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Life With Us

At Niagara United Mennonite Church

This Issue's Theme . . .

New Beginnings

Instead of being just a church
That welcomes and receives
By keeping the doors open,
Let us try also to be a church
That finds new roads,
That is able to step outside itself
And go to those who do not at-
tend [service]
To those who have quit or are
indifferent.

- Pope Francis

Live Life With Us

Stephen Cox

At the Annual Membership Meeting, I offered another brief update on where the church is at with it's visioning process.

The slogan "Live Life With Us" has captured our imaginations as an idea with the potential to both be faithful to our core values while encouraging us to pursue our mission call to be servants of Christ in our community.

I asked some questions of the slogan to help us think about how these 4 simple words could help us

to work together more closely and understand what we are striving for as a church community.

Taking each word in the slogan at a time and questioning it's meaning helps me to understand how we might use this slogan.

1. LIVE

What do we mean when we say live? Is this about passion? Is 'live' about how we approach life? Are we seeking to be people who take life and live it to the fullest or is this more of a statement of simplicity, to just live life as it comes?

2. live LIFE

What kind of life are we talking about? Describe that life? What words would you use: abundant, safe, whole, peaceful, adventurous, cautious, loving, etc... If we call people to live LIFE

3. live life WITH

This word evokes a lot for me. Does 'with' express how we choose to live our lives? That we have discovered that life together is ideal, that the isolation

and self-sufficiency that our world values is not the best life? Does it express what we are after, that we WANT to be more connected to each other, that we NEED each other to live the kind of lives we want to live? Does 'with' capture our desire that more would join us, that we have room for more, that we desire more family members, that we can support, care for, and utilize more people? Isn't this a challenge to be invitational in our lives; to invite others more into our lives, and invite ourselves more into the lives of others?

4. live life with US

Why us? What is so good about us? There are a lot of churches out there, a lot of forms of community, what do we offer? What are our gifts, what are we great at, what are the important elements of life that we offer each other?

I hope that as more people seek to ask and answer questions of our slogan and share their ideas with pastors and leaders, we will gain a clearer sense of how NUMC is being challenged to LIFE LIVE WITH US.

Ministries of NUMC - Adults & Youth

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Young Men's Bible Study group meets every other Thursday to study and discuss biblical topics of interest and/or concern within the group. We meet for 8pm and spend the first hour discerning the weekly biblical focus, followed by an hour of fellowship and camaraderie. This group currently consists of young fathers and husbands, with a couple of singles, ranging between the ages of 25 and 40. If interested in joining, please contact Scott Vanderlee at scott.vanderlee@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study (for women of all ages) will be started up again on September 8th, 2014 at 7:00 pm. That is the day we will also decide on what we would like to study or learn about God and His word. There will also be time for prayer, praise and song, alongside learning. Welcome all, come prepared to praise our Lord with love and gladness. For more information, please contact Sue or Debbie Fast.

WOMEN'S WORSHIP EVENINGS

The Women's Worship evenings are a new and exciting venture in our church where women of all generations can come to share, pray, sing, and worship together. With a fairly loose structure, we want to gather to listen to the Holy Spirit and let Him guide our discussions and prayers. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us and encourage all women to come out to these evenings of worship! Please contact Katrina Teichroeb for further details.

PRAISE & WORSHIP TEAM

September marks another new season for Praise & Worship. We will be starting to practice the first week after the long weekend. The group has been around for about 20 years already. The faces of the people change but our mission is still to help lead worship and sing praises to our Lord and Savior. We are always looking for new talent to help out, so if you would like to sing or can play an instrument we would be glad to have you join us. You are never too young or old to join. Contact Pete Sawatzky for more information.

GERMAN CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing in German with an enthusiastic group of people? The German Choir practises two Thursdays a month to sing for the Sunday German Service. Choir pieces are a mix of traditional hymns as well as contemporary pieces that praise our Lord and Saviour! Our multi-choir Adventsfeier takes place the first Sunday in December and is open to all! Please contact choir director Lolita Hale (905)468-8392 for more information. All ages welcome!

