

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 14, 2018

“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 Sermon Series ... **RESOLUTE DISCIPLESHIP**

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS? To answer this question, we will consider the words of the apostle Peter who overcame some profound and provocative miscues in his apprenticeship as a follower of Jesus to become a stalwart learner in the discipleship pathway. Beginning with a reluctant faith, he is shaped, mentored, challenged, rebuked and desperately loved by the living Christ into a place of *resolute discipleship*. From a heart purified through the heat of refining fire he hammers out seven virtues that are to distinguish the character of every Christ follower. When purposely added to our lives, these seven virtues outlined by Peter in the opening verses of his second letter will bring more promise, more life, more of God.

January 14	“Doing What You Want- God’s Way”	2 Peter 1:1 – 5a
January 21	“Good to Go”	2 Peter 1:5a
January 28	“The Need to Know”	2 Peter 1:2-3, 5, 8
February 4	“Get a Grip”	2 Peter 1:6a
February 11	“Too Soon to Quit”	2 Peter 1:6b
February 18	“The ‘Me’ God Imagines”	2 Peter 1:3,6c & 1 Timothy 3:15, 16
February 25	“The Feeling’s Mutual”	2 Peter 1:7-11

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Rachael Peters

Congregational Life

Linda Friesen

Worship in Song

Praise & Worship

Children's Moment

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Beverley Epp-Devolin

“Doing What You Want- God’s Way”

Pastor David Lewis

(2 Peter 1:1 – 5a)

Sending

Pastor David Lewis

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers at the front of the church today are in memory of Ed Wilms who passed away 20 yrs ago on January 16th. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Mary, children and grandchildren.

Rudy and Sharon Dirks, on behalf of Helen Andres and the rest of the Andres family would like to thank all of you for your overwhelming love and prayerful support during the recent illness and passing of our Dad, Art Andres. He left us so quickly, but we are so grateful for the meaningful good-bye he had with us, and the joyful and peaceful way he went to be with Jesus.

A thank-you from Stephanie and Tim: Both Stephanie and I can't thank-you enough for allowing her to rehearse at the Church last week. In Stephanie's word's, "it was a very uplifting experience to rehearse there, as the sound was fantastic, and the church has a great spirit about it." Being given the honor to play in front of your congregation was a great experience for Stephanie. She really enjoyed that, as the music had greater meaning playing in a church, rather than a stage. It is not always easy to get this uplifting feeling through music. For Foster and I, we got to listen to his Mom play for a week and I got to spend much needed time with Foster and we had a great time in the nursery. You might find some extra wear on the play pots and pans. Foster could not stop playing in that little kitchen. It was great to eat at his little restaurant.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Ernie Pries, Vern Riediger, Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall as well as those in our community who have not made public their prayer needs.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

On Friday afternoon our church experienced rapid flooding in the basement. As such, entrance to the basement is restricted effective immediately, until further notice. We are handling this through insurance. If your ministry is likely to have been affected by the flood, please refrain from going to look at the damage yourself, but instead contact the office for more information. If you have meetings scheduled in the basement this week, please contact the office regarding whether you will need to be relocated to a different area. **Again, please do not enter the basement until further notice.**

Lead Pastor Search: Now that the Christmas and New Year holidays are over, the search for our leading pastor will continue. Advertising is underway with the Pastoral Profile already up on the MCEC website. Print ads will follow in the Canadian Mennonite and also in their online magazine. As well, the position will be posted at other employment websites that offer categories for ministry positions. We continue the journey together. Let us be committed and as one, in our prayers for a new pastor. "Pray without ceasing."--1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Relocation Notice: Pastor David & Janie Lewis have now moved, and are no longer living at the B&B in Niagara-on-the-Lake, as this property has been sold. As such, they can no longer be reached by that phone number as it remains attached to the property. The Lewis' will be residing at 21 Sandown Street, in St. Catharines, at Mark & Ellery Rauwerda's home to house & cat-sit while they travel abroad until mid-April. Please continue to reach Pastor Dave on his cell phone for pastoral emergencies when he is not at the church, 289-668-4651.

Women in Service is cancelled this week due to the flood.

Pioneer Club is cancelled this week due to the flood.

PICTURES!! We are looking for pictures from events in 2017 to celebrate in our Annual Membership Meeting. If you have a picture to submit, please email it to the church office by **Friday January 19th**.

