

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 21, 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 glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your child and follow along in 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

Kathy Rempel

Congregational Life

Erv Willms

Worship in Song

Choir

Children's Moment

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering ~ Witness

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Melissa Teichgraf

"Good to Go"

Pastor David Lewis

(2 Peter 1: 5a)

Sending

Pastor David Lewis

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German Worship Service - 9:50 am

Andachtsleiter: Renate Dau Klasseen – Grusswort: Micha 4:2

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #386 "Wenn Friede mit Gott"

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB # 340 "Bei dir, Jesu, will ich bleiben"

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 17: 1-9

Botschaft: " Gipfeltreffen" – Udo Woelke

Lied: GB # 162 " Die Gnade sei mit allen"

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Praise report! The Riediger family reports Vern is doing well and has finished his last chemo treatments 2 weeks ago! He will have testing to determine if his whole body is clear of cancer spreading elsewhere, but this is a normal precaution and procedure and is usually remote in the case of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Thanks for all the prayer and support!

Praise God for answered prayer! Ernie Pries is now walking without falling, exercising, and is much more cheerful these days! It took quite some time to diagnose his condition, but now he has the right medicine and can walk without fear of falling down unexpectedly. Ernie & Mary wish to extend their deepest gratitude to all who have prayed for him for such a long time and remind us that prayers are answered! They have experienced this many, many times! Keep on praying until the Light breaks through!

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp & Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall and those in our community who have not shared their prayer needs.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Please note that choir practices today (prior to the worship services) are being held on the 3rd floor in the Lighthouse area.

Our Annual Report is now available. Please pick-up your copy on the table in the foyer.

Life With Us January /February edition is out at the Welcome Centre and online on our website.

Flood Damage Update- The basement of the building continues to be receiving treatment after last week's flood to extract excess water. As this process continues, access to this area continues to remain prohibited. Unfortunately, materials in this area are unable to be retrieved at this time. Meetings and gatherings are not possible in the basement or gym at the present time and until further notice. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available. **Again, please do not enter the basement until further notice.**

Seniors Time Out Tea! All seniors are invited to our Seniors Tea **this afternoon, Sunday January 21st at 3:30 pm** at Creekview Apartments Party Room in the basement. *Please note this change in location (due to our church flooding).* 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.

Cancellations/Relocations:

- Ladies Bible Study will be held off site this coming week. An email will be sent to the group about where the location will be.
- Women in Service
- Pioneer Club
- Junior Youth Spaghetti Lunch - will be postponed for a later date.

Nursery will be self-serve using the glassed-in room behind the church sanctuary until further notice.

Save the Date!! Our Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Tues. January 30th @ 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Copies of previous minutes are available at the Welcome Centre. Please see the agenda in today's bulletin, as well as the Annual Report.

A booklet called "Review and Refresh--Rebooting for 2018" has been prepared and is available at the Welcome Desk. This booklet contains all four Transitional Work Group Session summaries and the resulting Pastoral Profile. The Transitional Work Group sessions, were the first building blocks set down by David Lewis, to prepare NUMC for its future vision and new Lead Pastor. The four summaries are part of the "tool box" used by the Search Committee; and the Pastoral Profile is the main document in our advertising for a Lead Pastor. Pick up a copy to review and refresh where we have been and where we are going. We look forward to a blessed and exciting 2018. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. --The Search Committee

Meeting/Ministry Gathering Reminder: Please remember to book any use of the church through the church office. This is always important to ensure that the desired location is available for you, so that proper room preparation and clean-up is arranged, so that the automated door unlocking system is set appropriately, and so that double (or triple!) bookings are avoided. This is especially important now while many group and ministries are looking to relocate post-flood. Please be extra aware that your group or meeting has booked space in the church as we have limited space available on the second and third floors and many people looking to use these spaces. Kind thanks!

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:

Youth Cluster Event: Come on out to St. Catharines United Mennonite for a workshop with Bryan Moyer Suderman "Jesus as a Songwriter".
7pm Friday January 26. If you need a ride meet at church at *6:30 pm*.

Baptism Preparation will begin today **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:

The annual Anabaptist Heritage Concert will be held on Sunday, March 4, at 7:00 pm, at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church.

Rehearsals will take place on **Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, at 7:30**, at St. Catharines UM Church. Singers please bring black binders.

Not Too Late! – You can still get tickets for “Reading the Bible with Jesus”, the Bryan Moyer Suderman one-day workshop to be held at Bethany Mennonite Church this 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](tel:905-468-3505) or office@bethanymennonite.ca, or Doug Schulz at [905-935-6112](tel:905-935-6112) or reachdoug@outlook.com.

A Community Celebration! Evening of Music with Bryan Moyer Suderman - Saturday, January 27, 7 p.m. at Bethany Mennonite Church, [572 East-West Line, NOTL](#). Admission free. Donations taken for Wells of Hope Project. [Wells of Hope digs wells and builds schools in communities in Guatemala.]

Day of Quiet Prayer: Practices to Nourish our Wintry Souls Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada offer Pat Wagler who will lead a day apart to sustain our wintry spirits with prayer practices both new and familiar as we quiet ourselves, engage our senses, and explore patience as an underrated gift of the season. Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church, **February 7th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

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.

Offering of December 31st: \$10,243.00			
Budget	\$ 6,578.00	MCC General	\$ 2,150.00
Christian Witness	\$ 175.00	MCC Food	\$ 240.00
Capital Fund	\$500.00	MCC Famine Relief	\$200.00
Deacon's Fund	\$100.00	Menn. Cent. Ukraine	\$ 50.00
Youth Group	\$250.00		

Offering of January 7th: \$5,297.00			
Budget	\$ 4,622.00	MCC General	\$ 485.00
Christian Witness	\$ 160.00	MCC Food	\$ 30.00

Offering of January 14th: \$5,410.00			
Budget	\$ 4,665.00	MCC General	\$ 500.00
Christian Witness	\$ 215.00	MCC Food	\$ 20.00
MCC Christmas Gifts	\$ 10.00		

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (January 22nd – January 28th)

Monday: 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (off-site location TBA)
Tuesday: **NO** Women in Service (cancelled)
Wednesday: **NO** Pioneer Club (cancelled)
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
Friday: 7:00 pm Youth – Bryan Moyer Suderman @ SCUM
~ "Jesus as a Songwriter"

Sunday, January 28th

9:45 am Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing
9:45 am Baptism Class
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Dave Lewis
12:00 pm Jr. Youth Spaghetti Lunch- CANCELLED due to flood

**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.