

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 29th, 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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Next week:

May 6th “Get off the Couch!” (Exodus 3:1-14)

Pastor Waldo Pauls

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Janie and Dave Lewis want to say a huge thank you to the church for the kind expressions of thanks and best wishes at our concluding service at NUMC. Although the weather was cold and blustery, the warmth we felt from those who attended certainly more than compensated for the ice and snow. We have now settled into our son’s basement and are earnestly pursuing building our new house. We look forward to the promised visits by many who have said they would stop by. It is our believing prayer that God will show His faithfulness to you and we eagerly await hearing of how He has provided His choice of pastor to lead you forward in advancing His kingdom. God’s peace to you all.

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 prayer. Let’s continue on as a strong praying community lifting one another to our Lord Jesus in loving prayer.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Rachael Peters
Congregational Life	Janice Janzen
Worship in Song	Choir
Children's Moment	Melanie Scott
Children exit for Lighthouse	
Offering	
<i>Offering Focus – see financial section</i>	
Scripture Reading	Lani Gade
(1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:16)	
"Whose wisdom to choose?"	John Tiessen
Sending	John Tiessen

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Seniors' Time Out: Please join us for Seniors Tea **this afternoon, 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 from the Music Committee: Today (Sunday Apr 29) is the last Sunday to submit your "Favourite Hymns" in the box at the Welcome Centre.

Please find the Church May calendar available to be picked up at the Welcome centre. Note that it is always available on the website as well.

Rock Climbing Event! The Youth are headed out this **Friday, May the 4th** to do rock climbing at Peaks Indoor Rock Climbing. We will be meeting up on the first-floor lounge of the church at **7:00pm**. Bring \$15.00 and your muscles. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that our new Interim Pastor Waldo Pauls begins his contract with us on Tuesday, May 1st. Be sure to join us here as we greet him **next Sunday, May 6th** as he shares his first message with us!

Attention all Ladies! Please join us for our Ladies Breakfast this week, being held on **Thursday May 3rd at 9 a.m.** at the Husky Stop Restaurant, 615 York Road, NOTL. Join together for fellowship over food. All women are welcome. If you wish to be included on the email reminders, please contact Linda Friesen.

Reminder: Please note that our basement is still under construction. **This area is still off limits until we have all the construction work completed.**

Volunteer Opportunity for high school students: We need assistance with cataloging all the music in the church. See poster on the Volunteer Board. Please contact Emily Fieguth 905-329-2084 by May 14th to let her know if you would like to participate. The day of the volunteering will be on the PD Day: **Friday May 18th from 9 am - 4 pm.**

Two weeks ago, in our report called “Notes from the Search Committee”, we indicated that we were in the early stages of looking at an application package. Today we report to you that this application has withdrawn, for reasons that have nothing to do with NUMC. At this point, we are not aware of any further notices of interest that MCEC may be currently processing on our behalf, and we ask that your commitment to prayer be ongoing, strong and vibrant. Confident that the Lord is guiding and leading, let’s rejoice in our opportunities to worship together. Let’s support each other with love and patience, knowing that the Holy Spirit is preparing a Lead Pastor for us. We, the Search Committee, treasure your support and thank you for your prayers. --Ruth Willms, Joachim Dau, Becky Bartel, Becca Willms, Jeff Friesen, Erik Metsa, Linda Friesen

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.

Offering of April 22nd: \$ 4,821.00			
Budget	\$ 3,506.00	M.C.C.	\$ 735.00
Christian Witness	\$ 220.00	MCC - Food	\$ 160.00
Youth	\$ 100.00	MDS	\$ 100.00

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:

MCEC in Prayer (A Note from David Martin, MCEC Executive Minister):

I invite your prayers for the victims of the tragedy that is unfolding in Toronto over these past days. In the midst of unspeakable horror, countless lives have been touched by disbelief, grief and tragedy. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, for those recovering from injuries, the friends and families who have been impacted and for the first responders who continue to address many challenges of investigation and cleanup. May our prayers for healing encompass all who have been affected by this tragedy, including the young man whose actions have taken such a devastating toll on so many.

In the face of such unsettling news, pray for our MCEC congregations in Toronto who are confronting this tragedy more directly and for whom this experience is much more immediate. Pray that they will have the appropriate words of wisdom that will bring comfort in the midst of grief and perspective in the face of bewildering circumstances. Pray too for all of us that when our world is shattered by violent acts, that we will remember the words of the Psalmist, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Pray for Marilyn Rudy-Froese as she begins her ministry on **Tuesday, May 1**, with MCEC as the Church Leadership Minister. Pray for clarity and wisdom as she and Henry Paetkau (retiring May 15) intentionally work together over the next two weeks.

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)

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre- Spring Seniors Retreat - Apr. 30 or May 1, 2018.

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.

Niagara-on-the-Lake's InfoHealth lectures at the Public Library provide timely, accurate information about health matters for residents in the area. The program brings together representatives from the NOTL Family Health Team, the NOTL Public Library and local residents. **Wednesday, May 9, at 1 pm**, InfoHealth lecture at the NOTL Public Library will be "Exercise: Brain and Body Training." The presentation and Q&A session will be shared by Dr. William Brown, Professor of Neurology, McMaster University. For more information see the link: <https://notlpubliclibrary.org/infohealth>. Mark the second Wednesday of the month on your calendar. The Infohealth seminars are free and open to all with seating on a first-come, first serve basis.

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 30th – May 6th)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: 9:30 am MOPS
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 7:30 pm Youth

Sunday, May 6th

9:20 am German Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing
9:45 am Choir Practice – 3rd floor of education wing
9:45 am Spiritual Council meets with Baptismal Candidate
9:50 am German Worship Service – Message by Joachim Dau
10:20 am Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3rd floor
10:45 am Worship Service & Installment– Message by Waldo Pauls

**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.