

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

<b>Gathering</b>	Laury Willms
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Joachim Dau
<b>Worship in Song</b>	Chris, Gina, Kathy & John Rempel
“Santo (Holy)”	
“I stand amazed in the presence” HWB #528	
“Blessed Jesus, at your word” HWB #13	
“I was there to hear your borning cry” StJ #89	
<b>Congregational Life &amp; Announcements</b>	Joachim Dau
Offering Focus- MCC	
<i>Offertory Song</i>	Ella Rempel
<b>Proclamation</b>	
Children’s Moment	Ellery Rauwerda
“Blest are they”	
Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-20, pew Bible p. 936-937	Peter Janzen
<b>“What Jesus says you’re good for”</b>	Pastor Dave Lewis
<b>Sending</b>	
“Abide, O dearest Jesus” HWB #426	
Benediction	Pastor Dave Lewis

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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:**

**Flowers at the front of the church are from the funeral service of Elizabeth Schachowskoj**, which took place on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>. She passed away last week on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Her family is thankful to everyone who helped in the care, visitation, funeral service and fellowship meal for Elizabeth.

**Flowers at the front of the church are in memory of Brunhilde Hummel**, who is lovingly remembered by Robert and family on the anniversary of her passing one year ago.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Pastor Stephen Cox** is now on vacation until the completion of his contract with us- July 31<sup>st</sup>. We wish Steve and his family all the best in their future ministry in their new location.

**The church office will be closed on Friday this week.** Please have all of your announcements in to the office by Wednesday at noon this week. Thanks!

**Special Membership Meeting**

Church Council has cancelled the Membership Meeting scheduled immediately after the Worship Service today. The status of the two items on the agenda are as follows:

- i) **Christian Education Worker** – Church Council believes the best solution for our Christian Education program in the interim period would be a few well-placed volunteers. We are pleased to have had members step forward to fill some key positions in the Lighthouse and Youth ministries but are in need of a few more. We encourage the congregation to continue to be prayerful and supportive of our Christian Education Ministries.
- ii) **Worship Co-ordinator** – The Worship Committee is not ready to put forward a recommendation at this time.

**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 great sponsors in place already, though additional leadership is necessary to help share the responsibilities and provide extra supervision.

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

**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. Deadline: August 21<sup>st</sup>.

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	
<b>8:30 am</b>	German Choir Practice
<b>9:00 am</b>	German Worship – Message by Hans H. Dau
<b>10:00 am</b>	Worship Service – Message by Pastor David Lewis

*\*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: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Friday: Office Closed

<b>Offering of July 9<sup>th</sup>: \$6292.25</b>			
Budget	\$ 5,062.25	MCC General	\$ 600.00
Christian Witness	\$ 260.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$ 170.00
		MDS	\$ 200.00

**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.

## Our Current Sermon Series... **THE ESSENTIAL JESUS SERIES**

Matthew has devoted more space to the words of Jesus in his gospel than any of the other gospel writers. He has preserved for us at least five of Jesus' major talks. The longest and best known of these talks is 'The Sermon on the Mount'. Over the summer months, we will be exploring the foundational themes Jesus outlines in this teaching. Here He gives concise statements on the essentials for becoming the kind of person who lives with God's kingdom values in mind. At the conclusion of this talk Jesus stated that all who would live by what He taught would have the benefit of understanding what is necessary to actually do what is right.

- July 16     **"The Kind of Life God Blesses"** Matthew 5: 1-12
- July 23     **"What Jesus says you're good for"** Matthew 5: 13-20
- July 30     *Guest Preacher Gregory Dick*
- August 6    **"How not to be Religious"** Matthew 21-48
- August 13   **"Prayers that God Hears"** Matthew 6:1-18
- August 20   **"What Jesus says about Ambition"** Matthew 6:19-34

### **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**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>

**The North American Vietnamese Mennonite Fellowship (NAVMF)** held its biannual conference in Calgary June 30 to July 2, 2017. Pray that relationships nurtured through this gathering will resonate long after it ends. May connections be enhanced between the Vietnamese Mennonite churches in Canada and the US, inspiring new opportunities to support Vietnamese Mennonite Churches in Vietnam.

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**New MCC Canada Executive Director** It is with mixed emotions that, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our urgent request for onesies in March! We exceeded our goal of 196 onesies to include in our infant care kits. A batch of 96 kits has already shipped to Ukraine where we partner with orphanages, and another 96 will be loaded on a shipment next week to Jordan that will help families affected by the conflict in Syria. It was really moving to receive and to send these beautiful, soft, warm gifts.

**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](mailto:carolyngray@mcco.ca).

**Grow Hope:** There are still acres available to sponsor through Grow Hope Niagara and raise funds to help hungry people around the world. \$400 per acre can become \$2,500 through government matching. More info at [mcco.ca/grow-hope-niagara](http://mcco.ca/grow-hope-niagara).

**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](http://mcco.ca/ivep) or contact Sheryl Bruggeling (sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 ext 265) for more info.

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) receiving financial donations for forest fires in British Columbia.** People in BC have already lost houses to the fires and we are planning for MDS volunteers to help in the recovery phase of this disaster. MDS is accepting financial donations for that recovery. For further updates on the MDS response and financial donations go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/> or call the MDS office at [1-866-261-1274](tel:1-866-261-1274).

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

**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](http://outtatown.com) to learn more and apply.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – SILVER LAKE MENNONITE CAMP:** Volunteers needed in the kitchen & for maintenance projects **August 6-12**. For more info contact the camp – 519-422-1401 / [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca) or visit [www.slmc.ca/volunteers](http://www.slmc.ca/volunteers).

**MEDA BBQ- Friday August 25th, RSVP by August 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please see the poster on the Community Bulletin board. The BBQ is a fund raiser for MEDA's Myanmar project.

**The Abner Martin Music Scholarship** (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2017-18; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. Application deadline is **September 15**. For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at [lbrubacher@sympatico.ca](mailto:lbrubacher@sympatico.ca).

**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!

#### **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.