### **SATURDAY March 30th**

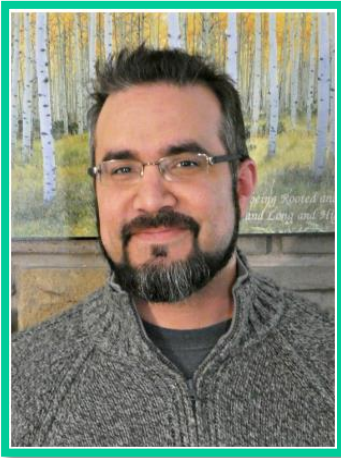
**10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the lounge:** Church Council, Spiritual Council, Education Committee, Worship Committee, Jr and Sr Youth Sponsors and PCRC meet with Chris.

**12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Lunch with Chris:** Everyone from 19 to 45 years old is invited to the Youth Room for good food!

**SUNDAY March 31st: Worship Service:** Testimony; and Q&A with Chris, moderated by Renate Dau Klaassen

### **TUESDAY April 2nd:**

**7 p.m. Membership Meeting:** The vote will take place at this meeting.



The Search Committee is pleased to introduce Chris Hutton. Consensus was unanimous that we call Chris to candidate for the position of Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Following is a brief bio telling you a bit of his story.

When he was 17 years old, Chris was invited by a good friend to come along to a youth meeting. He went. The friend invited him again and again. Chris “was impacted by that example” and his passion for youth and the Lord

was born. He was baptized in 2007 and ordained in 2015 (MCEC). He and his wife Michele have two lovely children, Elora age 14 and Xander age 9.

Chris has a Masters degree in Language and Literature from the University of Waterloo and is currently working on part-time studies towards a Masters in Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel. He regularly attends the School for Ministers provided by MCEC each year. He participated in the Transition to Ministry program which helped him acclimatize to the MCEC family from coming out of the Brethren In Christ family.

After graduation, Chris became the Chaplain of The Navigators of Canada, a Christian campus group, at the University of Waterloo. The mission statement of the campus ministry is “Intentionally and actively engaging in relational ministry with students.” He served in this role, ministering to students, for four years.

Following his years as Chaplain, he became Lead Pastor at The Meeting House church plants in Oakville and then Ottawa. After five years in Ottawa, Chris and his wife wanted to be closer to family. He says they felt “it was time to come back so our kids could know their grandparents.” They moved to St. Catharines and he served as Lead Pastor at First Mennonite Church in Vineland, recently completing a three year term.

Chris began a process of discernment over where God was calling him to next. About a year prior, his wife had suggested to him that he be part of an upcoming youth camp. Here he discovered that his passion for youth was alive and well. Chris says “the church grows and continues when people hear about Jesus and choose to follow him, including our kids.”

In addition to experience with the aspects of pastoring, Chris has developed particular skills with youth, through his 21 years of volunteering as the leader and coordinator of the Family Camp Teen Program with Camp Hermosa, a Christian camp in Goderich.

Over the course of his 16 years of full-time ministry he has been involved in everything from working in university contexts, to creative city-based evangelism, to the integration and care of multiple ages and stages together in community.

Chris tells us his hobbies include reading, watching movies and sports, hiking outdoors, hanging out at Lakeside Park in St. Catharines, and walking down Queen Street in Niagara-on-The-Lake. He has volunteered for such things as the peach canning program, a kitchen service for drop-in meals and a food hamper program. He has strong interests in poverty and peacemaking.

Asked about a highlight of his career, he says “a highlight of my ministry career would be when our church in Ottawa partnered with Ottawa InnerCity Ministries to put on a comedy show that raised money for their organization and also collected much-needed socks for the winter season. We called it Laugh Your Socks Off.”

One of Chris’s references writes “Chris is a committed follower of Jesus and to the Mennonite church. He is passionate about deepening the spiritual experience of people in the church and helping them to be faithful followers of Jesus.”

**Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

1. Welcome & Opening Devotion
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Appointment of Tellers Committee
4. Review & Acceptance of past minutes
5. Joanne Penner affirmed as member of Church Council
6. Restructuring Committee update
7. Delegates for MCEC gathering nominated & affirmed
8. Archives and Church records update
9. Search Committee presentation of “Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries” candidate and vote
10. Other Business
11. Close

**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.

**Advance Voting must be done in person only.** There is no proxy voting by phone, email or in writing as per the Constitution and the Church Council.