WOMEN IN SERVICE

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Our first meeting, introducing the season, is planned for Sept. 30th. (no quilting). Following that, we alternate: one Tues. just quilting and the next week with a break at 10:00 am for devotions, sharing and refreshments. The quilting is done simply by tying knots, no great artistry required. We celebrate in the evening for our two socials, one at Christmas and another later in the year. We love to welcome anyone to join us. See you soon! Please see Ingrid Dau for more information.

YOUTH

Niagara UM Youth meet every Friday night throughout the school year for fun, to grow together in Christ, and to serve others. Our passionate team of sponsors work hard to create a friendly, comfortable and fun environment. There's always room for more youth to join us on any given Friday night. Come out and see for yourself! Please contact Steve Cox for more information.

INTERACTIVE SERMONS

Do you enjoy lively discussion? Would you like a chance to talk about the sermon with the pastor and others (even before the sermon is preached)? Are you wondering what to do during the Sunday School hour? Here's your opportunity to join "Interactive Sermon" with our pastor. Every Sunday that Rudy preaches (and there's Sunday School), he is available in the auditorium at 10 am to talk about the message he has prepared for that Sunday morning. Some people drop in periodically, others are "regulars" – it doesn't matter. The main thing is that people have a chance to talk, listen, and encourage each other in their faith. We'd love to see more of you join us!

Children's Ministries of NUMC

JUNIOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL

PIONEER CLUBS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING: Jesus Bids Us Shine, by Donna Froese and Evelyn Finlay

The *Junior Sunday School Department* is excited to kick off our 2014-2015 season with the children and families of NUMC! With a fantastic team of volunteers on board, we are looking forward to another fun-filled year, with new service opportunities to enrich the lives of those in our community. In our classrooms we seek to create a positive and open atmosphere where students feel comfortable asking questions, seeking answers, and strengthening their faith. Please join us Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 am in the Third Floor Common Area for Sunday School REGISTRATION!! Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Yvonne Vanderlee for more information.

“Helping children make Christ Lord in every aspect of Life” Pioneer Club is a Christ-centered weekly club program our church sponsors for boys and girls in SK to grade 8. This program focuses on all the areas in which children grow— social, physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. Every week, club members take part in projects, games, singing and skill-building activities. Pioneer Club is a warm place for your children to have fun with friends, study God’s Word and enjoy the excitement of learning new things. Have your child join us! It’s a good place to be! Registration and opening night takes place on Wed. Sept. 10th from 6:30—8:30 pm. All boys and girls SK to grade eight are invited to join and bring their friends. Registration fee is \$35 per child.

For as long as I can remember, Sunday School singing has been a big part of my life. I have always enjoyed singing in all of its forms. Singing in Sunday School gave me the courage and assurance I needed as a child to be active in many things in Public School. Since we were required to perform in front of many people at church, it was never an issue to stand up in front of classmates in Public School. It was this loving and caring environment that helped to build my self confidence.

Many of the songs that I sang as a child replay themselves in my head whenever I am praying and in need of God’s guidance and wisdom. The inspired poetic verses comfort me and give me strength. In times of struggle I sing, “On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand”, encouraging me to trust in God’s power and not my own. If it weren’t for the many songs I learned as a child in Sunday School and in church, that repeat themselves in my memory, I’m not sure I would be paying much attention to God speaking to me at all.

Sunday School singing allowed me to memorize Biblical passages and taught me about Bible stories through song. I find things easier to learn when put to music and repeated week after week.

I hope I am not alone in this experience and that many of you have fond memories of Sunday School songs that encourage your walk with Jesus as well; which is why it is so important to pass this blessing on to your children and grandchildren.

Donna and I believe that each child has a talent in music or drama that is either blatantly visible or just needs a place to be nurtured. We try to give opportunity to everyone who wants a special solo or reading, or just encourage some who are very shy to try something new. Each year we witness new strengths in our students as they grow in confidence and mature. This is both exciting and rewarding. We love to see an individual do something they never thought they could do.

Parents, we encourage you to faithfully bring your children to Sunday School singing. They may groan now but they will be grateful for the love you gave to them by helping to build their love of Jesus, confidence in themselves and for the love songs that fill their hearts and minds.

