

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

July 2nd, 2017

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Worship in Song

John Rempel

“Jesus stand among us” HWB #25

“How sweetly chime the Sabbath bells”

“I’m pressing on the upward way” StJ #96

Congregational Life & Announcements

John Tiessen

Offering Focus- MCC

“Whatsoever you do” StS #52

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Jon Bradnam

“O day of rest and gladness” HWB #641

Scripture: Genesis 2:4; Exodus 20:1-2,8-10; Mark 2:23-28

Marlies Boldt

Pew Bible pages 2, 73, 74, 970

“The Restfulness of God”

Pastor Stephen Cox

Sending

“We will walk with God” StJ #78

Benediction

Pastor Stephen Cox

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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:

Please continue to pray for Elizabeth Schachowskoj, who is reporting improved health, however remaining under care at the Niagara Falls hospital. She sincerely appreciates being lifted to our Lord and Saviour through the prayers of this faith community. She also welcomes visitors to see her as her health continues to improve. May the healing touch of Jesus minister to her physical sufferings.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

July calendars are available at the Welcome Centre. Our website calendar is always up to date and accessible online as well!

Stephen Cox Service of Blessing & Release – We will be having a service of blessing and release for Steve & Christina Cox **this coming Sunday, July 9th**. Everyone is invited to join us after this service for a potluck BBQ lunch. Please bring either a salad OR a dessert to share. We will BBQ hamburgers and a few hotdogs. Bring lawn chairs or blankets if you wish to sit outside.

Ladies Breakfast this Thursday! All ladies are invited to join together this coming **Thursday, July 6th**, 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. All women are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Special Membership Meeting Please join us immediately after the Worship service on **Sunday, July 16th**. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend. We are expecting two votes to happen during this quick special meeting and encourage members to participate in the discussion and decision-making. The agenda is enclosed in today’s bulletin.

Youth Ministry Sponsors are required for our 2017-2018 school year! Please prayerfully consider if this is a way that you may be called to serve in our church community. We have a fantastic group of young people and some great sponsors already- some additional leadership is needed to help share the responsibilities and provide extra supervision. Please contact the church office for more information regarding this role or to volunteer.

Books from Pastor Rudy Dirks' personal collection are available to anyone in the congregation who would like to help themselves. The books are on a table outside Sharon's office. They will be displayed until **next Sunday** at which time they will be donated to outside community organizations.

Book Sale in the church foyer. \$1.00 hardcover, \$0.50 soft cover, proceeds of the sale to support our church library.

No more soup labels! Campbell Soups has discontinued their "Labels for Education" program. Therefore, WMCEC is no longer collecting the labels. Thank-you for your participation over the years.

The Search Committee reports that the posting for the position of Leading Pastor is now online at the MCEC website on the "Ministry Opportunities" page. A print advertisement is scheduled to run in the Canadian Mennonite late June or early July. We will also be researching additional websites and publications to get the word out into a wider area. As well, the conference is encouraging qualified and interested potential candidates to submit their applications and at this point there is one already that will do so. If you are aware of anyone, don't hesitate to point them to the posting. Your ongoing prayers and support are appreciated and if you have any questions or concerns, just talk to anyone on the committee. Ruth Willms, John Rempel, Joachim Dau, Becca Willms, Erik Metsa, Becky Bartel and Linda Friesen (Henry).

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 brought to the membership for approval on **July 16th**.

Associate Pastor: German Worship – The proposal by the German Worship team to hire an Associate Pastor on a 35% part-time basis was approved by the membership at the congregational meeting on May 30. The position has been posted at both the NUMC and MCEC websites for applications to be received by July 15. A search committee, consisting of Hans J. Wiens, Wilhelm (Bill) Harder, Franz Siemens and Udo Woelke, will evaluate applications and invite a chosen applicant to be interviewed and presented to the membership for approval at a special meeting. A starting date of Fall 2017 is anticipated.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 3rd – July 9th)	
Monday:	CANADA DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday:	9:00 am Ladies Breakfast 7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting
Sunday July 9th – Farewell Sunday to Pastor Steve	
10:00 am	Worship Service of Blessing & Release for Stephen & Christina Cox
11:30 am	BBQ and Pot Luck Lunch

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

Offering of June 25th: \$9,577.25			
Budget	\$ 5,417.25	MCC General	\$ 735.00
Christian Witness	\$ 405.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$ 600.00
Menn. Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 300.00	MCC School Kits	\$100.00
		MCC Food	\$ 2,020.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of MCC. Donations can be directed to their overall operations (where most are needed), or you can specify specific projects such as food for the hungry, school or other relief kits, Generations at Risk (HIV/AIDS) or disaster relief. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