Advance voting can be done at the Church Office as follows:

Sunday March 31	Noon – 1:00 pm
Monday April 1	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday April 2	9:30 am -10:30 am



***IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:***

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Senior Choir** will present a concert on Thursday, April 11, 7:30 pm at Vineland United Mennonite Church. The choir is enroute to Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in Pennsylvania where they will gather with students from Mennonite high schools across the US and Canada for their annual choral festival. Admission is free; an offering will be received to contribute to travel costs. All are welcome.

**Dismas** People from a variety of experiences gather regularly to create a safe, welcoming space where former prisoners and friends from the faith community meet for mutual support. An information session will take place on April 13, 2019 at Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third St. St. Catharines. Coffee at 9:30 am, discussion starts at 10:00 am. Agenda includes, Dismas history, purpose, Brampton start-up (lessons learned), client's perspective, Fellowship Network – a supporting network, need for transition (inside to outside) and a Q&A. Please RSVP to [brconstrux@gmail.com](mailto:brconstrux@gmail.com).

***FOOD PANTRY:***

For March/April our focus will be **Westview Christian Fellowship**. Currently, they need pantry items, hygiene items (shampoo, tooth paste, soap, feminine products) bus tickets and cleaning products. We have two bins set up in the foyer to collect donations. Beige is for food items, blue is for toiletries and cleaning products.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Senior Youth This Week.** next youth event on Friday, March 22 @ 7:00 pm. Pictionary Race and Minute to win it!

**Westview Dinner & Panel on Affordable Housing** - Want to learn more about the housing crisis facing our community and check out Westview at the same time? This dinner is for you! Join us on Saturday, March 23 at 6 PM. Dinner prepared and served by the youth of Bethany and Niagara UM. Tickets are by donation. Please RSVP by e-mailing [westviewcf@cogeco.net](mailto:westviewcf@cogeco.net), or speak to Ellery.

**March Prayer Evening** – Everyone is welcome to join us in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer on March 24, from 7 – 8 p.m. This is a time of personal and group prayer as we listen and speak to God together.

**Seniors tea** on Sunday March 31st will feature “an afternoon reunion with the Rempels “. They will share some of their favourite songs as well as memories of their time singing together. Please join us at 3 o’clock in the auditorium.

**Canadian Mennonite subscriptions:** All who attend Niagara United Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through NUMC. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact the church office by March 28.

**Life with Us** The March /April edition is now available. Please take only the copies that you will read and then share with a friend or family member. A limited number of copies are printed each month, when they are gone, there are no more printed copies available. Life with Us is also available on the church website.

**Database updates**, thank you to all who have been popping into the office or calling to update and check their information. We have found little errors, a name, a date on just about everyone's profile. Even if you have not moved or changed your phone #, we still want to hear from you our members, active non -members and those living outside of the Niagara area who are members of our congregation. It has been almost 30 years since we did a proper look at the membership information in its entirety. Please help us get this up to date and accurate.

**Pleasant Manor Radiant Care Residents** Wednesday April 10 at 1:00 pm we will be hosting a special afternoon drop in at Pleasant Manor Radiant Care complex to see you personally about your database profiles. Watch for a personal invitation coming to you soon.

**Office Hours:** March 18-24

Monday Mar. 18	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday Mar. 19	11:30 -3:00 pm staff meeting/6:00-10:00pm
Wednesday Mar. 20	off
Thursday Mar. 21	10:30 am – 3:00 pm
Friday Mar. 22	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday Mar. 24	9:30 am -10:30 am / Noon -12:30 pm

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (March 18-24, 2019)**

**Monday:** 7:30 pm Male Chorus Practice  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service quilting  
9:30 am MOPS  
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting  
**Wednesday:** Church Office Closed  
7:00 pm grade 7/8 girl's bible study  
**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice  
8:00 pm Al-Anon  
**Friday:** 7:00 pm Youth  
**Saturday:** 6:00 pm Dinner at Westview Community Fellowship

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Baptism Classes – Boardroom  
10:15 am Coffee Time in the foyer  
10:45 am Worship Service – John Tiessen  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary

Nursery volunteers: Audrey Dau & Graham Thwaites

*For a complete listing of Church events, please see our online calendar  
on our website: [www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://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.