September and October is a time for getting back into the swing of things, followed by preparation for Christmas Eve service. Things do not let up in the spring. We participate in Palm Sunday service, Mother’s Day service and the Primary choir performs in the German Service and the Junior choir brings a half hour service to Chateau Gardens and Upper Canada Lodge in Niagara on the Lake. We try to stay very service oriented to keep us purposeful and engaged. It’s really helpful when everyone is there to practice. Looking forward to a blessed year!



**Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light
Like a little candle shining in the night
In this world of darkness so we must shine
You in your small corner and I in mine.**



Have you admired the beautiful flower bed out front of our church this past summer? Well, every time I saw it, I was reminded of God's immense and manifold creativity. To see and admire it before entering the church was a good preparation for the service which was to follow inside the building. I was just sorry that I could not nominate this beautiful garden for the "Garden of the Week", since that feature no longer appears in the Advance newspaper. Oh yes, God's nature is great and wonderful, but who in the world was maintaining this beautiful plot of land and keeping it clean? To my shame, I must confess that question came to me much later. But once the question formed, I was determined to find an answer. One day shortly after, low and behold, I saw a young fellow working in the garden. So I approached him and commented on the good job he was doing. He didn't want to make a great deal about it and was hoeing away. So I just thanked him and walked away. Later I thought, I would like to know more about him and share that information with you. So you, when you see him, can give him a pat on the shoulder too. That way we might just be lucky enough to keep enjoying the fruits of his labour in this job a little longer. But hard as I tried, I could not reach him for an interview or photo. Let me share with you what I do know: His name is John Pentesco. He is married to Dorita, daughter of Manfred and Tina Runge. They have two children, Julia and Jack. He has a regular job and between that and his family, he finds time to beautify our church flowerbed. Now you know, and next time you catch him, say hello to him.

—Submitted by Lani Gade

Congregational Survey

What would you like to see in future issues of the Life With Us newsletter?

Please submit your response on this paper to the blue box located at the Welcome Centre. Survey results will be printed in next month's newsletter!

Stay tuned— each month we will pose a new survey question and publish the results the following month!

Spotlight on.... Teachers

When I reflect upon my life as a Sunday School teacher and as a Public Elementary School teacher, it is helpful to regard every challenge as an opportunity and to consider every opportunity as a challenge. It is important to accept the strengths and needs of your students, and to be able to work within that reality to achieve measurable success. Patience, perseverance and planning, as well as TLC (time, love and commitment) are essential. "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8-9) What is needed daily is faith and trust, and to know with assurance that the God of all creation is just a prayer away. Thanks be to God for His unending grace in preparing me and sustaining me as a teacher; it is a privileged calling and not one to be taken for granted. I would like to encourage all teachers returning to their teaching assignments this September to remain hopeful and press on, until the time comes when you can retire from official duties because you have had your chance, and it's time to give someone else a turn. For the good of society, we must be ready to pass on the baton so that the next generation is afforded the same challenges and opportunities that we once enjoyed.

- Submitted by Alice Bradnam

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*



One of the neatest things to experience is being a positive influence on the life of someone else. That is why I got in to teaching, and during my first four years, seeing the little successes of others is my greatest motivation. It has been a grind to try to piece together supply work and short-term contracts but things continue to slowly progress. For now, I will continue to help students enjoy their time at school while they learn a little along the way as well.

- Jon Bradnam

Mennonite Women Can Jam Too! -a Canadian-Jamaican jamming ministry, an initiative of MCCO (part of the Welcoming Communities Project) is a project is intended to serve as a women-to-women missions opportunity where Canadian families can extend a gesture of blessing to the families of the Caribbean migrant farmworkers we serve, while also supporting our local farmers. The vision is to see each migrant farmworker in our community blessed with a jar of home-made jam (from the fruit they harvested) so that their families back home can taste the fruits of their husband's/son's/father's labour in Canada.

