

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Marlene Borzychowski

**Call to Worship**

Erv Willms

**Worship in Song**

Choir

“You’ve got a place at the table” StJ #4

“I will sing of my Redeemer” HWB # 344

“Where charity and love prevail” HWB #305

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Erv Willms

Offering Focus- MCC

“Let the children come to me” StS #47

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Katrina Metsa

“Create in me a clean heart, O God”

Scripture: Colossians 3: 1-17, pew Bible p. 1144

Lani Gade

**“When do we know we are living like Jesus”**

Pastor Dave Lewis

**Sending**

“Longing for light” StJ #54

Benediction

Pastor Dave Lewis

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Janice Janzen & 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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**German Worship Service - 10:00 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Lani Gade, Psalm 27: Vs. 1 & 4**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

“Nun danket alle Gott” Lied GB #9

Musik: Julieanne Enns

**Opfergaben Fokus: MCC**

“Ein reines Herz, Herr schaff in mir” Lied: GB #305 V. 1-3

Musik: Julieanne Enns

**Schriftwort: Lukas 11: 5-13**

**Botschaft: “Mit Gott im Gespräch” – Joachim Dau**

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Our Baptismal Candidates** this year are Emily Dube & Lindsay Neufeld. Please pray that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare for their special day.

**Please pray for Reinhard Gau,** who continues convalescing after his surgery. He thanks the congregation for your support and asks for continued prayers.

**Please pray for Eric Goerz,** is out of hospital and being cared for at home. He and his family continue to be thankful for the prayer support of this church.

**Please pray for the individuals from our community who will be attending the Wholeness through Christ prayer retreat** this week from May 24-28<sup>th</sup>. As they prepare for this deep encounter with Jesus, as they journey throughout it, and as they reflect on and grown from it in the days afterwards, please continue to support them in your prayers.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Senior’s Time Out Tea** Please come and gather together **this afternoon at 3:30 pm**, here in the auditorium with Kathe Wiens, who travelled to Mexico to the old colony Mennonite villages this past year. She will share some of her experiences with us through stories and pictures. See you there!

**Mark your calendars!** On **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm** we will be having our Spring Membership Meeting. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting, whether you are a member or not. It is your opportunity to be informed with what is happening here at church and an important time where new ideas are presented and discussed. Minutes from our February Annual Meeting are available at the Welcome Centre, and the agenda is included in this bulletin.

**Stephen Cox is Moving on** As announced in early April, Stephen Cox visited a church in Kitchener called “The Gathering” to candidate for the position of Lead Pastor. His weekend went very well, he has been offered the position and he has accepted. Steve will be continuing his work here until his contract is completed on July 31. We are happy for Steve and his family as he takes on a larger role in his work for the church. A detailed staffing plan is being prepared and will be presented at the May 30<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

**Jr Youth Year-End Event!** Please mark **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** on your calendars! We will go to the Enns’ for our last hurrah of the school year! More details to follow. Stay tuned.

**‘Change for Life’ Baby Bottle Campaign for Hannah House** We continue in our partnership with Hannah House Maternity Home in its 13th annual ‘Change for Life’ Baby Bottle Campaign. Hannah House Maternity Home exists as the only Christian non-profit maternity home in the Niagara Region, offering shelter and support to young adolescent mothers and their babies. For more information about Hannah House, please visit [www.hannahhouse.ca](http://www.hannahhouse.ca). The baby bottles continue to be available for you and your family to pick up at the Welcome Centre. We encourage you to find creative ways to collect spare change or cash to fill your bottles. Please note, bottles must be returned to the church by Father’s Day, and all donations above \$20 will be recognized by Hannah House with a charitable receipt. If anyone does not want to take home a baby bottle, you can also make an online donation today by visiting [www.hannahhouse.ca](http://www.hannahhouse.ca). Donations through this campaign are used to enable Hannah House to provide its young mothers and babies with food, shelter, programming and educational opportunities as well as cover household expenses.

**Summer Worship/Music Leader**

Church Council has approved a request from the Worship Committee and Music Committee to hire a part time summer Worship/Music Leader (10-12 hours per week).

This person would work together with the pastoral team to develop and lead a creative, multi-generational worship time consistent with NUMC traditions. He/she will have musical, organizational and communication skills to inspire and foster artistic gifts within the NUMC community.

In hiring someone to fulfill the above role, it is the hope of the Music and Worship Committees to keep our summer services consistent, vibrant, and a place where members of our congregation want to be on a Sunday morning, and invite family and friends from the community to join them.

