

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 3rd, 2017

Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Call to Worship

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

Midnight Mass

“God’s Not Dead”

“Revelation song”

“Blessed be the name”

Congregational Life & Announcements

Joachim Dau

Offering Focus- MCC

“In Christ Alone”

Midnight Mass

Proclamation

Children’s Moment

Sue Fast

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29 & Galatians 6:1-10

Angela Redekopp

“Live life with us”

John Tiessen

Sending

“God of Wonder”

Midnight Mass

Benediction

John Tiessen

Midnight Mass band members: Andreas Tiedtke, Connor Van Tol,
Olivia Allen, Spencer Glass & Dain Johnson

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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: Hans H. Dau – Grusswort: Psalm 91:1 & 2

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #7 “Heilig, heilig, heilig”

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #354 “Ich will streben”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matt 7:13 & 14

Botschaft: “Wo ist der Weg?” – Joachim Dau

JOYS & CONCERNS:

It is with sympathy that we share the passing of Werner Wall, on August 27, 2017 in Asuncion, Paraguay. Werner is the late brother in law to Erna Braun.

Please continue to pray for the members of our church family who are recovering from sickness, in the healing process from injury, and who are in the need of uplifting from our prayers. We continue to pray for Ernie Pries as he continues the healing process from his bad fall. We continue to lift up Audrey Epp and her family as she battles failing health. We also recognize that many other individuals and families face hardships, physical and otherwise, which go unmentioned publicly. Please continue to share the love of Christ as the Spirit leads, and to ask one another how you can pray for each other.

Please pray for all of the students and teachers in our congregation as they prepare to begin their brand new school year this week. May they continually look to God to lead them through their studies.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Ladies Breakfast! Ladies, you are invited to attend the September Ladies Breakfast Fellowship, which will take place at Anne Marie Enns' home at **9:00 am on Thursday, September 7th**. All ladies are invited to this lovely time of food and fellowship.

We are preparing for a new season of worshiping in song. Please join us for a music/singing workshop on **Thurs. Sept. 7th at 8:00 pm** in the church sanctuary.

Upcoming Time Changes: We will be changing the times of our worship services, as well as Lighthouse, starting on **Sunday, September 10th**. The German Worship Service will begin at 9:50 a.m., followed by the English Service at 10:45 a.m. Everyone (including children) will worship together for the first 20-25 minutes of the service at which time the children will be released to go to Lighthouse. The English worship service and Lighthouse will end between 11:50 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. **On Sunday, September 10**, we will also be having a potluck to kick off the beginning of the "new year". Please pray for all of this during the coming weeks.

Library Reminder: Please check your mailboxes for overdue notices.

Upper Room: Those of you who have not collected your September/October copy, it is available in your church mailbox.

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. Deadline is Sept. 15th.

Search Committee for Lead Pastor: By now you have probably noticed our advertisement in the Canadian Mennonite and the posting on our church website. Candidates have until the end of September to apply for the Lead Pastor position. In the meantime, the Search Committee has been working on a Congregational Information Form as recommended by MCEC as part of the process. The information on this form will give the candidate a good overall picture of our congregation, our theology and our facilities, as well as information about the surrounding community. We are also reviewing other helpful information from the conference and will begin planning the interview process with our next meeting. Our MCEC resource person is David Brubacher, currently half-time pastor at Grace. He comes with many years of pastoral and conference experience and his knowledge of this process has been very helpful. Some of you have been asking if we know how many candidates have applied. Right now, we don't know; but what we do know, is that the Lord is already preparing someone for our congregation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Feel free to contact anyone on the committee at any time. Ruth Willms, John Rempel, Joachim Dau, Erik Metsa, Becky Bartel, Becca Willms, Linda Friesen (Henry).

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

YOUTH POOL PARTY! The youth would like to invite the new Grade 9's to join them for a pool party! It will be held at the Willms residence at 890 Line 2. **7:30 pm Friday September 8th.**

Lighthouse volunteer(s) still needed for the craft portion of each lesson every 3rd Sunday until Jan. 2018. Please prayerfully consider this. Contact Laurene Nickel.

PIONEER CLUB: Calling all Kids!!! Keep your Wednesday evenings free! Come to Pioneer Clubs and learn about Jesus and the Bible! All children ages Kindergarten to Grade 6 are welcome. Registration is **Wednesday, September 13th**. Stay for an introductory fun evening! For further information call the office or check out our church web page!

Our Upcoming Sermon Series... **LIVE LIFE WITH US**

LIVE LIFE WITH US is an invitation that is commonly spoken in the context of the NUMC church community. What does that mean and how will we know if we are fulfilling this calling we have placed upon ourselves? In a series of messages designed to explore the theme of Live Life With Us, we will examine several directives that shaped the church community as it started out on its mission of advancing God's kingdom through faith, hope and love.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Mennonite Disaster Service Response Constance Bay (Ottawa), ON - Repairing from May Flooding: MDS is starting to repair homes that were flooded this spring, assisting vulnerable families who need their basements or crawl spaces insulated and do not have insurance. Volunteers are needed in particular for insulating, some hanging and finishing of drywall, and carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Accommodations will be available. Leadership & Weekly volunteers are needed. The project will start the week of **11 Sept, into Oct**. Please consider volunteering by calling or emailing, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Assembly Registration is open! You are invited to register for the **October 13-15** special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg. Discernment Documents are now available at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca. These documents share important background and proposals for the re-organization of our Five Area Churches and MC Canada. *Register for Special Assembly by September 8 and save \$\$.* Register online at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.