Several of NUMC's women have been busily transforming baskets of donated fruit into a variety of jams. At this time, we have at least 250 jars of peach, apricot, plum, and nectarine jam waiting to be distributed to our local migrant workers. In addition to having fruit donated by farmers, we have also had several hundred new jam jars donated as well as some supplies from a local store. Please pray for the migrant workers and their families who will be blessed by the jam so lovingly prepared for them!

-Submitted by Kathy Rempel

Outreach

The Peach Festival is a local summer highlight that takes place every year during the second week of August. NUMC participates on Saturday, when Queen Street is closed to vehicle traffic for the celebration.

On the street we have music and all things peach. Each group participating must sell a unique peach product and we have the peach salsa.

Peach salsa production is a two-day event that requires many hands. It starts on a Friday evening several weeks in advance of the event when about 15 people of all ages gather in NUMC's kitchen to chop fruit and prepare other ingredients. The following day at 8:00 a.m., 15 to 20 people cook and can the treats. The day before the sale, peach platz is prepared by church members, an experienced group of bakers. Through the sale of peach salsa, peach jam and peach platz, we have raised \$6,500 in support of Nate and Taryn Dirks' work in Botswana.

NUMC's Peach Festival sale begins around 8 a.m. with the help of 5 to 8 volunteers. They sell about 500 jars of salsa each year, plus 150 jars of jam and 400 -500 slices of Platz.

"A particularly significant outcome of this salsa-making experience is the sense of community and purpose which is experienced by those who are involved," says Sharon Dirks. "I love that a wide variety of NUMC people get involved. The sense of camaraderie is delightful. This act of creativity is another facet of our love for and worship of God. And of course, being on Queen Street in Old Town Niagara on Peach Festival day is always fun!"

This event allows the church to connect with the local community beyond the church, extending fundraising efforts to a broader area. Volunteers have the opportunity to share information about the Dirks' ministry with every jar of peach preserves or slice of platz sold.

- Bill Devolin

September 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labour Day Office Closed	2	3 @ 7 pm Prayer Meeting	4 @ 9 am Ladies Break- fast @ 7 pm German Choir @ 8 pm Choir Practice	5 @ 7:30 pm Youth	6
7 @ 9:30 am Sunday School Singing begins, followed by Sunday School @ 10 am German Service– Udo Woelke @ 10 am Interactive Sermon @ 11 am Worship Service– Pastor Rudy Dirks	8 @ 7 pm Women’s Bible Study Meeting Begins	9 @ 7 pm Church Council Meeting	10 @ 7 pm Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 pm Pioneer Clubs Registra- tion Night	11 @ 7 pm German Choir @ 8 pm Choir Practice	12 @ 7:30 pm Youth	13
14 @ 10 am Interactive Sermon @ 11 am Worship Service– Pastor Rudy Dirks @ 12 noon Ice cream social @ 3 pm Senior’s Tea	15 @ 7pm Women’s Bible Study	16 @ 7 pm Spiritual Council Meeting	17 @ 7 pm Prayer Meeting	18 @7pm German Choir @ 8 pm Choir Practice	19 @ 7:30 pm Youth	20
21 @ 10 am German Service– Renate Klaassen @ 10 am Interactive Sermon @ 11 am Worship Service– Brian Moyer- Suderman	22 @ 7pm Women’s Bible Study	23	24 @ 7 pm Prayer Meeting	25@ 7 pm German Choir @ 8 pm Choir Practice	26 @ 7:30 pm Youth	27
28 @ 10 am Interactive Sermon @11 am Worship Service– Pastor Rudy Dirks	29 @ 7 pm Women’s Bible Study	30				

A look back to this day in our history...

September 6, 1592

Anabaptist leader and evangelist **Georg Blaurock** is burned at the stake for “heresy” near Klausen South Tyrol. He had established congregations in the Austrian Tyrol until he was apprehended.

September 10, 1958

Kornelius Isaak, a Mennonite missionary in the Paraguayan Chaco, is wounded by an arrow of a Morro Indian and dies the next day.

September 14, 1741

Consuming many cups of coffee, Georg Friederich Handel completes the oratorio “The Messiah”, begun just twenty-four days earlier. The manuscript is remarkably free of errors considering its length, the speed with which it was composed and his own infirmity– he had already suffered a stroke.

