

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

March 18, 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.

\*Not running during March Break\*

### 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>	Selection of readings
April 1	<b>Easter - “ Power to Rise Up”</b>	John 20:1-10

**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude Marlene Borzychowski  
Congregational Life Linda Friesen  
Accepting New Member by Transfer John Tiessen  
Renate Dau Klaassen

Worship in Song Choir  
Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading Willi Pankratz  
(Ruth 1:1-18)

**“A Legacy of Faith”** Pastor David Lewis  
**Sending** Pastor David Lewis

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**German Worship Service - 9:50 am**

**Andachtsleiter:** Ramona Neufeld

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB#41 "Wie soll ich dich empfangen" (V. 1,2 u. 6)

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB#76 "Hosianna! Davids Sohn" (V. 1-3 u. 6)

Chorlied

**Schriftwort:** Johannes 12:12-19

**Botschaft:** "Alle Welt läuft ihm nach!" - Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #388 "Meinen Jesum lass ich nicht" (V. 1)

**JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Flowers at the front of the church** are placed in loving memory of Kaethe Esau, who passed away one year ago on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Not a day goes by that we don't think of, or feel the presence of, our sweet Mama and Oma. Lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her children and grandchildren.

**Flowers have been placed at the front of the church today** to remember the one year anniversary since Susanna Schroeder departed this world for her heavenly home. Her husband & family lovingly remember & miss her.

**We are so thankful to announce the birth of Gideon David**, born on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy parents are Katiana Wiens and Gregory Dick. Another grandson for Kurt and Kathe Wiens; and David Dick and Debbie Bergen of Grantham MB Church.

**Elizabeth Janzen** is thankful for God's healing during her short stay in hospital this past week. She is now at home again, feeling better and celebrating answered prayer. Praise God!

**Please continue to pray for:** Audrey Epp, Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, Irene Penner & Martha Wiens, 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:**

**Senior's Tea:** Please come join us **this afternoon 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 **today**. For any other questions, please also contact the office.

**Vacation Notice:** Pastor David Lewis will be on vacation from **March 22-31<sup>st</sup>**, returning to us on Easter Sunday. Prior to extending his contract here with us, he and Janie had booked this vacation to visit their daughter and her family in Alberta. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dave will fly out to join Janie who has already been enjoying some family time with the family out there! We wish Dave a restful and enjoyable time on his vacation!

**Senior Youth at Fallsview Waterpark!** This week (**Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**) we will be going to Fallsview Indoor Waterpark! Come out and meet at the church at 6pm for an exciting time swimming in the wave pool, speeding down the water slides or wait for the Niagara tipping bucket to fall! Cost is \$20. We hope to see everyone out!

**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.

**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 or let Rachael or Ruth know if you think of someone we should tap on the shoulder. More information is on our website.

**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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**New sausage representative wanted!** As I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Niagara UM sausage rep for several years now, I feel it is time to pass the torch. This is an excellent opportunity to support Eden Sausage and raise money for a Christian high school that so many of our youth attend. Simple responsibilities include:

- notifying the church bulletin when there is an order period available...and that's it!

Eden has made ordering available exclusively online. Just ask your customers to sign up for an account, have a credit card, and let them know of the pick-up date, done! **Please contact Harold Neufeld, Nominations Committee Chair Person (905-468-1847) if you are interested in volunteering for this role.**

**NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:**

<b>Offering of March 11<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4,472.25</b>			
Budget	\$ 3,662.25	MCC General	\$ 290.00
Christian Witness	\$ 20.00	MCC Food	\$ 30.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$ 20.00	Menn Cntr Ukraine	\$ 300.00
		Menn. Disaster Service	\$ 150.00

**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 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 **Wilmot Mennonite Church**, New Hamburg, 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.\*\***

**Youth & Young Adults Engaging in ACG: ACG 101:** Are there youth or young adults in your congregation who will be attending? Join Matt, Sara and Steph as they navigate the weekend together - breakfast, alphabet soup, Robert's Rules of Order (who's Robert?), lunch, Dutch Blitz, and more! More information coming soon.

**Pray also for our sister Regional Church - Mennonite Church Alberta** who are meeting together this weekend and focus on "The Church Born Anew" with Palmer Becker.

**It is with great delight that we ask for your prayers for Mollee Moua, MCEC Administrative Assistant,** and family as they celebrate the birth of their fourth son, Oliver, who arrived this past Sunday morning. Everyone is doing well. You can reach Mollee at [mmoua@mcec.ca](mailto:mmoua@mcec.ca).

## **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**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.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

**International Witness - Service Opportunity in Germany:** The Friedenshaus Ludwigshafen is seeking a new project coordinator or coordinator team beginning in June 2018!

Established in 2016 in the wake of the refugee crisis in Germany, our work has primarily focused on the refugee and immigrant population of the city. Through volunteer-taught German courses, a quilting circle, homework help, potluck meals, and more, we offer a safe haven and meeting place for newcomers and long-time residents alike.

The new project coordinator(s) will bring their own gifts and vision to the Friedenshaus to build upon existing programs and encourage new development.

Are you fluent in the German language or committed to being so? Do you have experience navigating cultural differences? Are you self-motivated and possess strong management and organizational skills? Then this could be your opportunity!

Applications will be accepted until April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*See more information on our MC Canada Bulletin Board, or at:*  
<https://www.friedenshausludwigshafen.com/>

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Executive Director Announcement** MCC Ontario is excited to welcome John Head as our new Executive Director. John came to MCC Ontario in 2014 and since the departure of Rick Cober Bauman has served seamlessly as Interim Executive Director. He brings to the role a deep faith and vast experience in organizational leadership that has been well demonstrated during his time at MCC Ontario and especially evident over the past few months. Please join us in welcoming John to this new role.

**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!

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

### **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

**Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Volunteer Appreciation Tea** An invitation is extended to all of those who have regularly volunteered their time to serve the residents & tenants at Pleasant Manor and Heritage Place. Please join us in the Creekview Meeting room, for an afternoon celebrating you, our volunteers! **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 pm**

**An evening of music and stories of hope:** Generation Rising presents Christian touring band Double Portion! Featuring the testimony of Pastor Jose from Honduras - who will share how he continues to boldly proclaim God while surviving terrible gang violence. Free admission with a freewill donation. All funds raised will help children in Honduras receive quality Christian education. **Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** at the Fairview Mennonite Brethren Church, 455 Geneva St. St Catharines, ON. Thank you so much!

**Want to encounter other cultures?** Come hear fascinating stories and experience the diversity at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding. Courses run **Jun. 11-15 or 18-22, 2018** and are a great opportunity to experience an inspiring community of people gathered to learn about peace. For more information, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca). *Apply by April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee.*

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** 7:30 pm Niagara Male Chorus Practice  
**Tuesday:** 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:** 6:00 pm Youth – Trip to Fallsview Waterpark  
**Saturday:** 9:00 am Niagara Community Male Chorus Workshop  
5:00 pm Junior Youth- Dinner @ DiZio's Home

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

**9:45 am** Choir Practice – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of education wing  
**9:45 am** Baptism Class- Board Room  
**10:20 am** Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
**10:45 am** Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen

*\*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.