

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 19th, 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.

~~~~~

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.

~~~~~

Current Mini-Series...

Giving to Your Heart’s Content Series

At a time of the year when giving is so much on our minds, starting next Sunday, Pastor Dave will explore in a two-part sermon series entitled – ***Giving to your heart’s content*** – the crucial matter of bringing God into your giving plans. He will explore the following topics:

The Spirit of Giving - Giving is the overflow of joy in God that gladly meets the needs of others. (*November 19th*)

What to Give - Percentage giving is a heartfelt choice to honour God from the resources He has entrusted to our care. (*November 26th*)

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

Kathy Rempel

Congregational Life

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Choir

Children’s Moment

Yvonne & Scott Vanderlee

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Chris Friesen

“The Spirit of Giving”

Pastor David Lewis

(2 Corinthians 8:1 – 7)

Sending

* * * * *

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Harder family would like to provide an update regarding John's health. Although John has fought valiantly to recover from heart surgery, the strokes he has suffered have made recovery impossible. As his current quality of life is not maintainable, he and his doctors have decided, with the support of his family, to discontinue the routine of dialysis and transition into palliative care. We are so grateful for the prayers and support we have felt from the congregation during this difficult time. We have felt God's presence and love throughout this ordeal, a testament to the prayers going out on our behalf. We ask that you continue to pray for peace and acceptance of the reality we are facing over the coming days and weeks.

Please pray for healing for Henry Riediger, father to Ron Riediger, who is in hospital with a hairline fracture in his hip. The family asks for your prayers for Henry’s healing and mental well-being.

We have several known members of our direct and extended church family who need to be lifted up to God as they suffer physically. Let us remember them with great love as we take them to the Lord in prayer. Audrey Epp, Rosemary Marshall, Vern Riediger- may they all be blessed by our God and surrounded by his love and grace, in whichever stage they may be at in their physical health and healing journeys. 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:

Parent Conversations NEW DATE! - Parents of children between Grades 6 and 12! Due to scheduling conflicts, we have rescheduled this most important conversation to a new date, time, and location: **Sunday, December 10 at 12:00pm** in the 1st floor lounge (area outside the kitchen). Good news - a light lunch will be provided! Please sign up by e-mailing Ellery Rauwerda (ellery@redbrickchurch.ca) by Sunday, December 3rd. Come out to share what is on your heart concerning the spiritual equipping and nourishment of our youth. Thank-you!!

Youth & Education Director – Job Opening

NUMC is looking for a candidate to fill the position of Youth & Education director. The core responsibility is to plan, organize and co-ordinate the Youth Program. This person is also a resource for the Junior Youth Sponsors and Lighthouse Superintendent.

Details are as follows:

- Part time position - 20 hours per week
- Six-month contract from January 1 – June 30, 2018
- See office for a copy of the Job Description or talk to our current director Ellery Rauwerda.
- Interested individuals should submit their resume to the church office by Nov. 28th.

Women in Service: There will be no quilting this **Tuesday, November 21st**.

Library News! Check out the new books in the library on the windowsill.

Seniors' Time Out! ALL seniors are invited to our next seniors tea this coming **Friday, Nov. 24th at 10:15 am** at Pleasant Manor. All are welcome!

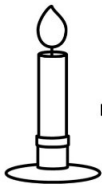
Senior Youth Cluster Event! Youth AND young adults are invited to a night of music, games, food, and fellowship with our broader youth community. Meet at Westview Christian Fellowship (124 Queenston Street, St. Catharines) on **Friday, Nov 24 at 7:00PM**. Clothing, food, and toiletry donations for the Westview Centre for Women are welcome! Musicians, bring your instruments for a jam session! Hot chocolate bar (and other hot drinks) & pizza included. See you there!

Junior Youth will be having a Quesadilla cook off & games night at the Church on **Friday, November 24th, 7:00 - 9:30 pm**. Please join us for another fun filled evening!!