“Heaven is for Real”

Author: Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent

A little boy’s astounding story of his trip to Heaven and back.

Colton Burpo at not quite four years old survived an emergency appendectomy. In the following months his story came out about his visit to Heaven and his experience there, the people he met, the things he saw and what he saw going on in the hospital where his parents waited anxiously for the surgery to end. This book will change the way you think of Heaven and eternity.

Did you Know?? Several of our church family members, past and present have authored books.

A. Martin Sawatzky (former pastor):

- A Theology of Peace
- A Journey of Faith
- The Gospel of Hope
- The Christian Life
- Creating a World of Faith

B. Erna Dirks Rowe:

- Flying and Swimming Creatures from the time of the Dinosaurs

C. Olga Regier-Rempel

- Our Friends in the Animal Kingdom

D. Alexander Rempel and Amalie Enns

- Hope is our Deliverance

E. Hans Rempel:

- Er führet mich...

F: Maria Schmidt:

- Lebens-Erinnerungen von Maria Schmitt

G. Henry and Linda Friesen:

- The Beaver Bush Plane at Home in Ontario

H. Jacob A. Neufeld:

- Path of Thorns

I. Otto Dirks:

- Memories that Shape the Future

This month’s report and submission are from Marlies Boldt

Reflections

How did that go??



At the Peach Festival on Saturday, August 9, I enjoyed joining a number of fellow MCC supporters from the Niagara/St. Catharines area to sell steamed corn on the cob as a fundraiser for the MCC offshore workers program. Those of you who stopped by the festival surely couldn't miss our corn steaming setup-- a ca. 1900 wood-fired steam engine, complete with flywheels and two whistles-- that churned out around three bushels of corn every 30 minutes. Each batch of \$3/ear corn sold out in about 10 minutes, though people were willing to keep their place in line for 20 minutes until the next batch was ready. By mid-afternoon, we'd sold out of all 60 dozen ears, making for a fun, busy, sweaty, and successful afternoon! - Will Friesen



Left: NUMC Peach Salsa Booth, NOTL Peach Festival, Aug. 9th, 2014

Milestones

Join us as we celebrate one another's special milestones!

The following members, who are 80 years of age and older are celebrating birthdays this month:



Arno Enss turns 80 on Sept. 3rd
Martha Bartel turns 82 on Sept. 8th
Mary Steingart turns 87 on Sept. 9th
Marie Harder turns 81 on Sept. 13th
Henry Rahn turns 80 on Sept. 15th
Sinaida Enns turns 90 on Sept. 18th
Hans Funk turns 89 on Sept. 19th
George Riss turns 86 on Sept. 20th
Agnes Sawatzky turns 80 on Sept. 23rd



We wish you all much happiness and health on your birthdays!

Peter & Anita Sawatzky

*25th Wedding
Anniversary*

September 25th, 1989

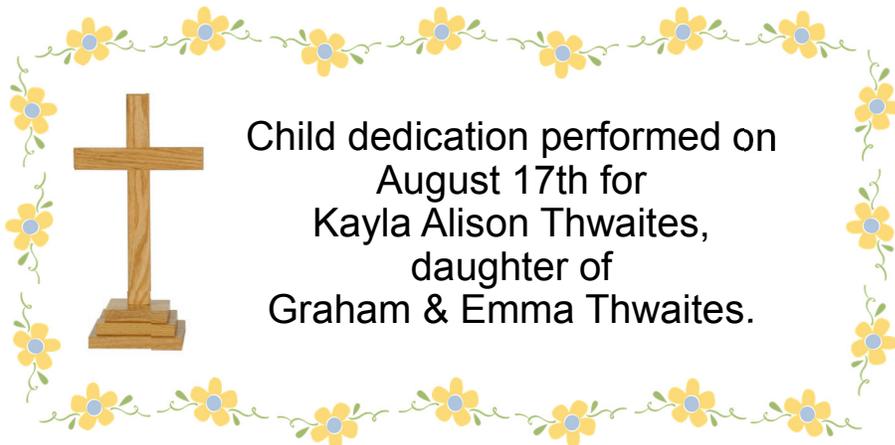
**Aran & Elly Kopp
HAVED MOVED!**



New address:
19 Elden St.,
Box 40,
GC 10,
Virgil, ON
LOS 1T0



Their email address is also changing.
Look for the updated email in future
issues of this newsletter.



