

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

November 5<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.

### **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Congratulations to newlyweds Jolien Koole and Curtis Carter** who were married in our church yesterday. We wish them great joy and happiness as they embark on their new married life together. May God continually be their guide and bless them abundantly.

**Your prayers are deeply appreciated for John & Lucy Harder**, as John continues to struggle with his failing health in hospital. As the family remains ever vigilant, always hopeful, and constantly faithful, we pray for the renewing presence of Jesus to radiate in that hospital room and to fill the hearts of John, Lucy and the family. May our eternal healer bring encouragement, peace and hope to them all.

**The family of Jacob Reimer**, whose funeral was held here October 23 would like to thank everyone who helped in the visitation, funeral service and fellowship meal. We appreciated everyone’s thoughts, prayers and comforting words. Special thanks go to John, Kathy, Marlene and the choir for the beautiful music, Jeff and Anita for getting the church ready for us, all the Helping Hands volunteers and Pastor Dave for guiding us through.

**Let us pray for** continued renewal of the eternal hope that Jesus offers for Vern Riediger and his family in this fight against Lymphoma. As he continues through his treatments, may the Lord continue to provide what he needs each day, and cover him with his warm and loving embrace.

**As these darker fall days settle in, please continue to spread the light of Christ** to others in our church family and community, by upholding one another in prayer to our Father in Heaven, and being the physical hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbours, as the Spirit leads.

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**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

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| Gathering           | Laury Willms  |
| Congregational Life | Joachim Dau   |
| Worship in Song     | Choir         |
| Children’s Moment   | Katrina Metsa |

*Children exit for Lighthouse*

Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Proclamation

Scripture Reading Eric Froese

**“Is the Larger Church Body Relevant? MC Canada Future Directions”**

Patricia Regier & Ellery Rauwerda

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

**Sending**

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**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**UPDATE – The Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly, Oct. 13-15, marked a historic turning point for Mennonite Church Canada**, Regional Churches, and our congregations across the country. Delegates charted a new course for Mennonite Church Canada with a 94% approval of the Covenant New restructuring proposal. The new structure revisions Mennonite Church Canada as the covenant partnership created by the five nationwide Regional Churches. Working together, Regional Churches have been mandated to foster the health and vitality of local congregations, who are engaged in mission in their immediate neighbourhoods and around the world. While delegates celebrated a structure that has served them well in the past and grieved its passing, they also embraced the vision of a vibrant, nationwide Mennonite Church that is actively engaging our world. To learn more, visit [www.futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca).

**Future Directions: Covenant News** is available at the Welcome Centre.

**The Assembled News**, the newsletter detailing the events of the special assembly of the National Church held in October are available for you to review and take home. Please pick up your copy at the Welcome Centre.

**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Vacation Notice:** Pastor Dave is on vacation returning Monday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note the following information from the church office:**

- The automated door locking system for the glass doors by the church office has been reset and all existing FOBs no longer are effective. Please return these to the church office at your earliest convenience.
- New FOBs are ready to be reissued for chairs and leaders of ministries and councils/committees who require access to the building during off hours. Please contact the office to discuss whether or not your needs fit within the parameters for possession of a FOB.
- Please remember that the preferred method of access to the building for church members is to arrange to come to the building when it is already open; for business hours (office hours), during weekly evening programming (as listed on the back of the bulletin), or during our library hours (Saturday mornings 9am-12 noon). If you require access outside these times, please contact the office to make arrangements to have the doors preprogrammed to be unlocked for your entry.

**November calendar is available** at the Welcome Centre.

**Senior Youth International Night** - We're SO excited to join with students at the Royal Elite International Academy for our first ever International Event! Try foods and meet new friends from all over the world! Games, snacks, a dessert challenge, and more are a part of this fun-filled evening. Meet at the Academy (the old Niagara District, [1875 Niagara Stone Rd](#)) at **7:00pm on Fri. Nov. 10**. Sponsors from NUMC and students from the academy will be there to welcome you. Bring a friend and your appetite! See you there!!

