



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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – Easter Sunday

“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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### Upcoming Mini Series ...The Spirit Within

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| April 8  | <b>On a Wing and a Prayer:<br/>Spiritual Guidance for Powerful Praying</b> | Romans 8:12-16, 26-30 |
| April 15 | <b>Empowered:<br/>Living in the Fullness of the Spirit</b>                 | Ephesians 5:15-21     |

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Marlene Borzychowski
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Special Music
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading	Gunnar Doerwald
	(John 20:1-10)
“Power to Rise Up”	Pastor David Lewis
Sending	Pastor David Lewis

### **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**The flowers at the front of the church today** are in memory of Peter Falk who passed on April 1<sup>st</sup>, twenty years ago. He is fondly remembered by Annie Falk, Leola & Heinz Becker and family, and Marvin & Alicia Falk.

**Deep condolences are extended to the family of Irene Wiens**, who passed away this week on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service will be held for her in our church this week on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. A choir has been requested- please join as you are able, practice will be at 11:00 am. May the comfort and loving presence of Christ be with the family at this time.

**Please continue to pray for:** Audrey Epp, Susan Kaye, 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:**

**Ladies Breakfast reminder!** All ladies are invited to come and join in a time of fellowship over breakfast this coming **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.** at the Husky Stop Restaurant, 615 York Road, NOTL. Hope to see you there!

**Youth Progressive Supper!** Come out this **Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** for a fun evening of food and fellowship! We are so grateful for everyone who has offered to host us for a meal! Both senior and junior youth are invited. We will be meeting at the church for 6:20pm. If you haven't already please let Kendra Sawatzky know if you plan to attend so we can ensure transportation. We hope to see everyone out!

**Pastor Lewis' last day is on Sunday, April 15.** We are planning a light lunch in our foyer after the service where we will have finger foods and the chance to say our farewells to Dave and Janie. The sandwiches will be provided. If you would like to bring squares or cookies please make sure they are cut up and ready to eat.

**75th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbooks-** we still have copies of this amazing cook book sharing potluck favourites, delicious desserts and family dinner specialties. Only \$20 a book, please see the display in the foyer of the church.

**Wholeness Through Christ (WTC)** is a scripturally-based, Spirit-led ministry to the whole person. As Jesus came to bring healing, forgiveness, freedom and release, WTC gently ministers these elements of God's love to believers who earnestly desire to be free from all that hinders. You may have been introduced to these principles when we hosted some of the WTC team here at our church a few years ago, or when these principles were taught during sermon series several years ago. Perhaps, you've only heard "Wholeness" mentioned here and there by those in the church who have been to the course, or you've not heard anything about it until now. Several in our church have participated in this ministry and have experienced great freedom. There is an upcoming course happening right here in Niagara-on-the-Lake, **June 4-8<sup>th</sup>**! If you are considering applying for it, there are funds available for those who require access to them through Spiritual Council. WTC requests that it would be helpful for them to know if you are interested in applying, as they need to make decisions very soon about events going forward, as if there are insufficient applications, events will be cancelled. Please check out information on courses at: <http://wholenessthroughchrist.com/> and see pamphlets at our Welcome Centre. You may also connect with Rita Epp for information about WTC, or talk to John Tiessen about funding.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4,521.45</b>			
Budget	\$ 3,359.45	MCC General	\$ 15.00
Christian Witness	\$ 400.00	MCC Food	\$ 120.00
MDS	\$300.00	MCC School Kits	\$ 20.00
Teenage Evangelism	\$ 107.00	Ukraine	\$ 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 CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:**

**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.

## **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.

**Responding to the world refugee crisis one family at a time** Attend this important one day conference to learn more about how we can respond to the current refugee crisis with noted blogger and passionate refugee sponsorship advocate Ann Voskamp and other special guests. More info available at [mcco.ca/refugee-conference](http://mcco.ca/refugee-conference). Presented in partnership with the Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement. **Sat Apr 14 from 9 am to 3 pm**, Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Rd N, Waterloo.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Thank You!!** Thank you to everyone who baked, helped and attended the Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Auxiliary Spring Bake Sale and to the Auxiliary for all their work and volunteered time. The sale was a huge success, \$4256.69 was raised.

**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 3rd 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.

**This month's InfoHealth lecture at the NOTL Public Library** will be "Lyme Disease: Prevention and Treatment." The presentation and Q&A session will be shared by Dr. William Brown, Professor of Neurology, McMaster University on **Wednesday, April 11, at 1 pm**. For more information see the link: <https://notpubliclibrary.org/infohealth>

**Special Presentation: "Alone Against the North":** An evening is being planned for **Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at Bethany Mennonite Church, corner of Creek Road and East/West Line. Adam Shoalts, a modern day adventurer, explorer, and map maker will share experiences of his solo journey across the Canadian North from the Yukon to Hudson' Bay. His 4 month travel to commemorate the Canadian 150th anniversary will be shown via a power point presentation and narration of his harrowing, death defying experiences. A nominal fee of \$5.00 per person will be collected to help defray his travel and personal expenses. Come out to see and hear an outstanding presentation that will leave you on the edge of your seats! Invite anyone and everyone you know - you won't regret it!

**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 (April 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** OFFICE CLOSED  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 am MOPS  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting  
**Wednesday:** 10:30 am Funeral Visitation for Irene Wiens  
11:30 am Funeral Service for Irene Wiens  
6:30 pm Pioneer Club  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am Ladies Breakfast  
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice  
**Friday:** 6:20 pm Junior & Senior Youth Progressive Supper

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:20 am German Choir Practice  
9:45 am Choir Practice – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of education wing  
9:50 am German Worship Service  
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 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.