

# *“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”*

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

March 11, 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 ... **FAITH FIGURES**

Faith Figures is a mini series of sermons Pastor Dave will begin this Sunday. Today and the next two weeks, we will explore the stories of persons who lived by the belief that the root choice in life is to trust at all times that God was with them and would give them what they most needed. From these individuals we discover how to experience the absolute, total, even ruthless trust in God as One who is reliable, honourable and praiseworthy.

March 2	<b>“Vintage Faith”</b>	Hebrews 11:1-10
March 11	<b>“Faith and the ‘No Fear’ Factor”</b>	Joshua 14:6-14
March 18	<b>“A Legacy of Faith”</b>	Ruth 1:1-18
March 25	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
March 30	<b>Good Friday</b>	
April 1	<b>Easter- “Power to Rise Up”</b>	John 20:1-10

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Rachael Peters
Congregational Life	John Tiessen
Worship in Song	Jon Bradnam & Rachael Peters
Child Dedication	Pastor David Lewis
Taylor Metsa- parents: Erik & Katrina Metsa	
Hugo Reis- parents: Fabian & Stephanie Reis	
McKenna Tissen- parents: Dan & Nicole Tissen	
Congregational Response (on Powerpoint)	
Worship in Song	Jon Bradnam & Rachael Peters
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading	Debbie Fast
(Joshua 14:6-14)	
<b>“Faith and the ‘No Fear’ Factor”</b>	Pastor David Lewis
<b>Sending</b>	Pastor David Lewis

### **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Irene Penner’s cancer has been proven to be untreatable**, therefore terminal. She is still her cheerful self and has no pain. We are attempting to live our lives as normal as possible. We know that God will determine when the time is right. Please add Irene’s name to your prayer list.

**Please continue to pray for Martha Wiens** as she continues her healing journey at Shaver hospital. Much of her attention and focus these days is on her demanding rehabilitation. She anticipates accepting visitors in the near future, however rehab is her main focus and her schedule changes daily, so please respect her wishes to reach out and schedule her own visits. Prayers and expressions of thought and concerns are so very cherished. Please continue to pray for alleviation of pain, patience through this trial, and continued physical strength and endurance.

**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:**

**2017 Donation Tax Receipts** are in the church mailboxes.

**March-April issues of Life with Us are now available.** Please pick your print copy up today or access it online.

**We are hiring!** We are looking for a summer music worship coordinator to plan a blended style of worship for our Sunday morning worship services this summer. Please spread the word and visit our website for more information.

**Office Closed:** Please note that the office will be closed this week on Wednesday. It will reopen on Thursday.

### **Basement remediation work due to flood:**

The basement flood caused significant water damage in the basement. All the flooring and bottom drywall of the walls had to be cut out and removed. This is in the Sunday school and Gym (1967) addition as well as in the original church basement (1949 Edition). The Kitchen and the youth room cabinets have also been removed.

The restoration work will now commence. We have been told that this work will take some time, likely to the end of April.

Thank you for your patience.

**Sr. Youth** - No youth on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** due to March Break.

**Senior's Tea:** Please come join us next week on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at **3:30 pm** at Creekview. John Rempel will present "the dynamics among Chaco (in Paraguay) Inhabitants". It is a time to enjoy fellowship, enjoy some good food and learn about a community beyond our own. See you there!

**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 contact the church office by **March 18**. For any other questions, please also contact the office.

**Jr. Youth** –The youth will be having dinner at the home of Dave and Martha Dizio on **Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** Their home is located at 19 Beau Valley Drive, St. Catharines.

**Jr. and Sr. Youth Progressive Supper!** On **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** the youth needs YOUR help to put on our progressive supper! Please sign up at the welcome center if you are willing to host a group of youth for either an appetizer, main or dessert. There is also a sign-up sheet for the youth so we can know how many youths to expect! **This event is open to both Sr. and Jr. Youth!** You can also contact Kendra Sawatzky at [kendrasawatzky31@gmail.com](mailto:kendrasawatzky31@gmail.com) or 905-329-2102. More details to come!

**NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:**

<b>Offering of March 4<sup>th</sup>: \$ 9,746.00</b>			
Budget	\$ 8,101.00	MCC General	\$ 740.00
Christian Witness	\$ 560.00	MCC Food	\$ 50.00
Capital Fund	\$ 75.00	MCC School Kits	\$ 20.00
		Menn. Disaster Service	\$ 200.00

**Offering Focus** – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. 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.

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Send us your comforters!** We are loading a container destined for Jordan on March 29 and need another 1500 comforters. Please send us your completed comforters as soon as possible. Comforters can be dropped off at our Kitchener warehouse, your local thrift shop or regional office. Drop off locations are listed at [mcco.ca/kits](http://mcco.ca/kits). Thank you for all your efforts in producing these expressions of love for our friends around the world!

## **MENNONITE CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**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 **Wideman Mennonite Church** in Markham, 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 is now open. All are welcome. **April 27 – 28<sup>th</sup>** @ 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 Saskatchewan** who are meeting together this weekend, as they focus on their theme, "God is Doing a New Thing."

**Pray also for our sister Regional Church - Mennonite Church Alberta** who are meeting next weekend, March 16 - 17 and focus on "The Church Born Anew" with Palmer Becker.

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**Mennonite Disaster Service Update on the Grand River and Thames River Flooding - 6 March 2018:** At this point MDS ON offers for flood relief assistance has been declined by the municipalities affected, including Brantford and Chatham-Kent. The MDS Unit will continue to monitor the recovery progress.

**MDS Flood Recovery Update from the 2017 Ottawa River Flooding:** It is nearly a year since the Ottawa River flooding. MDS responded in Constance Bay (Municipality of Ottawa) with cleanup last May, then repair in Sep, and then were asked to consider rebuilding 2 new homes that had been condemned due to the flooding. This rebuild project of 2 homes has been taken on by our conservative Mennonite constituency (Markham-Waterloo, Old Order and Orthodox Mennonite), starting in mid Dec and expecting the house dedications to take place later in Apr 2018. We are grateful for God's leading and blessing for these volunteers. More details coming in the Spring MDS ON Newsletter.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**The InfoHealth lecture at the NOTL Public Library on Wednesday, March 14, at 1 pm** will be "Chronic Headache." The presentation and Q&A session will be presented by Dr. William Brown. For more information see the link: <https://notlpubliclibrary.org/infohealth>. This program brings together representatives from the NOTL Family Health Team, the NOTL Public Library and local residents.

### **PLEASANT MANOR Spring Tea and Bake Sale Pleasant Manor Auxiliary**

Our annual Spring Tea and Bake sale will be held **on Saturday, March 24, from 10am to 11:30am**. We would appreciate contributions of baked goods from anyone who would like to bake for this occasion. Baked goods could include items such as bread, meat buns, zwiebak, squares, pies and of course Paska. Everyone enjoys purchasing these delicious goodies.

The bake sale will be held in the Pleasant Manor Chapel and in the Heritage Place Chapel. We will also have a Tea Room in the Pleasant Manor Retirement Village dining room. Come enjoy the fellowship over a cup of tea.

Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off for the bake sale in the Pleasant Manor Chapel on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> between 7 and 8 pm**. We look forward to an enjoyable time with you!

-The Pleasant Manor Auxiliary

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday: 7:30 pm** Niagara Male Chorus Practice

**Wednesday:** OFFICE CLOSED

#### **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:20 am** German Choir Practice

**9:45 am** Choir Practice – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of education wing

**9:45 am** Baptism Class- Board Room

**9:50 am** German Worship Service- Message by Renate Klaassen

**10:20 am** Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**10:45 am** Worship Service – Message by Pastor David Lewis  
No lighthouse.

**3:30 pm** Senior's Tea @ Creekview

*\*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.