Child dedication performed on
August 17th for
Kayla Alison Thwaites,
daughter of
Graham & Emma Thwaites.

I was born on September 23, 1934 in Siberia, USSR. In 1948 I came to Canada with my mother and two sisters. Our father had been arrested by the KGB and was never heard of again. Our life in Canada was difficult, but good. We became members of the NUM Church and have lived in this area all these years. I moved into Pleasant Manor in 1985 and enjoy it here very much. I am thankful to God for the good health He has given me over the years. Because of my epilepsy, I was not able to travel to many places, but one place I could visit was Liberty Corner in New Jersey, a Deaconry Mission Retreat Centre. I went there 8 times and really enjoyed the peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. I am especially thankful for the friends here who have been so willing to help me over the years. One friend offered to take me out to a restaurant every Sunday after church for many years until she was not allowed to drive anymore because of ill health. I have always appreciated the kindness shown to me by other residents in Pleasant Manor. I thank God for the community of NUM Church which has been there for me all these years.
—Agnès Sawatzky, translated from German by niece Kathy Rempel

Wow, 25 years already! It is hard to believe that we will be celebrating our silver anniversary already. Among our group of friends, we were the first to get married, so we were the pioneers. The years seem to have just flown by. I never believed people when they said the years tend to speed up, the longer you are married. We have been very blessed throughout our time together. There may have been some turmoil along the way with health and job issues, but God has always looked after us. We have been blessed with 2 of the best kids that we could ask for, and live in the prettiest town in Canada. We would like to thank all of our friends, family and church family for all of the love and support that we have received. We are excited to see what the next 25 years will bring. - Peter and Anita Sawatzky

My 18th Birthday Remembered Arno Enss

I was asked to write a short story about my birthday, which is on Sept. 3rd. There is one birthday that stands out among all the others. Every birthday my thoughts go back to that day in September 1945.

The day before started like every other in the Russian prison camp near the city of Riga, where I had been imprisoned for the last six months. We were called out of our barracks at regular time to be counted. We always had to stand in blocks of 100. It is easy to control blocks of 10 by 10. After we were counted, we were kept standing in place. Then the Polit-Commissar appeared and made an announcement that really shook some of us up. There was an order to release all sick and unable to work prisoners and send them back to Germany. Now the tension became almost unbearable. Would I be one of them?

A strange illness had gotten hold of me for the last month. I was sick and unable to work. All my teeth were loose and both of my legs were covered with open sores. At that time there were 32 painful spots on my legs and they

were gouging deeper. Although the medical people kept an eye on this, there was never any treatment of any kind offered. The loose teeth and the sores were both symptoms of the same illness, scurvy.

Then my name was called and I had to step forward to join a group of prisoners that was growing by the minute. Russian apparatchiks had us line up in alphabetical order and when my turn came, I was rejected. That hurt and hit me hard. I was asked for my home address, so I gave them my address near Danzig, but they could not release me to that address as it no longer existed. So I quickly gave them an address which our whole family had agreed to remember in case of disaster. This was disaster. Heinrich Meyer zu Spexard was a young German soldier billeted to us in the summer of 1942, just prior to the war with Russia. His mother and my mother started corresponding and kept this up until after the war and until all members of our family had found each other. As soon as I gave them this address everything went ahead. That was on Sunday, September 2nd, 1945.

