

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*“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 3 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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Our Lighthouse program, which is a time of fellowship and learning for those aged 4 years to Grade 6 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service. Those in Grade 7 and 8 are also welcome to attend. The children will be called to the front for the Children’s Moment and then released after that. Parents may pick up their children in the Education Wing at the end of the service.

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### Our Current 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.

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| <b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Make the Love Connection</b><br><i>John 15:12-17</i>                              |
| <b>September 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>The Power of Everybody</b><br><i>Romans 12:1-5</i>                                |
| <b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Please Pray for me</b><br><i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i>                                |
| <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>    | <b>Exposing the Imposter in Us</b><br><i>2 Corinthians 3:7-18</i>                    |
| <b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Relational Intelligence</b><br><i>1 Peter 3:8-12</i>                              |
| <b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>   | <b>To Tell the Truth</b><br><i>Ephesians 4:14-25</i>                                 |
| <b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Serving and Sharing</b><br><i>Galatians 5:13-15, Ephesians 5:21, Acts 4:32-35</i> |

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

**Gathering**

Laury Willms

**Congregational Life**

Erv Willms

**Worship in Song**

Choir

**Children’s Moment**

Katrina Metsa

*Children exit for Lighthouse*

**Offering**

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

**Proclamation**

Scripture Reading

Josh Baergen

**“Relational Intelligence”**

**Pastor David Lewis**

(1 Peter 3:8 – 12)

**Sending**

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**German Worship Service - 9:50 am**

**Andachtsleiter: Udo Woelke – Grusswort: 5. Mose 6: 4-5**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #8 "Preis dir, du ewiger"

Chorlied

**Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness**

Lied: GB #11 "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich" V. 1, 4-6

Chorlied

**Schriftwort: Markus 12: 28- 34; Johannes 17:1, 6-10, 20-23.**

**Botschaft: “Einheit in der Dreieinigkeit” – Renate Klaassen**

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Please pray for our delegates, Patricia Regier & Ellery Rauwerda,** who are currently at the Special National Church Assembly this weekend, from October 13-15<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless their experience in Winnipeg and let it be a time of deep connection with others of our faith.

**There are always people in our community who need your prayers** and the touch of God in their lives. Please lift up each other in prayer and in love, and when possible or potentially helpful, make a visit or a telephone call to cheer someone up. May we be the hands and feet of Christ to each other.

**The family of John Harder deeply appreciates all of the prayer support this praying community is offering him** as he slowly recovers in the ICU at Hamilton General Hospital from his heart surgery and complications. Let us continue to lift our prayers and support John and the family through this time of health struggle, giving glory to our healer, Lord Jesus Christ, who remains with us, comforting us all through our pains and suffering. May John experience his peace and healing touch.

**Please continue to pray for Vern Riediger**, as he recovers from his second round of chemo, which went very well. He continues to remain positive about the shrinking lymphoma mass, however experiences concern over his ability to regain the 25 lbs. lost to date through the treatment process. May our prayers to our eternal Healer and Comforter bring restoration to Vern's body and help him to regain strength as he prepares for his third and fourth rounds of chemo approaching in the coming month.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Equipped to serve:** Have you ever wondered about your life purpose? Has it ever crossed your mind that God has a unique role for you to fulfill in the context of your relationships? Have you given any thought to where you could make your greatest contribution for the good of those in your family, church and community? In keeping with the intentional equipping initiative put forward by the Transitional Work Group, an opportunity for you to discover and explore how God has shaped you to be 'His person' in the relational collective with whom He has placed you is being offered in the coming weeks. Listen for more information to be given in today's worship service.

It's everyone's favourite time of year...

*Candlelight Rehearsals Are Beginning!*

Once again, the choirs of Bethany and Niagara UM will join voices under the leadership of Ruth, Shirley, and John to present a lively Christmas program.

**Join us this Thursday, October 19th at 8:00pm in our sanctuary.**

*Full rehearsal schedule to follow.*

**Bring a friend, neighbour or family member too!**

Play an instrument? We need you! Contact Rachael at [rachaelpeters@live.ca](mailto:rachaelpeters@live.ca)

**Junior Youth-** Join us at the church at **6:45pm on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** where we will be departing for a hayride at Agape Valley. Cost is \$12/person. Contact Joachim & Audrey Dau with questions: 905-468-4620.

**Senior Youth Haunted Hay Ride** - Prepare for a scare on a hayride unlike anything you've experienced before. Rain or shine, we'll be embarking on a journey through 50 acres of haunted forest. Please bring \$15 or pay what you can. All youth grades 9-12 are welcome. Meet at church for **7:30 pm on Friday, October 20**. See you there!

**Seniors Time Out Tea!** ALL seniors are invited and welcome to attend the next Seniors' Time Out Tea that will be held here at Niagara UM in the Auditorium on **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm**.

**Varenecki Supper!** Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" on **Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in Niagara United Mennonite Church auditorium. A few tickets left. \$35 per person (\$20 receiptable). Call Linda Friesen 905-684-2929 or George & Teresa Dyck 289-929-3211 to reserve your tickets. George Dyck visited Ukraine and the Mennonite Centre with his daughter in July, and he will share updates from that visit.

