

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 28, 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.

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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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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	Laury Willms
Congregational Life	John Tiessen
Worship in Song	Special Music
Children’s Moment	Katrina Metsa

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Evelyn Finlay
(Philippians 3:1-11)	

“The Need to Know”	Pastor David Lewis
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Today’s Special Music is comprised of: Josh Baergen, Jon Bradnam, Deanna Buller, Julieanne Enns, Emily Fieguth, Ed Janzen, Janice Janzen, Katrina Metsa, Rachael Peters.

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JOYS & CONCERNS:

Elvin and Irene Penner would like to share with the church family that Irene has been diagnosed with cancer. Testing is being done to determine the course of treatment. We would very much covet your prayers as we once again travel this difficult road.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp & Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, as well as those who are experiencing failing health in our community, and others who have not made public their prayer needs at this time.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Annual Membership Meeting this Tuesday January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the Annual Report, including an insert of a late received report from Radiant Care (formerly Pleasant Manor) are available. Please pick-up your copy on the table in the foyer.

Please note that Church Council has prepared a plan to meet our pastoral needs until our new Lead Pastor is in place. A copy of this plan is at the Welcome Centre and we ask that you review the details prior to the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 30. Please also find these details, included as agenda item #13 of the agenda for Tuesday’s Annual Membership Meeting.

Flood Damage Update – The lower basement cleanup and remediation is still ongoing. Boilers, domestic hot water heaters and kitchen equipment have been checked and are good condition. Fans and dehumidifiers are still in operation. The carpets in the old basement have been removed. An Environmental Consultant has taken samples for asbestos testing and some floor tiles have been found to be positive. An abatement plan is being completed. Once that has been done, removal of floor tiles will commence -likely next week. New floor tiles will be installed pending materials and labour availability. Final completion of restoration is still undetermined. The floor leak in the nursery is being investigated. 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. Please contact the office if you require materials from the basement. 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.**

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 this **Tues. January 30th @ 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Although the meeting is entitled "Membership", please understand that anyone who attends our services, takes part in our ministries, or feels a part of our community, is more than welcome to attend this meeting. During these meetings, we receive updates on our ministries, projects and initiatives, discussion is had of the direction of our church, and votes may occur. The voting (if held) is reserved for those who are full members, however, we very much value your participation and interest in all other aspects of the meeting, so please consider joining us for these important times of meeting for the sake of the business items of the church. Copies of previous meeting minutes are available at the Welcome Centre. Please see the agenda in today's bulletin, as well as in the Annual Report, which is again open for anyone to review.

Ladies Breakfast! All ladies are welcome to join together this Thursday, February 1st at 9:00 am at the Red Rooster Restaurant for a time of fellowship and breakfast.

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
****NOTE**** if you picked up a copy last Sunday, there were pages missing. Please take a new copy this week to replace the erroneous copy.

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:

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

Bowling at Fairview. Please meet at the Church at **3:00 pm today, Sunday, January 28th**. Pick up will be at the church at 5:30 pm. The event will be paid for by our Jr Youth budget, but if the kids would like to purchase food, they will need to bring their own money.

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.

Senior Youth! Come out this **Friday, February 2nd** for outdoor skating in Fort George (weather permitting). We will meet at the church for 7:30pm and then will head back to the Sawatzky's (21 Grange Cres.) for some hot chocolate afterwards! Skating is free and you can rent skates at the rink if you don't have any. We hope to see everyone out!

Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of Nov. 7 & December 19 Membership Meeting minutes
- 5) Committee Reports and Financial Statements
- 6) Audited Financial Statements and Treasurers Report
- 7) Budget 2018
- 8) Election of Committee Members
- 9) Refugee Update
- 10) Election of Delegates for MCEC Annual Gathering:
April 27-28, Redeemer College, Ancaster, ON
- 11) Spiritual Council Update
- 12) Lead Pastor Search - Update
- 13) Pastoral Supply – 2018

Pastor David Lewis' 18 month contract which began on Sept. 1, 2016 completes at the end of February, 2018. The earliest expected arrival of our new Lead Pastor would be September, 2018.

Church Council presents the following plan to fill our pastoral needs until our new Lead Pastor is in place:

- i. Extend Pastor Lewis' contract – Pastor Lewis has agreed to extend his service as Lead Pastor until the middle of April, 2018.
 - ii. Supply Pastor - We have found a candidate by the name of Waldo Pauls, a retired MCEC pastor from St. Catharines, to fill the role of Lead Pastor on a half time basis. We have attached his Bio for the congregation to review. He is prepared to start in the middle of April and serve our congregation through to September and possibly longer.
 - iii. Expand the role of our Associate Pastor – German Worship - We have asked Renate Klaassen to increase her time from 1/3 time to 3/4 time to assist Waldo in the role of Lead Pastor. Renate has agreed to fill this role on a temporary basis until the arrival of our new Lead Pastor.
- 14) Other Business
 - 15) Close

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

“The Challenges of Downsizing” presentation by Julie Strobe, professional organizer, and hosted by St Catharines United Mennonite Church, Senior’s Fellowship (335 Linwell Rd.) on **Wednesday, January 31 @ 2 pm**. See the poster for more information.

CMU’s Face2Face Community in Conversation Series continues on **Monday, Feb. 5, 7:00 PM**. ‘The Bible Tells Me so...Doesn’t It? A Conversation with Young Adults on the Tensions of Taking Scripture Seriously’. Join five CMU Undergraduate students from diverse Christian traditions in a conversation about the Bible and how we approach and discern its significance in our lives. See cmu.ca/face2face for details and **livestreaming options**.

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.

You are cordially invited to the Annual Gathering of the Canadian Bible Society (Niagara) at the Salvation Army Citadel, 400 Niagara St., St. Catharines on **Feb 5th at 6 pm**. There will be a complimentary supper, followed by an informational program, and free will offering. Our speaker will enlarge on the work of scripture translation, including among Canada’s Native people. For more information, or to RSVP (before Feb. 1), please phone Kevin at 905-646- 8062.

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**.

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.

Offering of January 21st: \$9,461.10			
Budget	\$ 8,296.10	MCC General	\$ 580.00
Christian Witness	\$ 265.00	MCC Food	\$ 150.00
Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$ 20.00	MCC Africa	\$50.00
Menn Disaster Service	\$100.00		

Offering Focus –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.

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (January 28th – February 4)</u>	
Sunday:	3:00 pm Jr. Youth – Bowling at Fairview
Monday:	7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study (off-site location TBA) 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus
Tuesday:	NO Women in Service (cancelled) 7:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting
Wednesday:	6:30 pm Pioneer Club
Friday:	6:00 pm Alpha Marriage Preparation Workshop 7:30 pm Youth –Skating @ Fort George & Hot Chocolate @ Sawatzky’s (Meet @ NUMC)
Saturday:	9:00 am Alpha Marriage Preparation Workshop
<u>Sunday, February 4th</u>	
9:20 am	German Choir Practice– 3 rd floor of education wing
9:45 am	Choir Practice – 3 rd floor of education wing
9:45 am	Baptism Class- Board Room
9:50 am	German Worship Service – Message by Joachim Dau
10:20 am	Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3 rd floor
10:45 am	Worship Service – Message by Pastor Dave 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, on CD or DVD. Please place your order through the church office.