**Spiritual Gift Discernment:** This is the final Sunday to sign-up for the Spiritual Gift Discernment event to be held on **November 17 from 6:30 - 9:00** at the church. We have also made available a secondary date of Thursday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> for those of you who cannot be there on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. More information is available, along with a sample of the extensive report linked to the spiritual gifts assessment that not only identifies your individual gifts, but helps you understand how your spiritual gifts play out

in the context of relationships within the church body. Come to the sign-up tables in the foyer before or after Worship today to see this sample document, or to speak with April regarding these events.

**Parent Conversations** - If you have a child between grade 6-12, we invite you to gather for a time of open conversation about spiritual nourishment & equipping for our youth and junior youth on Sunday, **November 26 at 9:00AM** in the youth room. This is a chance to engage in honest and open dialogue as we consider the next generation of our church family. ALL parents are welcome, no matter what level of church participation your children are engaged in. Please ***sign up*** by e-mailing Ellery Rauwerda ([ellery@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:ellery@redbrickchurch.ca)) by ***Sunday, November 19***. Please try to make it out - these are critical conversations! Thank-you!

**Keep Someone Warm** - As the cold of winter sets in, we have a chance to help keep our neighbours warm through this Community Care initiative. Until December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting & decorating our sanctuary with warm clothes for all ages. Donations of NEW hats, gloves coats, boots, slippers, PJs, socks, and long underwear for ALL ages are needed. Please leave donations in the Community Care barrel in the bottom foyer. Our youth will take care of the decorating! Any questions, contact Ellery. Thank you for your generosity!

**Fall Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**Agenda:**

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of May & August Membership meeting minutes
- 5) Financial Update
- 6) Search Committee for Lead Pastor - Update
- 7) Transitional Workgroup Recommendation - Restructure Leadership
- 8) Youth & Education Director
- 9) Refugee Update
- 10) Spiritual Council
- 11) Maintenance Update
- 12) Other Business
- 13) Close

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| <b>Offering of October 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$4,172.70</b> |             |                      |           |
| Budget                                                 | \$ 3,122.70 | MCC General          | \$ 710.00 |
| Christian Witness                                      | \$ 190.00   | MCC School Kits      | \$ 20.00  |
|                                                        |             | MCC Food             | \$ 130.00 |
| <b>Offering of October 29<sup>th</sup>: \$8,060.25</b> |             |                      |           |
| Budget                                                 | \$ 6,925.25 | MCC General          | \$ 780.00 |
| Christian Witness                                      | \$ 185.00   | MCC Hurricane Relief | \$ 500.00 |
| MDS                                                    | \$ 250.00   | MCC Food             | \$ 50.00  |

**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.

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**MCC Peace Conference** Learn how MCC is working for peace and justice around the world at our annual Peace Conference (formerly Fall Conference) with special guests from Palestine and Israel. To register or for more info call 519-745-8458 or go to [mcco.ca/peace-conference](http://mcco.ca/peace-conference). Sat **Nov 11, 9 am-4:00 pm**, Cornerstone Christian Community Church, 9680 Ninth Line, Markham.

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

**Pleasant Manor will be holding a memorial service** On **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, Pleasant Manor will be having a memorial service to remember, honour and give thanks to God for those residents and tenants that have died these past six months.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 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. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Rita Epp, or April in the church office. *More information is also available on our Academics bulletin board in the lower foyer.*

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 6<sup>th</sup> - November 12<sup>th</sup>)**

- Monday:** 7:00 am Women baking for Pleasant Manor  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
- Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service Quilting & Devotionals  
3:30 pm New Parents Fellowship with Care Committee  
6:00 pm Adventsfeier Practice  
7:00 pm Fall Membership Meeting
- Wednesday:** 6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting
- Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
- Friday:** 7:00 pm Youth – Meeting at Royal Elite Academy
- Saturday:** 9:00 am Anabaptist Learning Workshop  
9:00 am MCC Peace Conference in Markham

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Peace Sunday**

- 9:20 am German Choir Practice  
9:30 am Peace Sunday Girls Singing Practice  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
9:50 am German Worship Service  
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen

*\*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.

**Name one lament that you have as you think of your experience with the church, either past, present, or future. (A lament describes deep emotions of grief, sorrow, mourning, or fear; an ache or pang)**

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**Name one hope that you have as you think about the future direction of the church.**

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