

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 22nd, 2018 ~ Earth Day

“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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JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Kyle Pauls & Juliana Aparicio who were wedded here yesterday on Saturday, April 21st! May God’s steadfast love continue to abound in this holy union and may he bless them as they begin their married life together.

We remember Jake Neufeld who passed away a year ago on April 23, 2017. He is fondly remembered by his wife Frieda, children and grandchildren. He is dearly missed. Flowers have been placed at the front of the church in his memory.

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 continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Nettie Goerz, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rosemary (Rhodie) Marshall, Irene Penner & Martha Wiens, as well as others who may need our prayers. Let us continue to be a strong praying community where we lift one another to our Lord Jesus in prayer.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Rachael Peters
Congregational Life	Erv Willms
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Katrina Metsa

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Peter Wiens
(Acts 4:5-20)	

“Watch for obvious signs!” Renate Dau Klaassen

Sending Renate Dau Klaassen

German Worship Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Renate Dau Klaassen – Grusswort: Psalm 100:4-5

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB# 18 “Wunderbarer König“ (V. 1-3)

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB# 345 "Was kann es Schön'res geben" (V. 1-4)

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Hebräer 6:13-20

Botschaft: “ Die unumstößliche Verheißung”- Ramona Neufeld

Lied: GB #404, "Gott ist getreu", vs. 1 & 4

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

The May/June issue of the Upper Room has arrived! For those who are subscribers, please pick-up your copy from your mailbox.

Sr. Youth video game night! Come out this **Friday April 27th** and challenge your friends to your favourite video games! Meet at the church for **7:30pm**. Snacks will be provided!

You are invited to an Open House for Dave Wall's 90th Year! On **Sat. April 28th** at the NOTL Community Centre, 14 Anderson Lane. 2-5 pm with a light buffet and a short program at 4pm. Best wishes only please.

Seniors Time Out: Please join us for Seniors Tea **Sunday, April 29th** at Creekview at **3:00 pm** (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE). We are excited to have Rudy and Sharon Dirks join us to share about their journey after NUMC. See you there!

Reminder: Please note that although there is some progress being made in our basement, it is still under construction. As such, **this area is still off limits until we have all the construction work completed.**

Please remember to check the job board if this interests you, as new postings are always being posted.

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.

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 **Agape Fellowship** in London, ON.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering: Connected: Striving side by side with one mind Live-streaming will be available at www.mcec.ca for those who are unable to join us in Ancaster. Streaming will begin at **7:00 on Friday, April 27 and again at 9:00 on Saturday, April 28**. Please join us on-line as we meet next weekend.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

This is your invitation to meet in person with the Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council to share your vision and concerns with them and to learn more about their work as they oversee the implementation of the new nationwide partnership of our five Regional Churches. The Joint Council is the executive board for the newly restructured Mennonite Church Canada and is comprised of the moderators and an additional rep from each of the Regional Churches. Please join us for updates, conversation and refreshments. This invitation is for church members, congregational leaders, and pastors. Everyone is welcome. May 5, 7:00 p.m. 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener, ON (Community Room)

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 **Wed. Apr. 25 at 7 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 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! **Sun. Apr. 29, 6:30 p.m.** at St. Catharines UM 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 info, 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.dsbm.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 12-5pm 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.

The Niagara Community Male Chorus is inviting all former, current and future male singers to join us and participate in a 30th anniversary concert to be held on **June 3rd.** Rehearsals take place at NUMC, on *Mondays at 7:30 p.m.* For further information please contact Jake Penner at 905-935-9650 or Rudy Thiessen at 905-562-4324

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 23rd - April 29th)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
Thursday: 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 7:30 pm Youth – Video Games Night @ Church

Sunday, April 29th

9:45 am Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing
9:45 am Baptism Class- Board Room
10:20 am Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3rd 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.

Offering of April 15th: \$ 4,794.00

Budget	\$ 3,174.00	M.C.C.	\$ 750.00
Christian Witness	\$ 585.00	MCC - Food	\$ 150.00
Capital Fund	\$ 75.00	Menn Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 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.