ATTENTION! *Everyone* who is working with children, youth or vulnerable persons is **REQUIRED** to attend our church's Safe Places Seminar every two years. ***We still have approximately 35 individuals who are currently serving in ministry roles who have not done this.*** Two seminars were held in September, and due to the high number of people who did not attend, we are holding a third and **FINAL** seminar on Sunday, **December 3rd from 8:45-10:45 am**. If you or someone you are related to or work with has not yet done this, please gently remind them that this is a requirement of our church's policy to work with our church's vulnerable populations and encourage them to register with April for it.

First Advent: Sunday, December 3rd is our First Advent Service. We love to celebrate this important day in the church calendar in various ways!

- Please join us for this Communion Service, at our regular Worship service time, 10:45 am.
- Everyone is invited to the German Advent Program, Adventsfeier, at **3:30 p.m.** Music by the German Choir, and favourite carols to sing together. Refreshments to follow in the gym/auditorium.
- Please bring cookies and squares to the Adventsfest at church on the morning of Dec 3rd. Please drop off in the kitchen if possible.



+



=

**The musical
highlight of the
Christmas
season!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday December 16th 7:00pm - Bethany

Sunday December 17th 7:00pm - Niagara

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 17th, 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!

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

The Assembled News newsletter detailing the events of the special assembly of MC Canada held in October are available for you to take home to review. Please pick-up your copy at the Welcome Centre.

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Rohingya Refugee Crisis: The Canadian government announced that it's matching donations designated for the Rohingya refugee crisis. For every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians until November 28, the government will contribute an equal amount to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. Learn more about MCC's response at mcco.ca/stories.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:

The Mennonite Disaster Service All-Unit Meeting is being hosted by Region 5 (Canada) from **February 9-10, 2018** in Winkler, MB. This event is open to all who are interested in the work of MDS. For more information or to register for the event see our website mds.mennonite.net/all-unit-meeting or call our Winnipeg office at 1-866-261-1274.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

HANDEL'S YOUNG MESSIAH DEC.17 AT SCOTT STREET CHURCH

Get your free tickets for an evening of celebration as Jubilance Singers and Orchestra delight us with Handel's Young Messiah accompanied by Christmas Carols. This event is specially designed to invite everyone to Jesus, so invite your friends! Tickets are available online scottstchurch.ca/tickets or at the Scott Street Church office. *See the poster on our Community bulletin board.*

PLEASANT MANOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

Pleasant Manor Auxiliary

**Our annual Christmas Bake sale will be held on Saturday,
November 25th from 10am to 11:30am.**

We would appreciate contributions of baked goods from anyone who would like to bake for this occasion. Baked goods could include items such as bread, buns, zwiebak, Christmas cookies, squares, pies. Everyone enjoys purchasing these delicious goodies.

Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off for the bake sale in the Pleasant Manor Chapel on Friday, November 24th between 7 and 8pm.

We look forward to an enjoyable time with you!

The Pleasant Manor Auxiliary

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 20th - November 26th)

- Monday:** **12:00 pm** Ladies Baking for Pleasant Manor Bazaar
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Christmas Visitation Team Gathering
 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
- Tuesday:** **8:00 am** Ladies Baking for Pleasant Manor Bazaar
 6:45 pm Search Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm Adventsfeier Practice
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday:** **6:30 pm** Pioneer Club
 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
- Thursday:** **7:00 pm** Spiritual Gifts Equipping Workshop
 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
- Friday:** **10:15 am** Seniors' Tea at Pleasant Manor
 6:30 pm Jr. Youth – Quesadilla cook off & games night
 7:00 pm Youth @ Westview Christian Fellowship

Sunday, November 26th - Eternity Sunday

- 8:45 am** Praise and Worship Practice
9:20 am German Choir Practice
9:45 am Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service – Message by Ramona Neufeld
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by David Lewis

**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.