

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 18th, 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
Congregational Life
Worship in Song
Offering

Kathy Rempel
Erv Willms
Choir

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading

Esther Willms

(1 Timothy 6:11 - 16)

“The ‘Me’ God Imagines”
Sending

Pastor David Lewis
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German Worship Service - 9:50 am

Andachtsleiter: Hans Jürgen Wiens — Grusswort: 1. Kor. 13:1-8a

Orgelspiel: Marlene Borzychowski

Lied: GB #293 (Vs. 1-3)

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #377 (Vs. 1-3)

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 4:1-11

Botschaft: “Der Entschluss zu lieben” — Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #375 (Vs. 1&3)

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers at the front of the church are placed in loving memory of Henry Esau, who passed away 4 years ago today, February 18th. His children and grandchildren deeply miss and lovingly remember him today and always.

Sincere condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Jake Wiens, who passed away on February 14th. A visitation and funeral service will be held for him here at NUMC on Monday February 19th from 5-8pm and Tuesday February 20th at 11:00 am. A funeral choir has been requested, with all invited to join at the practice at 10:30 am. A fellowship meal will be held at Bethany Mennonite Church immediately following the funeral service.

Please pray for Martha Wiens as she continues to recover from a painful car accident and stroke. We are glad that she has been moved to a hospital closer to home and also ask for your prayers for pain relief, and that God will give the medical team wisdom as they care for her. While she is not quite ready to receive visitors, cards and well wishes are deeply appreciated. Please wait until the family indicates Martha is up for receiving visits to ensure that your visit will be welcomed.

Please pray for Sylvia Tissen as she continues to experience acute pain in her lower back. May she trust and lean into the Lord as he walks with her as she moves forward in receiving therapy to help manage this pain.

Please pray for Joan Michon, mother to April Michon, who experienced complications this past week during day surgery and has now been admitted to the St. Catharines hospital following an emergency colectomy and various complicated hernia repair surgeries. May the Lord show her his gentle comfort and peace, as he heals and strengthens her body, blessing her with a full and uncomplicated recovery.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp & Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, as well as those who need our prayers within our church family and wider community, remembering that our Father in Heaven knows the deepest needs of all our hearts at all times. Let us lift one another to him in prayer.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

The annual Lent-at-Home Devotional Booklets are again available to guide families from Shrove Tuesday through Easter Sunday. Mennonite Church Canada puts these wonderful family resources together for you for no charge, so please feel free to pick these up from the Welcome Centre! Join the Lenten journey with Chris, Selah and Gloria! 😊

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER REQUIRED: During this time while we are borrowing Bethany's auditorium for our Funeral Fellowship meals, we need one volunteer to please step forward. We require someone operate the chair lift at Bethany for people with mobility issues attending the fellowship meal. The minimal orientation required for this role will be provided. If you would be willing to help with this role in this temporary time that we are without our basement, **please let our church office know ASAP.**

Lighthouse Cancellations: Please note that there is NO Lighthouse today. Also, it will not run on **Mar. 11th** or **Mar. 18th** during March Break.

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.

Food Pantry Update: Since the flooding of our basement, our food pantry has been inaccessible. The repair workers had removed the donated food, packed it in boxes, and removed it from the pantry area to protect the food from any harm. The majority of the food is being donated to Newark Neighbours, while a smaller portion of it will remain here to be available for those within our own congregation. Please note that this much smaller, temporary version of the food pantry is accessible in the Board Room on the 2nd floor, directly behind the church office, through the Lounge. We ask the congregation during this time, any donations that you would normally make expecting to be forwarded to Newark Neighbours, please kindly take directly to them, as the space in the Board Room does not allow for overflow to collect. Thanks for your cooperation!

YOUTH:

Sr. Youth will be going to the Brock pool for a night of swimming! Come out (Feb. 23) and take on the Brock tower and Tarzan rope, or just relax in the hot tub! Meet at the church for 7:15 pm and cost is \$4.75. See you all there!

Conrad Grebel University College invites Grade 10 students to attend the University of Waterloo Grade 10 Family Night on **Thursday, February 22 at 5:15pm**. Have a free pizza supper, meet current students, and learn about Grebel! Then visit UWaterloo to learn about how to prepare for university. To register for supper, email pbartel@uwaterloo.ca by Tues., Feb. 20 with the number of people attending and any dietary restrictions. More info at www.grebel.ca/events

CMU Scholarships: February 28 is CMU's deadline for Scholarships and Awards for new students. See cmu.ca/financialaid for applications and information. CMU issued over 400 scholarships and bursaries to students last year, awarding over \$558,000 to almost two thirds of the full time student body.

NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:

Offering of February 11th: \$5,370.00			
Budget	\$ 4,590.00	MCC General	\$ 210.00
Christian Witness	\$ 150.00	MCC Food	\$ 70.00
		Menn. Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 350.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. 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 CHURCH CANADA:

Pray for peace during the Winter Olympics which are taking place in Pyeongchang, South Korea, which is an hour's drive from Witness Worker's Bock Ki Kim & Sook Kyoung Park's home in South Korea. Their prayer is "to see peace and reconciliation in the relations between North and South Korea, as well as for all nations, through a spirit of sportsmanship during and beyond the game."

MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

Please pray for the MCEC pastors who are on a Myanmar teaching and preaching trip for the next two weeks. Pray for safety and strength as they share with their brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

Each week MCEC staff pray for one of the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. We invite you to join us in praying this week for **Wellesley Mennonite Church**.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering :Connected: Striving side by side with one mind *"Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel."* *Philippians 1:27* Mark your calendars. Registration will open in the next few weeks. All are welcome. **April 27 – 28th** @ Redeemer University College, Ancaster. Please contact April in the church office if you would like to be registered as an NUMC church delegate.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

We ask for your continued support of Ten Thousand Villages storefront and online shops, and seek your prayers for wisdom and direction as they continue to navigate market challenges.

Please pray for the staff, volunteers and customers of MCC's new rePurpose Centre as they work long hours getting ready for opening day on March 1st and that this venture be full of integrity, generosity, fruitfulness and provision.

Please pray for MCC Ontario's Board of Directors as they continue the search for an Executive Director.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Eden High School Council is selling delicious high-quality pork sausage. Feed your family and support this great school at the same time. Go to eden.dsbnc.org and click the sausage link. Register with school cash if you haven't done so already. Sale ends **Feb. 19th**. Need more info please contact Alex Baergen @ 905 327 6052.

St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner: **Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.** at Holiday Inn Parkway Conference Centre, 327 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Guest Speaker: Josh Brahm, founder of the Equal Rights Institute. Join us for an excellent dinner, fellowship and an outstanding pro-life speaker who will inform, inspire and encourage us. To reserve tickets (\$50, \$25 for students), call our office 684-7505 or email: info@chooselife.ca . More info at ChooseLife.ca

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 19th – February 25th)

Monday: **FAMILY DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
 5:00 pm Funeral Visitation

Tuesday: **10:30 am** Funeral Choir Practice
 11:00 am Funeral Service
 7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday: **6:30 pm** Pioneer Club
 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting

Thursday: **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship Practice

Friday: **6:45 pm** Junior Youth – Escape Room
 7:15 pm Youth – swimming at Brock University

Sunday, February 25th

9:45 am Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing

9:45 am Baptism Class- Board Room

10:20 am Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3rd floor

10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor 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, 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.