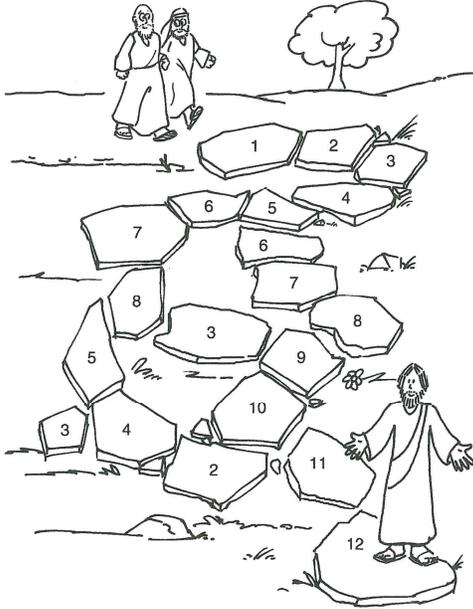
The third of September, my birthday,

was a beautiful sunny late summer day, as had been the day before. I do not remember how we got into the waiting box cars. What I do remember is that we kept the doors wide open. They would remain open until we reached the harbor city Libau, in Lithuania. What made this trip so remarkable and unforgettable were several things; it was a trip to freedom, it was a trip through the almost endless Latvian heather and the heather was in full bloom. The white birches, interspersed into the landscape, really stood out in the lavender colour of the heather. I had never seen such beautiful landscape in my life. We prayed, we sang songs, mostly German folk songs and we tried to imagine what lay ahead of us in the now not so distant future. I was now a displaced person, a D.P. It was a derogatory term in those days. I was a gypsy from the east, no more. It was a long day as we rattled through the Latvian countryside. The train was in no hurry, neither were we. Eventually we would get there and our path into the future, freedom and the unknown would begin in due time.

Jesus said, "Follow Me."

Help the disciples follow Jesus.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



Jesus then asked the disciples who He was. Peter said, "You are the Christ ..."

Use the code below to fill in Peter's answer.

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 I _____ v _____ ng
 ★ ★
 G _____ d."
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Name: Yousif Al Jazaeri
Birthdate: Jan. 5, 2005
Birthplace: Basra Iraq
Countries I've visited: Iraq, Syria, Labanon, Turkey, Canada
Parents: Mazin & Zaineb
Favourite foods: Iraqi chicken soup, green bean stew, okra stew, rice
Dessert: Mom's baklava, Will's yummy homemade ice cream

My Pet: Cancun – a Red Factor Canary
Favourite book: Polar Bear
Favourite Song: Roar – Katy Perry
TV shows: I Carly, Scaredy Squirrel, Sidekick
Video games: Minecraft, Half-life
Outdoor game: badminton, riding bike
Languages I speak: Arabic, English

CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE



Which room is in this picture?? If you can identify what this room is, write it here: _____

Now go find that room, and list 2 things that you can see in it. No cheating– they can't be things already shown in the picture!

List what you find here:

1. _____
2. _____

Now rip this page out of the newsletter, fold it up and put it in the KIDS BOX at the Welcome Centre. One of the children who correctly completes this challenge will be randomly selected to get his/her picture in next month's newsletter!

My name is: _____

Other News

Let's advance peace together! Join us on **Sunday, September 21 at 2pm** for an interactive community celebration for all ages at the new MSCU Center for Peace Advancement at Conrad Grebel University College. We'll have button building, a story circle, video booth, cookie decorating, music making, and much more! Please bring a peace 'offering' – something that represents peace for you. Together we'll build a work of art! uwaterloo.ca/grebel/mscu-cpa

In honour of the International Day of Peace, you are invited to hear Lisa Schirch speak about "Taking Peace to the Pentagon" on **Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm** in the Conrad Grebel University College Great Hall. Lisa is Grebel's 2014 Distinguished Alumni Service Award winner.

CMU Farmer's Market | **Saturday, September 27 | 10AM - 4PM**

As part of Fall Festival, this exciting one-day event takes place at CMU. We're connecting with local businesses and farmers to offer a variety of locally grown organic produce, baked goods, honey, crafts, and more! Come see what local farmers and gardeners have for sale from their fall harvest, and meet local artisans and musicians. Stay tuned to cmu.ca/fallfest for a list of vendors as the time nears!