Membership Meeting Agenda

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 11:10 am

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Proposal to hire a “Christian Education Worker” – vote expected
 - One year contract beginning in the Fall
 - Part time – 25 hours per week
 - To lead, resource, equip and assist in the spiritual nurture of our children
 - Position would be reassessed once the new Associate Pastor is hired
- 5) Proposal to hire a “Worship Co-ordinator” – vote expected
 - One year contract beginning in the Fall
 - Part time – 10-12 hours per week
 - To lead a creative, vibrant, multigenerational worship time
 - Style consistent with NUMC traditions
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Close

Our Sermons & Services in July...

- July 2 **“The Restfulness of God” Final Sermon by Pastor Stephen Cox**
- July 9 Service of Blessings & Release for Pastor Stephen Cox
- July 16 **“The Kind of Life God Blesses” Matthew 5: 1-12 *Dave Lewis***
- July 23 **“What Jesus says you’re good for” Matthew 5: 1-12 *Dave Lewis***
- July 30 Guest Preacher Gregory Dick

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

New MCC Canada Executive Director It is with mixed emotions that, as of September 30th, 2017, we bid farewell to our beloved Executive Director, Rick Cober Bauman. Fortunately for MCC as a whole, Rick's next role will be as Executive Director of MCC Canada where he will continue to provide the warm, wise, and forward-thinking leadership that we have benefitted from here in Ontario.

Material Resources Shipments We have two upcoming shipments, potentially to the Middle East. Bars of hand soap, laundry soap and sewing kits have been requested. Please consider making a financial donation to help purchase these greatly needed supplies, or buy them and donate to Material Resources at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener. To make a financial donation, call 519-745-8458 and specify that it's for soap or sewing kits. Questions? Call Carolyn Gray at 519-745-8458 ext. 234 or email carolyngray@mcco.ca.

Baby Comforters We will no longer be shipping baby comforters. Any comforters that we receive will be distributed locally or sold at thrift shops. Thank you for your generosity throughout the years.

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 St. Catharines for the 2017/2018 IVEP term. Remuneration is provided. Go to mcco.ca/ivep or contact Sheryl Bruggeling (sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Save the date: The MC Canada Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of **July 12** and will be live streamed for those who wish to take part. A live stream link will be provided in a future announcement.

Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: <http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft>

Pray for Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine and Israel Resolution Working Group as they continue to develop resources supporting the Palestine and Israel resolution passed at Assembly 2016 and nurture relationships among Palestinian and Jewish neighbours. May such efforts raise awareness and encourage action toward peace and justice today. Pray for open hearts and minds to receive new understandings of justice and peace in this conflicted land. See the congregational study, Pathways for Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel at www.commonword.ca/go/1032.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Cherry Festival! St. Mark's Church in NOTL is holding a Cherry Festival on Saturday, July 89th from 9-3pm. Visit them at 41 Byron Street near King for cherry pies, BBQ, music, Exclusive Events Auction, jewellery, clothing, treasures, books and more! See the poster on our community board!

Pleasant Manor Fundraising Please see our community board for information on Pleasant Manor's July Fundraising initiative.

Niagara Life Centre Counselling needs your help. If you love to cook, and are able to take part in our cooking ministry for 8-10 young pregnant moms, we need you. Every Thursday the NLC Young and Pregnant Niagara group meets from 4:30 to 6:30 and this includes a healthy dinner. If you're interested and looking for how you can help with this program, please call Rita or Joanne at [905-934-0021](tel:905-934-0021).

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 to learn more and apply.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP: Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and to help with maintenance projects the weeks of **July 16-22 and August 6-12**. For more information please contact the camp – 519-422-1401 / fun@slmc.ca or visit www.slmc.ca/volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE! Seeking Understanding: Reading the Bible in light of same sex relationships - Saturday, **September 30-9:00 am - 3:00 pm**, Grace Mennonite Church, St. Catharines. Seminar presenter: Dan Epp-Tiessen, professor of Bible at Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg. Cost - \$15, includes coffee break and lunch. Planned by Grace Mennonite Church, The First Mennonite Church, & Vineland United Mennonite Church. Stay tuned for more details!

Office Hours This Week:

Monday: **CANADA DAY** - Office Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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.

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.