### **Invitation to readers of the *Life With Us* newsletter**

Dear readers, our November/December newsletter has a focus on our Anabaptist/Mennonite roots and our stand on pacifism. Since Remembrance Day comes in November, we as Mennonites often like to focus on Peace. What does pacifism mean to you or your parents or grandparents? Do you have a personal story from your life or told to you by parents or grandparents that speaks to this issue of Peace? In a short paragraph, please share this story or experience with our congregation through our newsletter. We would like to receive this article by October 23. Contributions can be sent to [jrempel6@icloud.com](mailto:jrempel6@icloud.com) or [lanigade@icloud.com](mailto:lanigade@icloud.com) or placed in our mailboxes at church, or the Life with Us mailbox by Pastor Dave's office.

Thank-you for your contributions. -Lani Gade & Kathy Rempel

**The Leading Pastor Search Committee** has met to review applications and we will keep you informed as we go along with the process. Your ongoing prayers and support are appreciated. Ruth Willms, Joachim Dau, John Rempel, Becky Bartel, Rebecca Willms, Erik Metsa, Linda Friesen.

**TRIP to see the operetta "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein** on **Friday, January 5, 2018**, in Toronto. (Bus trip, dinner, and show). Call Martha Bartel, 905-468-7029, to reserve your seat.



## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**Special Assembly 2017 Follow-up:** A one issue news sheet, recordings of the streamed video, and other materials can be found via <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.

**In their quest to teach approaches to peace building in Philippines,** Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers Dann and Joji Pantoja are advocating for Indigenous land rights while encouraging understanding between all people groups. Pray for God's shalom over a country experiencing high levels of violence.

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**NEW PRICE!! MCC lawn signs welcoming new Canadians** are available at the Welcome Centre. In 3 languages, the sign reads, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbour." These signs are available at our Welcome Centre for **\$5 each** (which includes the "H stake" for your lawn).

**MCC is Responding to Disasters:** From hurricanes in the Caribbean, flooding in South Asia, conflict in Ukraine and drought in Africa, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. Learn more about our relief projects (*posted on the NUMC MCC bulletin board in the foyer*) and give today to help provide assistance and support to communities as they rebuild. [mcco.ca/disasters](http://mcco.ca/disasters)

**Share the Joy of Giving this Christmas** Choose a gift that is a personal and meaningful expression of God's love this Christmas. Give your swimming instructor the gift of water, your favourite chef the gift of an eco-stove or your nephews and nieces a gift of rabbits and chickens. Browse and purchase gifts in the MCC Christmas Giving catalogue online at [mcco.ca/christmas](http://mcco.ca/christmas), call 1-800-313-6226 for a copy today, view the copy that came in last week's edition of Canadian Mennonite, or browse through the few copies that we have available on the table in the mailbox room.

**To stay fully informed of all the initiatives, opportunities, and projects that MCC has on the go,** please consider subscribing directly to their monthly e-newsletter, which will consist of an email delivered to your inbox once per month. Alternatively, you can also like them on Facebook, view them on Instagram, follow them on Twitter, or subscribe to them on YouTube. **We strongly encourage you to do this so that you do not miss out on any events or news that is important to you!** If you require assistance setting yourself up with this, please contact April, and she will be happy to help you.

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**The Ontario MDS Unit has planned at CCP Training Session** and would like to invite those interested to attend the training. This is in follow-up to those who have expressed interest in better understanding the role of a Church Contact Person (CCP) and how they relate to MDS and their home church. The training will be held on **Saturday, October 21 from 10:00am – 3:30pm** at Grace Mennonite Church in St Catharines. If you or someone you know is interested in attending this event please contact Martin Durksen at 905-736-1060 or Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990. *Further details are on the flyer, located on the MDS bulletin board in our foyer.*

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**The Canadian Bible Society will have an information table, Bible display, and book and stamp sale** at the Fairview Mall on **Oct. 20-21<sup>st</sup>**. This is an opportunity to reach the community regarding the work of CBS, and to raise money for further translation, publication, and distribution of scriptures. For more information, contact Kevin at 905-646-8062.

**Attention students planning to study music at the post-secondary level:** Canadian Mennonite University is holding an Open House for music students on **Thursday, Nov. 2**. Meet the faculty, view the campus, learn about the programs and scholarships being offered. Travel subsidies available. For more information see [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

**School for Laypeople: Doing Spiritual Care** Anabaptist Learning Workshop, a joint program offered by MCEC in cooperation with Conrad Grebel, is offering a workshop for “average people” who take on the role of spiritual care, often fulfilled by seminary-trained pastors. It will include interactive activities, tools for spiritual formation, and theological resources for those who find themselves offering spiritual or pastoral care. **November 11, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm @ Niagara UM Church.** \$40 fee. To register, go to <https://mcec.ca/alw>, or phone 519-885-0220 x24211. *More information is also available on our Academics bulletin board in the lower foyer.*

**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 (October 16<sup>th</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service – Quilting  
7:00 pm Adventsfeier Choir Practice

**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting  
7:30 pm Ladies Book Club

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

**Friday:** 6:45 pm Junior Youth – Hayride @ Agape Valley\*  
7:30 pm Youth – Haunted Hay Ride\*

\*Participation for both Jr. & Sr. Youth Hayrides- meet @ NUMC

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:45 am Choir Practice  
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by David Lewis  
3:30 pm Senior's Time Out Tea

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

**Offering of October 8<sup>th</sup> : \$5,482.00**

Budget	\$ 4,217.00	MCC General	\$ 810.00
Christian Witness	\$ 45.00	MCC Hurricane Relief	\$ 50.00
Menn Disaster Service	\$ 50.00	MCC Ukraine	\$ 50.00
Menn Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 60.00	MCC Food	\$ 200.00

**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.

**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.