

*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

April 30, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Marlene Borzychowski

**Call to Worship**

John Tiessen

**Worship in Song**

“Crowns”

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” HWB #573

“And My Hope is Jesus”

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

“What a Wonderful Name is Jesus”

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

Scripture: Colossians 1: 1-20 Bible p. 1142

Scott Vanderlee

“Who is Jesus?”

Steve Cox

**Sending**

“Jesus, Be the Center” STS #31

Benediction

John Tiessen

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Nancy Dube and Emily Dube

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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 5 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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**Live Streaming Privacy Notice** – Our church services are live streamed over the internet, capturing the stage and up to the front half of the church in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit towards the front of the church to showcase our lively and active congregation! Thanks for your support.

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) scheduling volunteers for Fort McMurray response.** Weekly volunteers are needed starting May 14 to begin rebuilding in Fort McMurray. Volunteers have two options. Sign up for Fort McMurray, where volunteers will construct basements or sign up for Saskatoon, where volunteers will build Ready to Move homes that will be moved to Fort McMurray and set on the basements. To sign up contact the Weekly Crew Volunteer Coordinator, Darin Bontrager at [dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net) or by calling 1-800-241-8111. You can also fill out an online form at <https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/>.

More info is available on the Missions & Service bulletin board in our foyer.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights:** Save the date – **April 23 - May 14** – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa. Details at [www.pfir.ca](http://www.pfir.ca).

## **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**MCEC has made available lawn signs that welcome new Canadians.** As Christians, we are called to speak out against any form of violence & especially those that are motivated by religious discrimination and lead to the tragic loss of life. In 3 languages, the sign reads, “No matter where you are from, we are glad you’re our neighbour.” These signs are available for purchase in our Welcome Centre for \$10 each (which includes the “H stake” for your lawn).

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**A Hymn Sing Festival** Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 323 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Freewill offering for the Canadian Bible Society.

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Plant Tent** is looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. More details on delivery, quantity, etc. will be on our website in the coming weeks ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)).

**10th Annual Run for Relief May 27th at 8:00 am** at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. Come out for some exercise and work up an appetite before enjoying all the great food at the Relief Sale! This fun event includes a 5k Run and a 2k Run/Walk. You can register for the race, select your t-shirt size, set up a customized page, tell your friends, and collect donations online at [nhmrs.com/run-for-relief](http://nhmrs.com/run-for-relief). All money raised goes to support MCC.

Plan on attending the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 26th & 27th**. There is fun for the whole family including: donate & roll coins at the Penny Power tent; kids can have fun in the Children's Activities; or visit the Craft Tent or Ten Thousand Villages tent to find a perfect gift. Also remember to bring your rhubarb to the Rhubarb Tent for resale. More details at [www.nhrms.com](http://www.nhrms.com)!

### **Save-the-date for MCC Ontario's Annual General Meeting**

12:30-3 pm, Sat, Sep 30, Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener

The format of our AGM is different this year. We will begin at 12:30 pm with lunch, followed by worship and reporting on what MCC Ontario has been up to for the past year and what we have planned for the year ahead! More info will be available soon.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Our condolences go out to the family of Jake Neufeld**, who passed away on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A funeral service was held here on **Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

**Please pray for Reinhard Gau**, is out of hospital and convalescing from surgery. He would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and support and ask you continue to pray for him as he convalescing

**God bless and comfort those who are suffering among us.** Although their names are not published weekly, there are those who need to be lifted up to God. We are encouraged to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who have experienced joy. Please continue to reach out to those around you and extend the loving care of God. How blessed we are to be in His family!

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Please note the upcoming following pastoral staff vacations:** April Michon will be out of the office from May 2-4. Pastor David Lewis is on vacation from April 21<sup>st</sup>- May 4<sup>th</sup>. During the vacation days Emily Fieguth will be in the office. Pastor Steve Cox is back from vacation and available for any Pastoral requests.

**Office Hours This Week:**

Monday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (April)  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Emily)  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Emily)  
Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Emily)  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (April)

**The May/June Upper Room Devotionals are here!** Please pick up your copy from your mailbox.

**Niagara on the Lake Peach festival – Saturday August 12.** In past years we have produced and sold Peach Salsa and Jam at the festival. Our participation in the festival very much fits with NUMC's renewed focus to engage the local community. Here is where we need the congregation's help. We need to commit to making peach salsa and participating in the Festival within the next few weeks. In particular, at this time, we are asking for volunteers to commit to helping on August 12<sup>th</sup> and the week leading up. Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer for the next two Sundays. Without commitment we will likely need to decline participating this year. Please contact Bill Devolin if you can help. 905-468-4452.

**On Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** the congregation is invited to participate in a second **Congregational Call to Prayer** addressing the transitional journey we are on together. This is a follow-up to the 100 days of prayer in which the Transitional Work Group and prayer partners participated. However, it is not limited to members of the Transitional Work Group and their prayer partners. We will be celebrating our collective prayer experience and discerning where and what God may have in mind for us as a congregation moving forward. This is a vital gathering for the church.

