

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Rachael Peters

**Call to Worship**

Linda Friesen

**Worship in Song**

Jon Bradnam, Rachael Peters, Ellery Rauwerda

“Praise the one who breaks the darkness” STS #1

“Lord Most High” power point

“Jesus Help us Live in Peace”

**Congregational Life & Announcements**

Linda Friesen

Offering Focus- Christian Witness

“When Jesus Worked Here on Earth.” STS #38

**Proclamation**

Children’s Moment

Jon Bradnam

Special Music

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-48 Pew Bible p. 937

Ingrid Dau

**“How not to be religious”**

Pastor Dave Lewis

**Sending**

“Will you come and follow me” STS #39

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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**German Worship Service - 9:00 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Ramona Neufeld, Psalm 111 2-3**

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Lied: GB #40 “Ich singe dir mit Herz und Mund” Verse 1, 2, 3 und 8

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB # 139 “Teures Wort aus Gottes Munde” alle Verse

Chorlied

**Schriftwort:** 1. Mose 12:2 und Römer 15:29

**Botschaft:** “Wir sollen ein Segen sein” – **Hans J. Wiens**


## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Please Pray for Erika Froese** who is in the critical care unit of the St. Catharines General hospital where they are trying to determine what went wrong during a minor procedure at the doctor's office last week and what to do to prevent this from happening again. The family asks the congregation to pray for Erika as well as her doctors so they are able to diagnose the problem and find a solution.

**Please continue to pray for Audrey Epp and family**, as Audrey's health rapidly declines. May our precious Lord and Comforter bring his tender, loving peace to Audrey, as well as to her family, along with the strength they need to endure this painful time for them all. They really value and appreciate the prayers and visits of their church family at this time.

**Elizabeth Koehn passed ON Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the visitation and funeral will be held here on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., Choir to meet at 10:30 a.m., funeral at 11:00 a.m.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Peach Festival Volunteer Sign-up!** This coming Saturday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>** is the annual NOTL Peach Festival! Our church will be selling our famous peach salsa once again, as an outreach project under our Missions & Service committee. Please sign-up to support this fun service project! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. **Did you know?!!** When we claim our salsa is famous, we mean **FAMOUS!!** This week we had a couple drive to our church all the way from Quebec to purchase our peach salsa! Their drive was 6 hours, and they loaded up with 14 jars! When asked why they came all this way, they told us that it was worth it! Way to go!! 

**Graduates & Post-Secondary Students** – please kindly inform the church office of recent graduations and/or upcoming or continuation of post-secondary studies this fall (program area also). Deadline: **Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Last week the church office was told that Therese Bergen had moved**, however, this information was incorrect. Therese is still living at Tabor Manor. We apologize for any confusion this announcement caused. Her address remains: Tabor Manor- LTC#313, 7 Tabor Drive, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1V9, 905-934-2548.

**We are really excited about getting together with as many ladies** (mothers, daughters, oma's, friends) of all ages from our church for a time of singing and fellowship (this means food too!). We would like to invite you to come out to church on **Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** for fun, fellowship and singing. On Wednesday night will be preparing the music for the **Sunday Worship service on August 27<sup>th</sup>**, which we hope you can attend. Looking forward to seeing you, Rita & Laury.

**Recruiting Welcome Centre volunteers!** We have a great team of volunteers who faithfully serve at the Welcome Centre each week. We are blessed with their smiles and friendship, as they share their gifts of hospitality with us, as well as newcomers. If anyone would like to join this team, or has questions about what is involved, please kindly speak with April in the church office. We would love to invite some new faces to the rotation! 😊 A new schedule will come out in September, so please connect with the office by Labour Day weekend to be included on it for the 2017-2018 schedule.

**Thank-you to all of our Scripture Readers!** We are so blessed to have so many people participate in our worship services through the rotation of Scripture readers! **Thanks to everyone** who read for us as a part of the 2016-2017 schedule. Our next schedule is now being prepared and will be out in mid-September. If you do not ask for your name to be removed, you will be automatically included in this 2017-2018 schedule. To be removed from this list, please let the office know to remove your name from upcoming schedules. If you would like to be added to the Scripture Reader list, please contact the church office!! 😊

**The Upper Room Renewal-** If you wish to continue receiving your copy of The Upper Room devotional, please contact April in the office, as well, be sure to include any updates on the quantities that you require. If you would like to start subscribing, please contact April to add you to the group subscription. The cost for the 2018 subscription will be \$15 per subscription (one devotional every two months). Payment can be made at the Welcome Centre, or in the church office.

## **LIGHTHOUSE:**

**Lighthouse Curriculum from Menno Media has arrived-** “Digging for Treasure” – Parables Revealed! A display is set up in the lower foyer. Feel free to browse the materials, sign up to help in areas, offer feedback, ask questions and pray for God’s leading for Lighthouse. Laurene Nickel (905)262-5166 or [karlhnickel@yahoo.com](mailto:karlhnickel@yahoo.com)

## **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>

**Future Directions Update:** Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and Area Churches are now available at <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/documents/>

**We invite your prayers for all affected by the wildfires raging on in BC:** the people who have been displaced and those who are at risk of being displaced, including First Nations communities; the firefighters, policemen, military and health professionals who are battling the fires and the aftermath; those who are welcoming displaced people into their homes and communities—particularly MCBC congregations who may be affected and/or called upon to help; leaders who are orchestrating responses and planning for recovery; and those who are affected by smoke. Pray that God’s grace will be abundant and overflowing in the midst of this disaster. May needs be met and sufficient energy for the work at hand be found.

**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.



## **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.

**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 donate: call 519-745-8458 & specify that it's for soap/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. Contact Sheryl Bruggeling ([sherylbruggeling@mcco.ca](mailto: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 is raising funds for its Outdoor Beautification Project** – sidewalks and benches to enhance the grounds for the benefit of tenants and residents. Please consider making a donation! See bulletin board for details, or contact Judy Willems, Director of Communications and Community Development at 905-934-3414, extension 1089.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.** Search Committee Meeting

**Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am** Worship Service – Message by Pastor David Lewis

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

**Offering of July 23<sup>rd</sup> : \$7,549.50**

Budget	\$ 5,704.50	MCC General	\$ 675.00
Christian Witness	\$ 230.00	MCC Food	\$20.00
MCC – Africa	\$400.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$100.00
Menn. Cntr in Ukraine	\$20.00	MCC Grow Hope Niagara	\$400.00

**Offering of July 30<sup>th</sup>: \$4,575.00**

Budget	\$ 3,990.00	MCC General	\$ 370.00
Christian Witness	\$ 145.00	MCC Food	\$ 70.00

**Offering Focus** – Our weekly budget requirement is \$8,260. 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, 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 Hours This Week:**

Monday: CIVIC HOLIDAY - 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 - 12:00 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.