

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

June 4, 2017

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Kathy Rempel

**Worship in Song**

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow” HWB#118

“I will call upon the Lord” StJ#19

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

*A Medley of Songs*

Brynna Bartel

Children’s Moment

Laurene Nickel

“Jesus is the Living Stone”

Choir

**Testimonies & Baptisms**

Steve Cox

Candidates

Witnesses

Emily Dube

Austin Penner & Josh Klassen

Lindsay Neufeld

Giesela Doerwald & Stephanie Taylor

**Transfer of Membership**

Lisa DeVries

Congregational Response (on Powerpoint)

“I have decided to follow Jesus”

**Proclamation**

Scripture: Matthew 3:13 - 17; John 3:1 – 8

Marlene Heidebrecht

pew Bible p. 935 & 1029

**“Water & Spirit ”**

Pastor Dave Lewis

**Communion**

Bread – “As the Wind Song”

Wine – “Set a Fire”

**Sending**

“We will follow Jesus”

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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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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**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Let us continue to pray for those in our church family who are ill;** Reinhardt Gau who is undergoing treatment for cancer, Eric Goerz, who is recovering from a heart attack, and Justina Bartel, who is home from the hospital after several days of testing. May all who are suffering and struggling find consolation in the Lord's healing presence.

**Flowers have been placed in memory** of Aberhard Van Bergen who died exactly 4 years ago today. He is lovingly remembered by Lena Van Bergen and family.

**Sharon and Rudy Dirks wish to thank the NUMC community** for your continued prayers and loving support during Sharon's healing from cancer journey. We are almost ending the fourth month since the diagnosis, and also ending the most difficult part of the treatments. Sharon has only five more radiation/chemotherapy combination treatments left, before a two-month chemotherapy-only stage. It hasn't been an easy month, but the doctors continue to see Sharon as responding very well considering how intense this treatment is. We value your prayers so much. God bless you all, dear friends!

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**At the Welcome Desk are** copies of the June calendar, Transitional Work Group Session #4 Summary and MCEC in Ministry Spring 2017 update.

**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 Fieguth's house at 1881 Concession 4 for our last hurrah of the school year! More details to follow. Stay tuned.

**Peach Salsa Making** Missions and Service committee needs your help. In preparation for the Peach Festival, we will be making Peach Salsa:

- Salsa preparation – chopping and dicing vegetables – **Friday Night June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 7:00 start**
- Salsa making – **Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 start**

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer, please consider helping. Stay for the full time or just a couple hours.

**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!

**'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign for Hannah House** We continue in our annual Hannah House 'Change for Life' Baby Bottle Campaign. The baby bottles continue to be available to pick up at the Welcome Centre. 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! **Return baby bottles on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> please.**

**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 & 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.

**Christian Education Worker** - As discussed at the May 30 Membership Meeting the Education Committee has requested we hire a "Christian Education Worker" once Stephen Cox finishes his work here. This person would lead, resource, equip and assist in any way necessary in the spiritual nurture of our children (cradle to college). This would be a one year contract until our new Associate Pastor is hired and in place. This request will be going to Church Council for approval at the June 6 Council meeting and will be brought to the congregation for approval afterwards.

**Associate Pastor: German Worship** – As voted on at the May 30 Membership Meeting, NUMC is searching to hire a 0.35 FTE contract position for Associate Pastor: German Worship beginning in the Fall of 2017. This position and how to apply will be posted on our website next week.

**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, in which program you/they are enrolled.

<b>Offering of May 28<sup>th</sup> : \$ 5,549.50</b>			
Budget	\$ 4,364.50	MCC General	\$ 255.00
Christian Witness	\$ 260.00	MCC Food	\$ 100.00
MCC Pork on a Bun	\$ 530.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$ 40.00

**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.

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Church Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Search Committee Meeting
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Peach Salsa Preparations
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Jr. Youth year end party
	<b>7:30 pm</b> Youth
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:15 am</b> Peach Salsa Production
<b><u>Next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic at Virgil Sports Park</u></b>	
<b>11:00 am</b> Worship Service – Message from Steve Cox	
Next week's Nursery volunteers: no nursery service at Virgil Sports Park	

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

**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: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Friday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Our Sermons & Services in June...**

- June 4            **“Water & Spirit”** *David Lewis*  
Matthew 3:13 - 17; John 3:1 – 8
- June 11           Church Picnic – Steve Cox
- June 18           **“What Jesus says to fathers”** *Dave Lewis*  
Matthew 7:24 – 29
- June 25           Nathan & Taryn Dirks

**CANADIAN MENNONITE:**

It was recently brought to our attention that some of the 2017 Milestones have not been published in the Canadian Mennonite. Our church office contacted the administration at Canadian Mennonite and this is what we have been told. “It generally takes about 2 issues before you will see your notices. As for the March notifications, the Managing Editor was able to look back and see that you did send 3 milestones for members of your congregation at the end of March; with these 3 there was an unusual print error due to the size and so they had to be reformatted and then re-printed out, unfortunately due to an oversight they somehow got lost in the shuffle. The Managing Editor apologizes for the inconvenience and frustration it may be causing you and the families involved. We will do our best to get these three notices in by the July 3<sup>rd</sup> issue; again our apologies.”

## **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**MCEC lawn signs welcoming new Canadians are available at the Welcome Centre** - 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 CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale thanks you** for the support and prayers we received for the 2017 Sale. It was a wonderful Sale with large crowds and beautiful weather. We are thankful and blessed. Our proceeds for the Sale total \$330,000.

**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).

**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.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Royal Elite International Academy invites us to their Fun Fair this afternoon, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 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.

**Ten Thousand Villages in Niagara-On-The-Lake** is looking for volunteers for our first ever Fair Trade Rug Event! Our store will be hosting over 250 rugs from Pakistan that come in a wide range of sizes and styles. We are looking for help with loading and unloading the rugs on **Wed. June 7<sup>th</sup> from approximately 12pm-5pm and Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9:30am-2:30pm.** We are looking for volunteers with strong arms and backs as the rugs can be heavy and due to repetitive lifting. If you would like to help please contact Teresa Friesen at [niagara@villages.ca](mailto:niagara@villages.ca) or [905-468-5242](tel:905-468-5242).

**Do you know a young person eager for adventure, learning, travel and friendship** - all while exploring a life of following Jesus? Outtatown still has space available for 2017-2018! Visit [outtatown.com](http://outtatown.com) to learn more and apply.

**Rollkuchen and Watermelon Social, Hosted by St. Catharines United Mennonite Church** Drop by anytime between **5:30 and 7:00pm on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, and enjoy this delicious, traditional Mennonite treat while visiting with family and friends. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door, with all proceeds going towards the support of a number of St. Catharines UM's high school youth, who will be travelling to Honduras for a service and learning trip.

**Bazaar at the United Mennonite Home** Please join us on **June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:30** at 4024 Twenty Third Street, Vineland. Enjoy Bake and Penny sale, Silent Auction, Raffle and a delicious Barbecue. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Boland. Everyone Welcome. Donations are also welcome-Tax receipts available for monetary gifts.

**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!

**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 **June 18 and 25**

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.

**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.

**Online Filming Privacy Notice** – Our church services are recorded for streaming 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.