

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 15th, 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 Mini Series ...The Spirit Within

April 8 **On a Wing and a Prayer: Spiritual Guidance for Powerful Praying** Romans 8:12-16, 26-30

April 15 **Empowered: Living in the Fullness of the Spirit** Ephesians 5:15-21

TODAY:

Please join us after the Worship service today as we celebrate Pastor David Lewis' last day with us! We will enjoy 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. Sandwiches will be provided, as well as a selection of squares and cookies that have been donated. Thank-you Dave, for your dedicated leadership, and service to us. We wish you well!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude Rachael Peters
Congregational Life John Tiessen
Worship in Song Niagara Community Male Chorus
Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading Fred Teichgraf
(Ephesians 5:15-21)

“Empowered: Living in the Fullness of the Spirit”

Blessing & Release Pastor David Lewis
John Tiessen
Sending Pastor David Lewis

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The family of Irene Wiens wish to thank Pastor David Lewis, Renate Klaassen, the choir, ushers, Helping Hands and everyone who helped with Moms funeral. Thank you

Please pray that Martha Wiens will be granted an extended stay at Shaver for rehab. We are very disappointed that a discharge date has been set for next week, and are hopeful that the medical team will advocate for her to receive further treatment, to improve her quality of life going forward. We are hopeful that she will be able to have at least one more round of rehab before being discharged and know that our God can do mighty things, and we believe in the power of prayer. Thanks so much for your prayers.

Baptism preparation – We have one candidate for baptism this year, and that is Alex Froese. Please pray for Alex as he prepares himself for the step of baptism.

Please pray for our post secondary students who are preparing for and in final exams currently, and as well, planning for what may come next this summer and fall.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, Irene Penner & Martha Wiens, as well as others who may need our prayers. Let us be a praying community where we care for one another through offering prayer.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Please note the following contact info for Dave and Janie Lewis beyond their time with us here:

Dave and Janie Lewis
554 Taylor Drive
Midland, ON L4R 0E2

Dave's cell and email - 289-668-4651; trunorthcoaching@gmail.com

Janie's cell and email - 905-650-2532; janielewis0971@gmail.com

WOMEN IN SERVICE We want to close the season with a social get together (no quilting) on **Tuesday, April 17th at 2:30 pm**, in the lounge on the 2nd floor in our church. Bring your favourite picture of a grand or great-grandchild.

Library News! There are new books in the library. Please visit our church Library on the second floor, just off the Lounge to peruse the new books that have arrived!

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 4-8th!** 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.

NIAGARA UM FINANCIALS:

Offering of April 8st: \$ 9,284.10			
Budget	\$ 8,314.10	M.C.C.	\$ 630.00
Christian Witness	\$ 150.00	MCC - Food	\$ 190.00

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 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 **Hochma in Montreal**.

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 – 28th** @ Redeemer University College, Ancaster.

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:

Get involved at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 25th & 26th! Run for Relief: Register for the 5k Run or 2k Walk. Play Music: Busking-style musicians are needed Friday evening or Saturday (contact Dan at dan@ddajohnson.com) Plants: Start plant cuttings and bulbs now and bring them to our Plant Tent for the Sale. Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found at our website (www.nhmrs.com) or email john.b.reimer@outlook.com.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Special Presentation: "Alone Against the North": An evening is being planned for **Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at Bethany Mennonite Church. 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!

Niagara Area Mennonite Hymn Sing - Let's sing together! **Sunday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.** at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. We will sing hymns and songs from our faith heritage as well as feature the singing of our choral groups. Refreshments will follow the hour of music making. All are welcome, bring a friend! For more information, please contact either Alf Redekopp -- 289-362-5963, or Louise Wideman – 905-562.4422, or Annie Schulz – 905-562-8129.

Ready for BBQ season? Eden High school is selling delicious, high quality, gluten free, pork sausage. Impress your guests, satisfy your appetite and support a great school at the same time. Visit eden.dsb.org and click on the pink pig before April 30 to order. You won't be disappointed

Ten Thousand Villages in Niagara-On-The-Lake is looking for volunteers for our 2nd Annual Fair Trade Rug Event! Our store will be hosting over 100 rugs from Pakistan that come in a wide range of sizes and styles. We are looking for help with loading and unloading the rugs on **Thurs. May 24th from approximately 12pm-5pm and Mon. June 11th from approximately 9:00am-12:00pm.** We are looking for volunteers with strong arms and backs as the rugs can be heavy and due to repetitive lifting. If you would like to help please contact Teresa Friesen at niagara@villages.ca or 905-468-5242.

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 or email csop@cmu.ca.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (April 16th- April 22nd)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus
Tuesday: 9:30 pm MOPS
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth
Saturday: 1:00 pm Wedding Ceremony- Kyle Pauls & Juliana Aparicio

Sunday, April 22nd- Earth Day

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 – Message by Ramona Neufeld
10:20 am Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3rd floor
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

**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.