<b>Offering of May 14<sup>th</sup> : \$ 10,375.00</b>			
Budget	\$ 7,990.00	MCC General	\$ 980.00
Christian Witness	\$ 485.00	MCC Food	\$ 50.00
MCC Relief Sale	\$ 670.00	MCC Famine relief	\$ 200.00

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** VICTORIA DAY - Church Office Closed  
**Tuesday:** 7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting  
**Friday:** 7:30 pm Youth

**Office Hours This Week:**  
Monday: Victoria Day – Office Closed  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday: Office Closed  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Next Sunday, May 28<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** German Worship Service – Message from Hans J. Wiens  
**11:00 am** Worship Service – Message from David Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko

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

**Spring Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, May 30 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Niagara United Mennonite Church Sanctuary

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of February Membership Meeting minutes
- 5) Financial Update
- 6) German Pastoral Proposal – Vote expected
- 7) Transitional Workgroup Summary
- 8) Search Committee for Lead Pastor
- 9) Worship Service Restructuring Proposal
- 10) Welcome Centre Update
- 11) Refugee Sponsorship Update
- 12) MC Canada Delegates – Winnipeg, Oct. 13-15
- 13) Summer Music/Worship Leader Paid Position
- 14) Other Business
- 15) Close

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Our Current 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.

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

## **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).

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**Pray for the thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo** who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide life's necessities for those who have fled their homes, for stable national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Save-the-date for MCC Ontario's Annual General Meeting** 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.  
**Sat, Sep 30, 12:30-3 pm** Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Mennonite Disaster Service Response to May ON & QC Flooding: As floodwaters recede from snow melt and record rainfall in eastern Ontario and western Quebec, flooding thousands of homes, MDS has been asked by ON municipalities for assistance in cleanup. The plan is to start clean up Monday, May 22. Come for that day or the week. MDS will provide more info as soon as further response details have been finalized. Leadership for the response is also needed since we expect to be responding in several locations.

For more information and/or to volunteer contact:

- Martin Durksen 905-736-1060 ([cmdurksen@gmail.com](mailto:cmdurksen@gmail.com)) or
- Nick Hamm 905-401-3990 ([hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com](mailto:hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com))

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE RELIEF SALE (MAY 26 & 27<sup>TH</sup>):**

**My Coins Count** containers have been made available around our church; placed by the whiteboard near the office, one by the mail boxes and one on the Welcome Center. Containers will be out until May 21<sup>st</sup>. Funds raised will go to the MCC relief sale.

### **New Hamburg MCC Relief Sale – Pork on a Bun – May 26 & 27**

Due to lack of volunteers, sadly we have had to cancel this year's Pork on a Bun. Donations previously made to Pork on a Bun will be forwarded to Ontario Mennonite Relief Sale to help with expenses.

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)) is less than three weeks away! Pack up your travel mugs, water bottles and your rhubarb (to donate to the Rhubarb Tent J ), register for the 2k or 5k Run (on our website), and take in the Indoors Auction (Fri evening) and Outdoors Auction (Sat morning).

**Bring your yeast baking** (with name and contact info) to our Yeast Baking venue. Contact Darlene at [ddriedger@simplycreative.ca](mailto:ddriedger@simplycreative.ca) for more information.

**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. Drop them off at our Drop off Tent at the entrance to the Sale. Contact Marlene at [callmtk@yahoo.com](mailto:callmtk@yahoo.com) or [519-662-1464](tel:519-662-1464).

**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.

### **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**CWOP (Caribbean Workers Outreach Program)** representative Nancy Howse and Rev. Norlene have requested some extra support from our congregation for the workers in our area.

- Two more drivers are needed for Sunday night services at Bethany Mennonite Church
- Refreshments are needed for May 14, 21, June 4, 18 and 25
- Two hosts are still required for Rev. Wayne Wisdom during May 29 - June 5, and June 5 to June 14

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to enter your name and contact number if you are willing to help. For any further information, please call Kathy Rempel at 905-468-3829, or email [jrempel6@icloud.com](mailto:jrempel6@icloud.com). Thank-you for considering sharing your time.

As well, please join for a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, celebrating 25 years of service to and with offshore workers in Niagara on **Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at Mountainview United Church. Further details are available on the letter posted on the board outside the church office.

**The United Mennonite Home for the Aged** will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on **June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm** in the Chapel Meeting Hall at the Home on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Vineland. Delegate info packages will be available for pick-up beginning Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If interested, more information is available on the letter on the letter on the board by the church office.

**Farmers Day Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am-1:00pm.** Pleasant Manor would like to invite the greater community by inviting members of our constituency churches to this year's Farm Day. If you have not had the joy of experiencing Farm Day, you should know that this is the perfect day to bring the generations of your family together! The young and young at heart gather together to enjoy live music, BBQ food and many attractions including performance by Marty Allen Band, Pony Rides, a Jump and Bounce, displays by Niagara Antique Power Association and much more! Everyone is invited to join us – Rain or Shine! (We plan to use the parking garage in case of rain) We will be selling burgers and hotdogs, ice cream with local strawberries (if they are still in season) and corn on the cob to raise money to support resident programming. Bring your lawn chairs! We hope you can come!

**The Mennonite Story:** Consider a visit to "The Mennonite Story" in St. Jacobs. Come as a family, church group, or with visitors this summer. Let The Mennonite Story's multi-media exhibits inspire and inform you. For more information see poster on the community bulletin board or at [www.mennonitestory.com](http://www.mennonitestory.com) 1-519-664-3518.

**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.

#### **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.