

Great Day of Singing



Resonate
MENNONITE WORSHIP AND SONG COLLECTION

OCTOBER 22, 2017

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

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

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

Rachael Peters

Congregational Life

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Special Music

Children’s Moment

Kathy Rempel

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial
section*

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Don Willms

“To tell the truth”

Pastor David Lewis

(Ephesians 4:14-25)

Sending

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our deep sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of Jacob Reimer, who passed away on October 17th. A time of visitation will be held here in the church this evening from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, with his funeral service at 10:30 am tomorrow, Monday, October 23rd. A choir practice will be held at 10:00 am and is open for anyone able to participate. We pray that Justine and the family feel the comforting presence of our Lord at this time and experience his great peace.

The family of John Harder deeply appreciates all of the prayer support this praying community is offering him as he shows slow signs of improvement now in the ICU at the St. Catharines Hospital. His condition is still critical and he is not yet able to receive visitors, though the family still deeply appreciates all of the prayer support. Let us continue to battle these health complications with a mighty presence of prayer for John and the family through this time of health struggle, praising our healer, Lord Jesus, who remains faithful, and who encourages us in our suffering.

Please continue to lift Vern Riediger in prayer, as he prepares for his third and fourth rounds of chemo approaching in the coming month. He continues to remain positive about the shrinking lymphoma mass, however brings his concerns to the Lord over his ability to regain the 25 lbs. lost to date through the treatment process.

Jay & Elysia Vis have requested their church memberships be transferred to Providence Church in St. Catharines. We wish their family God's blessing as they continue to nurture relationships and develops roots in their new church home.

May the healing love of Jesus be present to each one of us today. Those of us who are walking in health and strength can carry those around us who are experiencing more difficult days.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Today, we join with MC Canada and MC USA in the "Great Day of Singing". With the new hymnal scheduled to be completed in 2020, new material is being tested for the songbook. We're joining voices with congregations across Canada and the USA who are also testing some of these new, sample songs. If you have feedback on the three new pieces we're singing today, MennoMedia wants to hear from you here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKJFPBD>

Seniors Time Out Tea! ALL seniors are invited and welcome to attend our Seniors' Time Out Tea that is happening **this afternoon** here at Niagara UM in the Auditorium **at 3:30pm**. All seniors are welcome to join!!

Senior Youth GRUMBLER - Back by popular demand! Defeat the grumblers before they defeat you in this annual Hallowe'en event. **Friday, October 27th at 7:30pm** at NUMC. See you there!!

Varenecki Supper! Fundraiser for "Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine" **this Saturday October 28th at 6 p.m.** in NUMC 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.

CALLING ALL GIRLS Grades 5-12 We are coordinating a special song to be sung during the Peace Sunday service on *Sunday, November 12*, and we need your voices! We will be practicing for the next 3 Sundays, beginning **Sunday, October 29th from 9:30-10:30am** on the gym stage. If you would like to join and are able to commit to at least 2 practices, please contact Rachael Peters or Ellery Rauwerda by Thursday, October 26th, 2017. Feel free to pass this invitation along to friends too! We hope you can make it! ☺

Grade 3 Bible Dedication - We will be holding a short Bible dedication on **Sunday, October 29th at 11:45 am** on the 3rd floor. We invite all family of Grade 3 Lighthouse students to join this event and witness this milestone.

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.

Offering of October 15th: \$12,102.40

Budget	\$ 10,099.40
Christian Witness	\$ 865.00
Mennonite Disaster Service	\$ 150.00
MCC General	\$ 740.00
MCC School Kits	\$ 168.00
MCC Food	\$ 80.00

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.

SPIRITUAL GIFT DISCERNMENT

In keeping with the intentional equipping initiative put forward by the Transitional Work Group and embraced by the congregation, an event designed to assist all who would like to discern their spiritual gifts has been planned for **November 17th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** In preparation for this event, you will be asked to complete a spiritual gifts assessment. The spiritual gift assessment that you will complete is called **Your Leadership Grip**. Don't be thrown off by the title of the report. It is based on the view that ***leadership is a series of functions carried out by a group of people***. The gifts assessment gives you the opportunity to identify your spiritual gifts from three different angles and three different assessments.

- ***Gifts Language*** – identifies where God has made us strong. Each Gift is described with a definition, characteristics, and even liabilities. Through this comprehensive approach, we can more readily identify where God has made us powerful. Foundationally, we will ask *What is your supernatural identity?*
- ***Team Language*** – evaluates how our gifts function in a team setting. With four foundational types, we will look at the characteristics, the aligned Gifts language, and the potential liabilities we may bring to the team. Fundamentally, here we ask *What value do you supernaturally bring to the team?*
- ***Body Building Language*** – reveals how our gifts equip us to grow and expand the Body of Christ. Here, our primary question is *How do you contribute to the Great Commission?*

To take the gifts assessment you will need to give your name and an email address. A sign up table has been set up in the foyer starting after church today. Sign up deadline is November 7. Once sign-ups are complete, a Leadership Grip assessment will be sent to your email inbox. Please complete the report on line. Once completed, your report will be generated right away and sent to the email address you provided. Please print a copy and bring it with you on November 17.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

We are so grateful for your prayers for the 2017 Special Assembly. We invite your continued prayers as the nation-wide church, regional churches and individual congregations begin to implement the decisions that were made. Please note that there is a follow-up Assembly news-sheet, recordings of the streamed video, and other materials to aid attendees in reporting back to congregations, and for non-attendees to get caught up, which can be found via <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/special-assembly-2017-news/>

Additionally, there are copies of the Assembled News at the Welcome Centre for you to take home and read, as well as one posted on our MC Canada bulletin board for you to review, summarizing the major highlights of the Special Assembly.

Seventeen teams and 114 participants—plus a whole lot of generous donors— raised \$32,700 in Mennonite Church Canada Ride for Refuge on Sept. 30, 2017! Read more about it in this week's edition of Your Church at Work: on the MC Canada bulletin board.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for MCC care kits for Ukraine. These were delivered Friday to the MCC warehouse in Kitchener. Mennonite Central Committee has an ongoing need for various kinds of "kits" and these are fun to make up as well as deeply appreciated by the recipients for their quality and usefulness.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

The annual Mennonite Food and Craft Bazaar featuring borscht lunch, baked goods, preserves, crafts, quilts, silent auction and attic treasures will be held on **Saturday, November 4th from 10am to 1:30 pm** at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road. Proceeds go to local and overseas missions. *Please see the poster on our Community bulletin board.*

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 11th, 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.*

Join Theatre of the Beat at the Huether Hotel’s Jazz Room in Waterloo for an intimate fundraiser for a new van to keep the troupe on the road. Entertainment includes No Discernible Key, Dan Root, Theatre of the Beat and a Silent Auction. \$20 Tickets include entry and appetizers. **Sunday November 26th at 6:00pm**. For details and ticket purchases go to (www.theatreofthebeat.ca) or check (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1910494229199428>)
See poster on our Community bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (October 23rd – October 29th)

- 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
- Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
- Friday:** 7:30 pm Youth – Grumbler
- Saturday:** 6:00 pm Varenecki Supper

Sunday, October 29th

- 9:45 am Praise & Worship Practice
- 9:20 am German Choir Practice
- 9:45 am Choir Practice
- 9:50 am German Worship Service – Message by Hans J. Wiens
- 10:45 am Worship Service – Message by David Lewis
- 11:45 am Grade Three Bible Dedication

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

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.

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