**New Library books** in our church library. Please come and see what is new and exciting in our beautiful church library. New books are on the window sill.

**A book of original Gospel songs and hymns written by Eric Goerz** has been added to our church library. It was written over an approximate 60 year period, the songs and music are presented in 4 part harmony and are suitable for piano and guitar accompaniment. Included also is a brief history of the recent musical group "Peach Pickers" with applicable photos.

**Education Committee Report 2016** was not included in the annual report. Copies of the report are available at the Welcome Desk.

**Ladies Breakfast** – Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Red Rooster Restaurant. All ladies all welcome to come out for breakfast. Please contact Linda Friesen (Henry) [hl.friesen@sympatico.ca](mailto:hl.friesen@sympatico.ca) to be added to the email reminder list.

## LIGHTHOUSE:

Reminder that the children are preparing for participation in the Mother's Day Worship Service on May 14<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that everyone be at the 9:45 am Praise and Worship time in the gym each Sunday as the children prepare. On May 14<sup>th</sup> the children will gather in the gym at 9:45 am to make a special Mother's Day craft, following that they will go directly into the Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Our Upcoming Sermon Series...

### **PASSION – unpacking the heartbeat of Paul's letter to the Colossians**

The apostle Paul wrote from a prison cell a celebrative short letter to the emerging church in Colosse. At the heart of his word to these Christians was a passionate appeal for them to live in the reality that God had rescued them from the dominion of darkness and brought them into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom they have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (1:13, 14). The letter to the Colossians is all about being receptive to the work of Christ in securing for us release from the disappointment of morally bankrupt living. The provision of Jesus reaches into the core of our being with the liberating message of deliverance and calls us to follow Him as rescued rescuers. And so, as we journey forward from the Easter event, we embrace the apostle's passionate call to journey with our victorious Lord.

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| April 30 | <i>"Who is Jesus?" Stephen Cox</i><br>Colossians 1:1-20  |
| May 7    | <b>"What does it mean to be a Follower of Christ?"</b> <i>Dave Lewis</i><br>Colossians 1:21-2:23 |
| May 21   | <b>"When do we know we are living like Jesus?"</b> <i>Dave Lewis</i><br>Colossians 3:1-17        |
| May 28   | <b>"What does Jesus bring to working households?"</b> <i>Dave Lewis</i><br>Colossians 3:18-4:6   |

## **FIRE SYSTEM UPDATE:**

Throughout the month of April we had our entire fire safety system inspected. These annual inspections are mandatory and ensure that the fire system, is working properly and that we are complying with the Ontario Fire Regulations.

We will require a new panel to accommodate the automatic doors that we already have installed throughout the church. Due to age, the panel can no longer support all of the existing fire doors with automatic closers, therefore we have had to post the red fire door signs.

There are several doors that routinely required wedges to hold them open for functions. These doors will have a magnetic style holding system installed. By installing these magnets we will no longer require wedges to hold open the kitchen, gym and other doors leading in and out of the sanctuary.

We would like to remind everyone that the current automatic doors have a small black button on the silver arm mechanism found on the top of the door. When the button is pushed, the door will close. Please ***never pull a door closed***, this will bend the arms and is very costly to repair. (see photo)



We thank everyone for your patience as we have the systems inspected and repaired. Once the repairs are completed all doors will be able to be held open on their own, comply with the fire code regulations and be able to close automatically should a fire signal be triggered.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am Ladies Breakfast @ Red Rooster  
**Friday:** 7:30 pm Youth

**Next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 am** Praise & Worship Practice  
**9:30 am** German Choir Practice  
**9:45 am** Lighthouse Praise & Worship  
**9:50 am** Choir Practice  
**10:00 am** Lighthouse Kids Ministry  
**10:00 am** German Worship Service – Ramona Neufeld  
**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message from David Lewis

Next week’s Nursery volunteers: Christina Cox & Jolien Koole

*\*For a complete listing of church events, please see our online calendar on our church website.\**

<b>Offering of April 23<sup>rd</sup> : \$ 5,282.00</b>			
Budget	\$ 3,600.00	MCC General	\$ 1,055.00
Christian Witness	\$ 30.00	MCC Food	\$ 297.00
MCC Famine Relief	\$ 200.00	Deacons Fund	\$ 100.00

**Offering Focus** – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,900. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness. These contributions go to Mennonite Eastern Canada (MCEC) where they are further allocated to support missionaries (including

our Mission Partners the Dirks), education, leadership training, church planting, as well as administrative support and benefits. They count on our support. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

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**NUMC Services & Sermons are available online.**

Individual Sermons or Sermon Series are available for purchase, formatted on CD or DVD. Please place your order through the church office.