Seniors Time Out Tea! All seniors are invited to our next Seniors Tea on **Sunday January 21st at 3:30** pm in our church auditorium. Our guest will be Ruth Gade (daughter of Waldemar and Lani), who in her own words had an "experience of a lifetime" with a volunteer group, working in Cambodia and Thailand. Come and enjoy her slides and stories of house building and elephant tending!!! See you there.

The Junior Youth are having their annual Spaghetti Lunch on **January 28th at noon** in the church auditorium. They invite everyone to come out to eat together. Freewill offering.

Save the Date!! Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Tues. January 30th @ 7:00 pm.**

Upcoming Alpha Marriage Preparation Course! Are you engaged? Are you and your partner thinking about marriage? Have you been recently married, and missed out on participating in our pre-marriage Alpha class? It's that time of year again to think about all things marriage!! Couples getting ready to head down the aisle, please join Joannie & Brian Penner as they lead this year's group of couples on their journey towards learning to communicate well, understanding and appreciating your differences, and preparing for potential challenges. The Marriage Preparation Course is for couples who are exploring the idea of getting married and for those who are already engaged. It's designed for those who want to give their marriage the best possible start, whether they're exploring marriage for the first time or have been married before. The course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background. You do not need to be getting married in a church to come on the course. **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 2nd (6-10pm) & Saturday, February 3rd (9 am – 4 pm)** and **REGISTER** with the church office @ 905-468-3313 or office@redbrickchurch.ca.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Senior Youth Paint Night at Royal Elite International Academy! We are so happy that the staff and students at the REIA will be hosting us for another exciting night. Come out this **Friday, January 19th**, for a fun night of painting, games, and snacks! Drop off at the academy (1875 Niagara Stone Rd.) for 7 pm, entering through the doors on East and West line. The sponsors will meet you there. There is no cost and we hope to see everyone there!

Baptism Preparation will begin on **Sunday January 21.** The classes will be held in the Board Room on the second floor of the Education wing at **9:45 a.m.** If you feel called to be baptized this year, or would like to explore the option, please join us for these classes.

Hey Young Adults! Are you looking for a place to be challenged in your faith, connect with others, and grow closer to God? We will be starting up two new Bible Studies in **February** and all are welcome! Contact Jolien Koole Carter for more details.

Calling all Youth! We will be heading to Hidden Acres for our annual Winter Youth Retreat with our Niagara Cluster. The date is the Family Day long weekend. The cost is \$75.00. The plan is to have fun, grow closer to God and each other. If you would like to sign-up please see Becca for a form for your parents to sign- we need these in by the weekend of the 26th. More details to follow.

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

MCEC is pleased to announce the appointment of Marilyn Rudy-Froese to the position of church leadership minister. David Martin, MCEC executive minister, says, “The church always benefits from experienced and skillful leaders to follow God’s lead in giving shape and direction to the church. Having the right person in this role is crucial to MCEC and the congregations that we serve. Marilyn brings an excellent complement of gifts, skills, experience and training to this role. We are grateful that God has blessed Marilyn in this way and has called her to MCEC in service to our pastors and other leaders.”

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

“Reading the Bible with Jesus” – The Bryan Moyer Suderman one-day workshop by this title will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church on Saturday, January 27 [8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., coffee breaks & lunch provided.] For tickets (\$10) contact Marianne Enns at 905-468-3505 or office@bethanymennonite.ca, or Doug Schulz at 905-935-6112 or reachdoug@outlook.com.

Women’s Retreat: February 9-11th, at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Relaxing in the new sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food.....those are just a few of things to look forward to at the Women’s Retreat. Resource person is Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (January 15th – January 21st)

Monday: 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (off-site location TBA)
Tuesday: 9:00 am **NO** Women in Service (cancelled)
Wednesday: 6:30 pm **NO** Pioneer Club (cancelled)
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
Friday: 7:00 pm Youth – Paint Night @ Royal Elite Int'l Academy

Sunday, January 21st

9:20 am German Choir Practice
9:45 am Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service – Message by Udo Woelke
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Dave Lewis
3:30 pm Senior's Tea @ NUMC

**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, 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.

Reminder: This is a fragrance-free workplace. Thank you for not wearing any of the following during your visit: cologne, after shave lotion, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products. Our chemically-sensitive congregation members thank you.

A fragrance-free environment helps create a safe and healthy environment. Fragrances from personal care products, air fresheners, candles and cleaning products have been associated with adversely affecting a person's health including headaches, upper respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, and difficulty with concentration. People with allergies and asthma report that certain odors, even in small amounts, can cause asthma symptoms.

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