CMU Class Reunions at Fall Festival | **September 27, 2014**

Please join us for your class reunion at Fall Festival this year! Providing a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to meet new ones, you won't want to miss out. Reunions for this year include 1954, 64, 74, 84, 94 and 04. Don't see your year? Come to Fall Festival anyway! There is something for everyone in this fun filled weekend. Visit cmu.ca/fallfest/ for details of the weekend's events.

J.J. Thiessen Lectures | **October 14-15, 2014** | CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Please join us for the 2014-15 J.J. Thiessen lectures *Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness and Gentle Discipleship*. The lectures this year will be given by Dr. John Swinton, Professor and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen. For lecture details, please visit our website, cmu.ca/jjt.

Face to Face | *A Time to Die: Cultural and Faith Perspectives in the Face of Death*

September 26, 2014 | 7:00–8:30 PM | Great Hall, 500 Shaftesbury

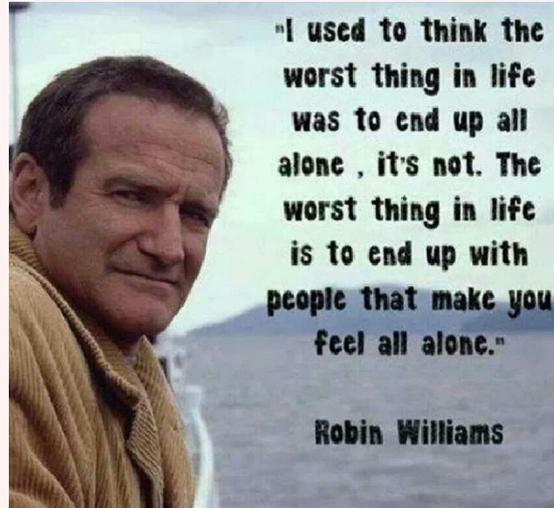
An interactive presentation exploring the shifting cultural sentiments on end-of-life issues, euthanasia and assisted suicide. Join CMU Lecturer Justin Neufeld along with Dr. Cornelius Woelk, Medical Director, Palliative Care, Regional Health Authority of Central Manitoba, and the Honorable Stephen Fletcher, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament, and major voice in the national debate on the right to die. Visit cmu.ca/fallfest for details.

Shine: Living in God's Light, the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications for curriculum writers. The curriculum is for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Indiana, March 6-9, 2015. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. More details are available at www.ShineCurriculum.com/Write. Application and sample session deadline is **December 15, 2014**.

Other News Continued...

Mood Disorders Support Group

Living Room is a faith-based support group for people with mood disorders. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Vineland United Mennonite Church, 3327 Menno Street, Vineland. For more information contact Ester at 905-562-4422 or email at livingroomsupport@gmail.com



Save-the-Date for Niagara Life Centre's Annual Fundraising Banquet & Silent Auction on **October 24** – Learn more about Niagara Life Centre and be inspired by testimonies of hope, help and healing. More info at niagaralifecentre.ca/banquet

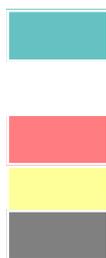
Make a difference!



Are you the missing piece in our volunteer puzzle? We need people interested in becoming an essential piece of the puzzle to become volunteers in our Friendly Visiting Volunteer Program and our education department. If you have 1 hour a week that you could give to volunteering right in your community, please call Dawn at the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region at 905-687-6856 ext. 544 today. Volunteer training begins soon.

Girl Guides offer an exciting environment that invites girls to challenge themselves, find their voice, meet new friends and make a difference in the world. All while having fun! Sparks (age 5 & 6), Brownies (age 7 & 8), Guides (age 9 - 11), and Pathfinders (age 12 - 14) all meet in the Niagara on the Lake area. Please see the poster at the church for more information.

Seminary Virtual Fair- If you are curious about seminary but can't schedule a campus visit soon, start with the Seminary and Theological Virtual Fair on Sept. 17. We will have faculty, students and admissions staff ready to answer your questions. Register online (it's free), and then get ready to chat or "listen" in as others chat about study and life at AMBS. If you know someone else with interest or gifts for ministry, encourage him or her sign up for the Virtual Fair and begin exploring.



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