We need your voices! Youth are wanted at the 2017 Special Delegate Assembly, held in Winnipeg from October 13-15. Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI) is partnering with Mennonite Church Canada to invite financial support available to any youth interested in attending the gathering, with no need to apply. EVI will also be providing youth programming related to the Future Directions process. For more information and to donate, visit <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/EVI-Youth2017>.

Pray for peace in our world. Horrific violence is displacing hundreds of thousands in the Congo, with many Mennonite congregations affected. Pray for the Mennonite leaders in Congo as well as other agencies abroad that are hard at work planning relief and peace efforts. A recent attack by gunmen in Burkina Faso has killed a number of people, including two Canadians. Pray for the Mennonite congregations there as they minister. May God's light speak into hearts of darkness.

Thanks be to God for Brad Leitch of Rebel Sky Media, who produced a documentary recording the shared experience of non-Indigenous and Indigenous walkers participating in the Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights, April 23 - May 13, 2017. The Pilgrimage advocated for the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/0soSTguQ4JQ>.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting: Cath & Peter Woolner, former MCC Ethiopia Country Reps will join MCC Ontario staff to update you on MCC's work in Ontario and around the world. For more info, to view the business package and to RSVP, please go to mcco.ca/agm or call 519-745-8458. **Sat, Sept 30, 12-3 pm.** Community Room, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener

Congo Emergency Assistance Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcco.ca/congo-relief, by phone, 519-745-8458 or mail cheques to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1.

Ukraine Shipment Urgent Needs In early November, we will be sending a shipment to the Ukraine and urgently need bed sheets, men's and women's prisoner care kits, sewing kits, infant care kits, bath soap, laundry soap and funds to purchase toothpaste and fabric. More info available at mcco.ca/ukraine-shipment or by calling Wendy Cotter at 519-745-8458 ext 248.

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.

Farewell to Rick Cober Bauman - a Worship Service to Celebrate and Give Thanks for God's faithfulness to Mennonite Central Committee Ontario through the years of Rick's service as Executive Director. **Sun, Oct 1 at 3 pm** at Kitchener MB Church, 19 Ottawa St. North. Fellowship and refreshment time following.



Get your bikes and feet tuned up for a fantastically fun national church bike-a-thon on **Saturday, September 30th** in several locations across Canada. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Ontario are among the many teams in Eastern Canada that you can join or support. Be a part of the "Mennonite Church Canada" team in support of the Witness workers of your choice.

Register at <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca> or contact Jason Martin at jmartin@mennonitechurch.ca or (226) 747-1833.

Or, in Ontario, you can join "The Real MCCO" in support of MCC Ontario Programs addressing poverty, helping refugees and newcomers, walking with Indigenous neighbours and bringing peace through restorative justice. Grab your friends and family for a great time. Register at <https://rideforrefuge.org/charity/mcco> or contact Katie via katiebuchnea@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 x235.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of the ministries of Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Ontario!

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Fairview

Community Church

Fairview Community Church is offering "Ladies Time Out" on Tuesday mornings for women of all ages. For details visit <http://www.fairviewmb.ca/connect/programs> or come to registration on Sept. 12 at 9:00am.

Newark Neighbours would like to thank our congregation for our past support and hope we can help restock the shelves that have become depleted over the summer. In particular they need non-perishable foods, small jars of peanut butter and personal hygiene items. Collection bins will be in the foyer area for the next few weeks.



Niagara Life Centre has moved to 65 Lakeshore Road (formerly Lakeshore Baptist Church). Attend our Fundraising Banquet on **October 27** and hear about our new location and God's blueprint for Niagara Life Centre. For more info go to niagaralifecentre.ca or call 905-934-0021 to reserve your seat today.

Varenecki Supper! Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" on **Saturday October 28th at 6 p.m.** in NUMC auditorium. Tickets \$35 per person (\$20 receiptable) available from Linda Friesen (Henry) 905-684-2929 or George & Teresa Dyck (Vineland) 289-929-3211. A great evening of good food and singing, fun and fellowship, and updates on Ukraine and the Centre's projects. (If you would like to volunteer to help, please call or email me. Thank you, Linda Friesen.)



Please pray for CMU students. Tomorrow and Tuesday hundreds of students from across Canada and around the world will descend onto the CMU campus to begin another term of academic studies. Pray that their learning and interaction will inspire and equip them for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 4th – September 10th)

Monday:	LABOUR DAY - Office Closed
Tuesday:	7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Thursday:	9:00 am Ladies Breakfast at Anne Marie Enns' 6:30 pm Safe Places Seminar 8:00 pm Worship in Song – music/singing workshop
Friday:	6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Alex Froese & Melissa Fyfe Wedding)
Saturday:	3:00 pm Wedding Ceremony Alex Froese & Melissa Fyfe
<u>Sunday, September 10th</u>	
9:45 am	Choir Practice
<u>10:45 am</u>	Worship Service – Message by David Lewis
12:00 pm	Pot-luck Lunch

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

Offering of August 27th : \$4,585.00

Budget	\$3,420.00	MCC General	\$115.00
Christian Witness	\$710.00	MCC Food	\$120.00
MDS	\$100.00	MCC Food - Ethiopia	\$20.00
		Mennonite Centre Ukraine	\$100.00

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.

Office Hours This Week:

Monday: Labour Day – Office Closed

Tuesday - 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.