

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 25th, 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	Laury Willms
Congregational Life	Erv Willms
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Kathy Rempel

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Bill Harder
(2 Peter 1:1-11)	

“The Feeling’s Mutual”

Pastor David Lewis

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JOYS & CONCERNS:

Kim & Ron Baergen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alex Baergen to Matt Wiens, son of Chuck & Carol Wiens. May God bless this couple as they prepare for marriage!

The family of Jake Wiens would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and support. Special thank you to the choir and Helping Hands for your participation in the funeral service and fellowship meal held on Tuesday February 20th. Please enjoy the flowers at the front of the church today as we remember Jake.

Alex and Sue Fast ask for prayers for their granddaughter Bailey Williams. Bailey was rushed into emergency surgery on Friday morning. The family thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers at this time.

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.

April Michon deeply thanks all who supported her mom, Joan Michon, in prayer while she was in the hospital last week. She has now been released from hospital and is recovering in the comfort of home. May the healing hand of Jesus be upon her through her recovery, and may the spirit draw her into his peaceful embrace to allow her the time of rest she needs for complete healing, and drawing the Lord's strength back into her body.

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.

YOUTH:

Senior Youth board game night! Kendra will be hosting the youth at her house Friday March 2nd to play board games! Bring your favourite game (or just yourself) and we will be ordering pizza and wings! Cost is free. Meet at 21 Grange Crescent for 7:30pm. See you all there!

Sr. Youth - No youth on March 9th and 16th due to March Break.

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.

Prospective students and parents are invited to Campus Visit Day at CMU on March 9. Activities include campus and residence tours, attending university classes, a meeting for parents with enrolment staff, financial aid presentation, and meeting faculty. For more information see cmu.ca/campusvisit.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Please come and join us this afternoon Sunday February 25th at 3:30 at the Creekview party room. Our topic is “a blast from the past” or “once upon a time”. It will be an entertaining and interactive time of getting to know each other a little better. We look forward to seeing you there.

March – April Upper Room are in your mailboxes. If you have not paid for a subscription, please do not take the booklets from someone’s mailbox.

Ladies Breakfast Thursday March 1st at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the **NEW LOCATION** at the Husky Stop Restaurant, 615 York Road, NOTL. All ladies are welcome to join us. Please contact Linda (Henry) Friesen if you have any questions 905-684-2929.

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.**

Canadian Mennonite Subscriptions: All who attend Niagara United Mennonite Church may receive a subscription to *Canadian Mennonite*. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Niagara United Mennonite Church. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please see Patricia Regier our CM representative in the foyer or contact the church office by March 18th.

NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:

Offering of February 18th: \$ 5,728.00

Budget	\$ 4, 253.00	MCC General	\$ 1, 250.00
Christian Witness	\$ 10.00	MCC Food	\$ 80.00
Capital Fund	\$ 75.00	Refugee Sponsorship	\$ 60.00

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 Pastors Yoel Masyawong and Jehu Lian who are travelling in Myanmar on a teaching and preaching trip. Pray for safety and strength as they share with their brothers and sisters in Myanmar. Pray also for Norm Dyck, MCEC Mission Engagement Minister, whose plans changed and was unable to travel with them.

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 **West Hills Mennonite Fellowship**, Baden, ON.

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.

Pray for our sister Regional Church - Mennonite Church British Columbia who are meeting together this weekend for their annual meeting gathered around "Reading the Bible Together."

Pray also for our sister Regional Church - Mennonite Church Manitoba who are meeting together next weekend, March 2 - 3 as they focus on "Mission: Living into our Call."

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.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner At Bingeman's Marshall Hall, **Monday, April 30th, 6:30pm**. Guest speaker Sarah Martin Mills, Founder of Growing Hope Farms. Topic: The Story of Growing Hope. Tickets (\$10.00) available at www.nhmrs.com and MCC Ontario (519-745-8458). Proceeds to New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

3rd Annual Winter Camp for Grownups! March 2-4, 2018 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Do you secretly wish you could still go to camp? This choose your own adventure weekend is perfect for those looking to get out of the city for a few days and reconnect with nature and friends. Skate on the lake, cross-country ski, walk or snowshoe through the forest, race a canoe through the field or join a team for tug-of-war! Sliding scale registration fee. This retreat is intended for young adults ages 20-39...ish! For more info and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call [519-422-3200](tel:519-422-3200).

Anabaptist Heritage Concert - Sunday, March 4, 7:00 pm, at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. Freewill offering in support of MCC.

Volunteer Cooks Urgently Needed for Young and Pregnant Niagara (YPN) Program Niagara Life Centre Counselling urgently needs volunteer cooks for our YPN program. The program meets once a week on Thursday evenings from 4:30-6:30 pm. The volunteer prepares a cost effective, nutritious meal for 10 people. The meal can be prepared in our big kitchen or at your home. The meal needs to be ready and at the Centre by 4:00pm. NLC pays for the meal costs. This could be done on a rotational schedule if we get a favorable response. Thanks for considering. For further questions, please call Rita at 905-934-0021 or email rita@niagaralifecentre.ca.

Moving Assistance for a resident at Radiant Care Pleasant Manor. We have a resident in our community (with no church affiliation) that was offered a full care spot in Garden City Manor (St. Catharines). This gentleman is wheelchair bound and incapable of moving his belongings on his own. He also has no family willing to help. On his behalf I am wondering if there would be someone in your congregation who would have a couple of hours on Monday, February 26 to move his possessions: a large TV and a few boxes and suitcases. A mini-van or small pickup truck would easily work. If you are able to help please contact Michael Dyck at Pleasant Manor – [905-468-4391](tel:905-468-4391) ext .232

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (February 26th – March 4th)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Male Chorus Practice
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Pioneer Club

Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Sunday, March 4th

9:20 am German Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing

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

9:45 am Baptism Class- Board Room

9:50 am German Worship Service

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.

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