

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Kathy Rempel

**Call to Worship**

Steve Cox

**Worship in Song**

Praise & Worship

“My Beloved”

“Chain Breaker”

“Same Love”

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Steve Cox

Offering Focus- Pork on a Bun

“10,000 reasons”

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Scott & Yvonne Vanderlee

“Come, now is the time”

Scripture: Colossians 3:18-4:6, pew Bible p. 1144

John Epp

**“What does Jesus bring to working households?”**

Pastor Dave Lewis

**Sending**

“Holy is our God”

Benediction

Pastor Dave Lewis

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Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko  
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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: Gunnar Doerwald, Psalm 55:23**

Orgelspiel: Kathy Rempel

Gemeindelied: GB #340 “Bei dir, Jesu, will ich bleiben”

Chorlied: ""

**Opfergaben Fokus: Pork on a Bun**

Gemeindelied: GB #415 “Weiss ich den Weg auch nicht”

Chorlied: GB #436 “Die Zeit ist kurz”

**Schriftwort:** Prediger 3:1; Römer 12:11-12

**Botschaft:** “Zeitgeist oder Fortschritt ” – Hans J. Wiens

## **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.

**Dan and Nicole Tissen** are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Mckenna Elizabeth was born on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the first Grandchild for Fred and Pam Teichgraf and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grandchild for Jake and Sylvia Tissen.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Spring Membership Meeting!** Please join us on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm!** 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.

**German Pastoral Proposal-** On the agenda for our Spring Membership Meeting, item #6 lists a German Pastoral Proposal. This agenda item represents a proposal which was made by the German Worship team, initially made to both councils, now seeking approval from the congregation at the Spring Membership Meeting. A summary description of the proposal, including a proposed job description, is available for everyone to review and consider - please collect this from the Welcome Centre today.

**Ladies Breakfast this Thursday!** All ladies are invited to join together this coming Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, as we gather together at the Red Rooster at 9:00 am for a time of fellowship over breakfast. If you wish to be added to the email reminder list, please contact Linda Friesen at [hl.friesen@yahoo.com](mailto:hl.friesen@yahoo.com). All women are welcome! Hope to see you there!

**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. 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. Bottles are due to be returned to the church by Father’s Day, and all donations above \$20 will be recognized by Hannah House with a charitable receipt. 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. Thanks for your support!

**Graduates & Post-Secondary Students** – please kindly inform the church office if you or your son/daughter has or is graduating from high school or post-secondary studies this year. Please also notify April if you/they plan to attend/continue college or university in the fall and if so, which program you/they are enrolled in. Deadline to submit this information to the office: **August 21<sup>st</sup>** . Thanks!

**Our Education Committee would like to invite you to join us for this year's Church Family Picnic!** Hosted at the same location of Virgil Sports Park, it will be held on **Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will begin at **11:00am** with a potluck-style lunch following at 12:00pm. We invite you to please bring one main dish as well as either a salad or a dessert to share. Also, please remember to bring your own lawn chairs, plates, cutlery, and drinks. We have multi-generational games planned following lunch, as well as an over 30/under 30 baseball game, so we invite you to please stick around to participate with us! We hope to see you all there to enjoy in worship and fellowship with our church family!

### **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.

#### **Office Hours This Week:**

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

#### **LIGHTHOUSE:**

### **Grade 7 & 8's**

Today Sunday May 28 - Steve Cox will be speaking to the Grade 7 & 8 class during Lighthouse.

### **June 4 PANCAKES AND FUN**

Please have kids come for 9:45 a.m. for pancakes and fun in the gym  
Kids will be done at 10:35 a.m. as service starts at 10: 45 a.m.

## **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 [jrempe16@icloud.com](mailto:jrempe16@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 **today, 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 board by the church office.

**Royal Elite International Academy invites us to their Fun Fair on Sunday, June 4th 1:00-6:00pm.** Take this opportunity to engage with our local community as they offer a barbecue, lots of great activities such as a bouncy castle and bubble soccer, and a crafts section. All proceeds will be going to the Niagara Falls Humane Society. 1875 Niagara Stone Rd, NOTL. See the poster for more info.

**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.

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).

### **MEDA:**

**Interested in connecting faith and work in your daily life?** Everyone is welcome at MEDA Niagara’s next breakfast meeting Tuesday, May 30, 7:30-8:30am at Sweets Café and Bistro (Ontario Street location). Dean Shoemaker of MEDA will be sharing his faith/work story. \$10 at the door. RSVP to Maria Klassen at [maria.h.klassen@gmail.com](mailto:maria.h.klassen@gmail.com) or at [289-362-5963](tel:289-362-5963).

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Gardening Kits:** MCC has been approached by 9 isolated First Nations communities in northern Ontario where the cost and availability of food is a serious issue. Help us raise funds and supplies to send site-appropriate seeds and a garden kit to communities working to sustain food production in their homeland. For a list of supplies and more info go to [mcco.ca/gardening-kits](http://mcco.ca/gardening-kits).

**Start planning now to celebrate World Refugee Day** (Tuesday, June 20th is the actual day) in June with newcomers in our community! Plan a get-together with a newcomer family (who could be your sponsored family if you're a sponsoring group) to celebrate new beginnings and new relationships! This year, MCC is offering \$50 grocery gift cards toward the cost of hosting. More info at [mcco.ca/wrd2017](http://mcco.ca/wrd2017) or email [refugee@mcco.ca](mailto:refugee@mcco.ca)

**IVEP Hosts Needed** Interested in travelling the world without leaving home? Open your home to an International Volunteer Exchange Program participant! Hosts are needed in Kitchener-Waterloo, St. Catharines, Stouffville, and Elmira for the 2017/2018 IVEP term. Remuneration is provided. Go to [mcco.ca/ivep](http://mcco.ca/ivep) or contact Sheryl Bruggeling ([sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca](mailto:sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca) or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

## **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))

### **Spring Membership Meeting** Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 pm. 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

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm** Spring Membership Meeting

**Friday: 7:30 pm** Youth

**Next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost**

**8:45 am** Praise & Worship Practice

**9:45 am** Lighthouse Praise & Worship

**9:50 am** Choir Practice

**10:45 am** Pentecost Communion Worship Service with Testimonies & Baptisms– Message from David Lewis

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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

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| <b>Offering of May 21<sup>st</sup> : \$ 4,978.10</b> |             |             |             |
| Budget                                               | \$ 3,638.10 | MCC General | \$ 1,140.00 |
| Christian Witness                                    | \$ 10.00    | MCC Food    | \$ 70.00    |
| MCC Relief Sale                                      | \$ 120.00   |             |             |

**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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Office Administrator: April Michon [office@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca)

**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.