

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

~ PENTECOST- TESTIMONY & BAPTISM- COMMUNION~

“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:**

**Please pray for John & Rita’s son & daughter-in-law Steve & Monica Epp.**

Monica has been airlifted to Mount Sinai hospital due to complications with her pregnancy. She and the twins are doing fine, but she will remain in the hospital until the babies are born and ready to be discharged. May the Lord’s tender and nurturing hands protect Monica and their children as they continue to form and grow in his likeness, as he brings calm to her and their family, replacing all fear and worry with his peace that passes all understanding.

**Please continue to pray for:** Audrey Epp, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rhodie Marshall, Irene Penner, Helen Wall & Martha Wiens, as well as others who may need prayer. Let us continue to be a strong praying community, lifting one another to our Lord Jesus in prayer.

**MCEC in Prayer:** Each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. We invite you to join us in praying this week for **Bethel Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Kitchener, ON** and **Bethel Mennonite Church, Elora, ON**.

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Laury Willms
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Katrina Metsa
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Children exit for Lighthouse

Testimony & Baptism of Alex Froese	John Tiessen & Waldo Pauls
Scripture Reading	Esther Willms

(Acts 2:36-41 & Romans 6:1-4)

<b>“Pentecost and Baptism”</b>	Waldo Pauls
Communion	
Sending	Waldo Pauls

### **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Sr Youth!** This **Fri. May 25<sup>th</sup>** there will be a joint event with our local Niagara Cluster. We will be playing capture the flag. Meet at church at 6:30 pm.

**Senior’s Time Out-** All Seniors are invited to our next Seniors Tea **next Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** at Creekview. John and Kathy Rempel are back for part 2 of the presentation of “the dynamics among the Chaco inhabitants.” We hope to see you all there!

**Church Picnic** -Our Education Committee would like to invite you to join us for this year's Church Family Picnic! Hosted at the same location of Virgil Sports Park, it will be held on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Worship will begin at **11:00 am** with potluck-style lunch following at 12:00 pm. We invite you to please bring one main dish as well as either a salad or a dessert to share. Also, please remember to bring your own lawn chairs, plates, cutlery and beverages. We have multi-generational games planned following lunch, as well as an over 30/under 30 baseball game, so we invite you to please stick around to participate with us! We hope to see you all there to enjoy in worship and fellowship with our church family!

**As many of you know, Dan Willms is in Israel with the MCEC Yella group.** You can follow along with their travels by reading their blog and looking at some pictures at <https://Yella.mcco.ca>. This week they were being hosted by Christian Palestinian Families and getting a whole new perspective on the conflicts happening in Israel right now!

**Wooden Chairs** – There are several spare wooden chairs available free to a good home. Please speak with Jeff Friesen to acquire some of these.

**Niagara Life Centre’s 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN:** Were you able to start filling your Niagara Life Centre containers? The value of sharing is a good way to teach our children to be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us. Many families have found Niagara Life Centre’s Change is Good campaign to be a great way to engage their children in learning to give. Our Change is Good campaign is an opportunity for all of us to help families within our own community. Need a container? Pick-up yours up at the Welcome Centre. **Life-giving change is good!**

**The Music Committee and Worship Committee,** with the support of Church Council, are excited to present a new initiative for this summer. We will be inviting music groups (and individuals) from Christian music groups to present the musical portion of our Sunday morning worship services. This will allow our current volunteers to have a break. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to hear different styles of music, as well as enjoy some old favourites. After searching for some organizational support, we are grateful for Jolien Carter's help in administrating this new initiative!

<b>Offering of May 13<sup>th</sup>: \$ 3,974.05</b>			
Budget	\$ 2,932.05	M.C.C.	\$ 525.00
Christian Witness	\$ 170.00	MCC - Food	\$ 30.00
Teen Evangelism in Niagara		MCC – Pork on a Bun	\$ 160.00
	\$ 107.00	Menn. Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 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-Pork on a Bun. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**Plan on attending the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.** Pack up your plants and rhubarb to donate to the Plant Tent and Rhubarb Venue, and come see the vintage/restored Erb Transport trucks on site. Or bid on the 1959 Ferguson Tractor T035 or on one of the 211 beautiful handmade quilts. There is a lot to see and do! Hope to see you there.

**NHMRS Run 4 Relief** is looking for runners & volunteers to help at the Run. Go to [www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com) to register or contact Roger Kehl at [runforrelief@gmail.com](mailto:runforrelief@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

Since last October's MC Canada Assembly, more than 12 new congregations have contacted the Winnipeg office requesting info on how to develop an international Witness relationship! We give thanks for these interested congregations and for the many others who might be considering developing a more global connection through our Witness workers. If your congregation is interested in learning more about a Witness partnership and developing that international connection, please contact Norm Dyck, MCEC Mission Engagement Minister.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**The Christian Benefit Thrift Shop thanks you for your support.** Our Spring Garden Sale, held Sat. May 12, raised \$5400 toward the work of MCC Ontario. We've reserved a section of our Shop for garden plants, so we'd be happy to receive donations of POTTED plants throughout the gardening season. We're open M,Tu,W,F 10-5; Th 10-8; Sat. 10-4.

**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. 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 Info Packages will be available for pick-up Sun. May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Niagara Community Male Chorus will be performing a choral concert** in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> year at the St. Catharines UM Church, 335 Linwell Road, on **Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** A free will offering will be taken for the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Darrin Fast.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 21<sup>st</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:**        **VICTORIA DAY - Office Closed**  
                      **7:30 pm** Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

**Thursday:**    **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship Practice  
                      **8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting

**Friday:**        **5:45 pm** Lush & Hofmann Wedding Rehearsal  
                      **7:30 pm** Youth

**Saturday:**     **1:00 pm** Matt Lush & Rita Hofmann Wedding  
                      **7:30 pm** CWOP Dominos Night

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am**        German Choir Practice  
**9:45 am**        Choir Practice  
**9:50 am**        German Worship Service—Message by Renate Dau Klaassen  
**10:20 am**      Worship Team Meeting  
**10:45 am**      Worship Service— Message by 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.

**Office Hours:**

Waldo is in the office Tues & Wed mornings.

Renate is in the office Thurs & Fri mornings.

April is in the office Mon-Fri 9 am-3pm.

Please contact April to schedule appointments with the pastors.