

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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### **TODAY:**

**Please welcome our new Interim Pastor, Waldo Pauls**, who began his contract with us on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are so thankful to have you here with us, Waldo! 😊

**Please find the May/June issue of Life With Us now available.** The print copy is available around the church, and the electronic copy has been posted on our website.

**Church Mailbox Update!** – Please visit the church mailbox room. There have been some changes:

- Some regular attenders have now been given mailboxes, even though some may not be members.
- Some individuals who previously had been sharing boxes with other family members now have their own box.
- Labels have been updated and some boxes have been removed.
- If there is a change that was made in error, please notify the church office so that we can correct it.
- If you do not have a mailbox and would like one, please let us know.
- Please be extra careful when taking your mail to ensure it is your box, as the location of boxes have shifted through this process.

## Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Laury Willms
Pre-service Worship in Song	Praise & Worship
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Praise & Worship
Children’s Moment	Kathy Rempel

Children exit for Lighthouse

Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Pastoral Installation of Pastor Waldo Pauls	John Tiessen
Scripture Reading	Eric Froese

(Exodus 3:1-14)

**“Get off the Couch!”**

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Sending	John Tiessen
	Pastor Waldo Pauls

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## German Worship Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Renate Dau Klaassen – Grusswort: Psalm 138:7-8

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB# 9 “Nun danket alle Gott”

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB# 120 “Man weis nicht die Stund”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Lukas 24:44-49

**Botschaft: “In der Zwischenzeit”- Joachim Dau**

Lied: GB #329, "Leuchtend strahlt des Vaters Gnade", V. 1 u. 3

### **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Susan Kaye is so thankful for all of the expressions of love, concern and prayers** that she has received from her church family as she continues on in her battle against multiple myeloma. She has now received 4 of 16 oral chemotherapy treatments and maintains a very positive outlook, feeling very covered in prayer, and faithful of God’s miraculous healing power. Let us continue to pray for strength for her against the chemo which drains her energy, and for a sense of calm and security in the Lord, so she may not fear the stem cell transplant expected near the end of summer.

**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 in love to our Lord Jesus in prayer.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**



**Special Music for a Special Day** - Next Sunday, we look forward to welcoming a young ladies group of singers to lead us in worship! Our girls have been practicing for a few weeks and are eager to share their worship music with the congregation for Mother's Day!

**Thank-you so much to all of our Scripture Readers!** We are very blessed to have so many people participate in our worship services through the rotation of Scripture readers! Thanks to everyone who read for us as a part of the 2017-2018 schedule. Our current schedule ends in the fall. Please begin thinking and praying to consider if participating in our weekly worship services in this way is a way you could be involved in the life of our congregation.

**Senior Youth Mini Putting on Clifton Hill!** This **Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** we will be heading Dinosaur Adventure Golf! Meet at the church for **7:30 pm**, cost is \$10. Dress for the weather but an alternate mini-put location is available in the event of bad weather. We hope to see you there!

**Jr.Youth** We are going to Fallsview Water Park on **Saturday May the 12<sup>th</sup> from 1p.m. to 5p.m.** The cost will be \$10.00 and money for food. The drop off and pick up will be at the waterpark.

**Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN:** Niagara Life Centre is a vibrant, Christian organization caring for families and individuals by offering help, hope and healing in the greater Niagara community. Please consider partnering with us! **Next Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** containers will be distributed into hands willing to collect loose change for life-giving change. Over the week between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill the containers with coins, bills, or cheques for Niagara Life Centre. Together, we can bring help, hope and healing to our community. *Life-giving change is good!*

**Dear Congregation**  We are presently taking inventory of all the music in the church. If you have a church hymnal, music book, choir music, children's music, German music or any other music that belongs to NUMC, we are asking you please, to return it to church ASAP. There will be a box by the Welcome Centre for you to drop off music. As an alternative, contact Emily Feiguth and let her know what you have. May 18<sup>th</sup>, is the day most of the inventorying will take place. \*See notice below\* Thank you, your Music Committee 

**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 14<sup>th</sup> to let her know if you would like to participate. The day of the volunteering will be on the PD Day: **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 4 pm.**

**Three 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 4-8<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.

### **MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE:**

**MDS volunteer opportunity in Williams Lake, BC.** Fires in central BC in 2017 destroyed thousands of acres of forest as well as many homes. On May 20, MDS will begin rebuilding in the community and we need volunteers. For more information or to volunteer go to <https://mds.mennonite.net> or phone 204-261-1274.

### **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**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.

**Annual Spring Garden Sale** – at the Christian Benefit Thrift Shop, **Sat. May 12 10 am -2 pm**. Lawn furniture, garden tools, plants and accessories. We will be accepting donations of potted plants in advance of this sale on Fri. May 11 (12 – 5 pm). We appreciate your support of the work of MCC.

**Paddle the Grand Annual Fundraiser** for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Join us on **Saturday (May 12) at 3 pm** for an easy and fun 1.5 hour excursion down the Grand River near West Montrose. BBQ to follow in West Montrose. Participants are encouraged to raise \$500 per canoe and Silver Lake provides all necessary equipment (canoe, paddles and lifejackets) PLUS a free SLMC t-shirt for all participants! For more information visit [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) or call 519-422-1401

**May 22 to 25, at St Jacobs Mennonite Church,** FUNDRAISER FOR MCC. Church packed with quilts and fibre art. \$5, students free. Featuring preview of quilts for New Hamburg Quilt Auction; Bonnie Murdock, feature artist; Kate Carder-Thompson, student, Masters in Fine Art (fibres) at Western University. Details - St Jacobs Festival - see [www.stjacobs.com/events](http://www.stjacobs.com/events).

**On Thursday May 31, Radiant Care Pleasant Manor** will be having their May Memorial for those in their community who have died over the last six months. Friends and family of our tenants and residents are welcome to join us in the Creekview Meeting room at **7:00 PM** for a short celebrative worship service and time sharing memories. Light refreshments are to follow.

**The United Mennonite Home's Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM** in the Chapel/Celebration Room. According to the Constitution, "Notice of the time and place of every such meeting shall be given by announcement in each Church which is a member of the Corporation." As well, the by-law requires "not less than twenty-five persons" to achieve quorum. Delegates are selected on the basis of one for every twenty-five church members. As this is a public meeting, attendance is not restricted to delegates. Visitors are welcome. For delegates Information Packages will be available for pick-up Sunday, May 27/18.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b> Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Private Piano Recital
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Church Council Meeting
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Education 2018-2019 School Year Discussion
	<b>7:00 pm</b> PCRC Meeting
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Praise & Worship Practice
	<b>8:00 pm</b> Al-Anon Meeting
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b> Youth
<b><u>Sunday, May13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	
<b>9:45 am</b>	Choir Practice – 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of education wing
<b>9:45 am</b>	Baptism Class
<b>10:20 am</b>	Worship Team Meeting – Room #30 on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>10:45 am</b>	Worship Service– Message by John Tiessen

*\*For a complete listing of church events, please see our online calendar on our church website. \**

<b>Offering of April 29<sup>th</sup>: \$ 6,605.00</b>			
Budget	\$ 5,830.00	M.C.C.	\$ 235.00
Christian Witness	\$ 160.00	MCC - Food	\$ 130.00
MDS	\$ 200.00	MCC – Pork on a Bun	\$ 50.00

**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.

**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.