

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

March 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.

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude

Congregational Life	Janice Janzen
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Worship in Song	Special Music
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Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
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Offering

Scripture Reading	(Psalm 63: 1-8)	Cole Friesen
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Message	"What Satisfies You"	John Tiessen
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Benediction

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Audrey Dau & Graham Thwaites

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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 31<sup>st</sup>:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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**SCENT AWARENESS** Please be aware that the chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick. We respectfully ask you to be aware and refrain from using perfume, cologne or aftershave. Whenever possible please use unscented hygiene products.

## ***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.

**Flowers have been placed at the front of the church today** in memory of Susanna Schroeder who two years ago departed this world for her heavenly home. Her husband & family lovingly remember & miss her.

**Our condolences to the family of Robert and Rahzia Neufeld** on the passing of Rahzia's mother, Nelly Mohammed, on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Oma to Bryan(Cathy), Jessica and Lindsay(Garrison). A celebration of Nelly's life will be held today, Sunday March 24, 2 pm, with a fellowship reception to follow, at Pleasantview Funeral Home, 2250 Highway 20, Fonthill. All are welcome.

## ***FINANCIALS:***

### **Offering of March 17, 2019: \$10,440.00**

Budget	\$ 7,995.00	MCC Food	\$ 130.00
Christian Witness	\$ 140.00	Capital Fund	\$ 150.00
MCC	\$ 2,025.00		

This information can now be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**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.

## ***SEARCH COMMITTEE:***

The Search Committee is pleased to announce Chris Hutton as candidate at NUMC. Copies of Chris's bio and 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.

## ***WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:***

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

**Senior Youth Great Grilled Cheese Grill-Off Round 2.** Think that's a mouthful? Wait till you try the grilled cheeses. Basic ingredients provided. Bring your own to up your game! PLUS: Meet Chris, our candidate for Pastor of Youth & Young Adults Ministries. You do not want to miss this! Friday, March 29. 7PM at NUMC. Bring a friend and see you there!

**Seniors tea** on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Senior Youth Raw Carrot Soup Lunch.** No, it's not just a bunch of raw carrots! We're serving up delicious soups (and "Audrey buns"), supporting an incredible social enterprise, and raising funds for the Senior Youth TOOLS trip all in one go! How's that for a win-win-win? All are welcome and invited! Freewill donation at the door. 12:00PM on Sunday, April 7.

**Special Paska Treat!** On Easter Sunday, we will be serving paska at 10:15 during coffee time, mark your calendars! You won't be surprised to learn our next request: we are looking for paska bakers! Please sign up at the Welcome Centre if you're willing to fill the paska-size hole in our congregation's heart.

**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 25 - 30

Monday Mar. 25	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday Mar. 26	11:30 -2:00 pm staff meeting/6:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday Mar. 27	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday Mar. 28	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday Mar. 29	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday Mar. 31	9:30 am -10:30 am / Noon -1:00 pm

**Scripture Readers** We are looking for about 10 people to join our scripture reader rotation. It is usually a commitment to reading once during a calendar year. Please contact the office to be added to the rotation.

**Ontario Music Festival Association** is renting our facility from June 3-8 and is looking for volunteers. Contact Lisa Cosens Brillon if you are interested in learning more: [niagaraprovincials@gmail.com](mailto:niagaraprovincials@gmail.com)

**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 for Members only, 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).

**Bethany Silver Foxes** – A team of facilitators has been hired to conduct a Trivia Team competition on Wednesday Apr. 24. It is hoped that we can have 60 participants to divide into 10 random teams of 6. To begin the afternoon, we will enjoy a delicious “Beef on the Bun” lunch for \$15 per person! Please register by Mon. Apr. 1 by contacting \*\*\*\*\*.

## ***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.

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (March 25 - 31, 2019)**

**Monday:** 9:00 am Ladies Baking  
7:30 pm Male Chorus Practice

**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service quilting  
7:00 pm Photo Directory Meeting  
7:00 pm Engagement Ad-hoc Meeting

**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Grade 7/8 girl's bible study

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice  
7:00 pm Business Meeting  
8:00 pm Al-Anon

**Friday:** 7:00 pm Youth

**Saturday:** 10:00 am Meeting with Candidate  
Noon Lunch with Candidate

### **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:15 am German Choir Practice  
9:30 am Baptism Classes – Boardroom  
9:50 am German Worship Service – Joachim Dau  
10:15 am Coffee Time in the foyer  
10:45 am Worship Service – Chris Hutton candidating  
Lighthouse Ages 3 to Grade 4 watching a movie in the youth room.  
Noon – 1:00 pm Advance Voting – at the church office  
Nursery volunteers: Janice Janzen & Julia Bartel

*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.