

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 27th, 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.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Carlos Pauls, son of Maria & the Late Henrique Pauls, passed away **Friday, May 18th** in Texas. He was the father of Christopher, Jennifer and Matthew Pauls; brother to Hans & Christine, George & Rita, and Jake; and uncle of Katlyn (Luc) Lobsinger, Ryan Pauls, Kyle (Juliana) Pauls, and Christen Pauls. A private memorial is being planned for a later date. The family expresses their thanks & appreciation for your thoughts and prayers.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Arno Enns on Wednesday, May 23rd. Visitation will be here at NUMC on Thursday, May 31st from 6-8 pm. A memorial service will follow on **Friday June 1st at 11:00 a.m.** with a fellowship meal to follow in our auditorium. A funeral choir has been requested and all singers are invited to join the practice at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning in the Choir Room. May the peace of Jesus bring healing to Hannelore and the family through this season of loss.

Congratulations to newlyweds Rita Hofmann and Matthew Lush, who were married here in our church yesterday! We pray for God’s blessing on their marriage. May God’s love continue to fill their hearts and lives and may the Spirit continue to guide them according to His purpose.

Please pray for David Steingart, son of Mary Steingart, who is undergoing stem cell implant surgery today for an aggressive form of cancer that he has been battling for some time now. Let us lift him up to our mighty God as we expectantly pray that he may demonstrate his goodness and faithfulness today to bring healing and restoration to David.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Steve & Monica Epp & their unborn twin babies, 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.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude
Congregational Life
Worship in Song
Children's Moment
Offering

Praise & Worship
John Tiessen
Praise & Worship
Katrina Metsa

Offering Focus – see financial section
Children exit for Lighthouse

Scripture Reading

Kathy Rempel

(Ephesians 1:3-14)

"All According to Plan"

Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Sending

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Today's Nursery Volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

German Worship Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Gunnar Doerwald – Grusswort: Jesaja 6:1-3

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB# 7 " Heilig, heilig, heilig!"

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB# #11 "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich!" (V. 1, 2 u. 3)

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Psalm 29

Botschaft: " Wir rufen: Herrlichkeit!"- Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #11 "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich!" (V. 4, 5 u. 6)

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Vacation Notice- Interim Pastor Waldo Pauls and his wife Pam will be on vacation in British Columbia leaving May 28th and returning June 9th. Please direct pastoral concerns to Associate Pastor: German Worship, Renate Dau Klaassen during his absence this coming week. We pray that Waldo and Pam enjoy a lovely and restful time away!

TODAY in the foyer, Jessie Klassen and Martha Bartel are selling raffle tickets in support of the United Mennonite Home in Vineland. Please give them your support.

Please note the following phone number update: In our 2015 Photo directory, Rudy & Maria (Pauls) Wiens contact was listed incorrectly. They would like to take this opportunity to list their proper phone number: 905-468-3795. Please make this change to your directories at home! Thanks.

Couch Trip! This **Friday, June 1st**, we are bringing a whole new meaning to couch potato. The youth will be headed to downtown Niagara on the Lake for the annual photo scavenger hunt/ couch trip. There is no cost for the event. We will be meeting at **7:00** in the first-floor lounge. It is encouraged for the youth to bring camera's, but cellphones do the trick. Look forward to seeing you there!

The basement remediation is 95% complete. There is still some outstanding work left to be completed in the Kitchen and the old basement. This will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The basement, gym and kitchen are available for our use. Thanks to all that helped move all the furnishings & equipment back in place. Thank you to the ladies for their ongoing work in cleaning the dishes etc. and organizing and putting stuff away. A big thanks to Emily Fieguth, Jeff & Anita Friesen and all the people involved in getting the place organized and ready for use.

The downstairs nursery is back up and running with volunteers for this Sunday's service! All families with young children are welcome to utilize our nursery and are invited to drop off their younger children to play while you participate in our worship service. The nursery will be staffed with volunteers until the last Sunday in June and will be open on a self-serve basis during July & August.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The following are the business items to be discussed at the next Membership Meeting, which will start **@ 7:00 pm on June 12th** in the sanctuary:

1. Nominations committee. Affirmation of positions filled after the last annual meeting.
2. Care Ministry report.
3. Spiritual Council/Education Committee report.
4. Leadership restructuring report.

*Any members who wish to bring other items forward should contact Peter Janzen, Church Council chair, by **June 4th** if they wish these to appear on the agenda.

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 10th**. 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!

Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOODCAMPAIGN: We all experience difficulties in our lives from time to time. Niagara Life Centre is here to help counsel those facing times of trouble. We have two full-time and four part-time counsellors. Together, with more than 30 volunteers, an energetic Board of Directors, and your prayers and financial support, the needs of hurting people are met. Your partnership with Niagara Life Centre's Change Is Good Campaign goes a long way! Thank you for partnering with us in this important work. **Life-giving change is good!**

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!

Offering of May 20th: \$ 5,797.00			
Budget	\$ 4,287.00	M.C.C.	\$ 300.00
Christian Witness	\$ 160.00	MCC - Food	\$ 170.00
Library	\$ 100.00	MCC – Pork on a Bun	\$ 330.00
MDS	\$ 50.00	MCC – School Kits	\$ 200.00
		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 CHURCH EASTERN CANADA:

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 **Blenheim Ecumenical House Church, Kitchener.**

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

Prayer Request from MC Canada Joint Council We invite all congregations and members of Mennonite Church Canada to join with us in prayer as we seek an EXECUTIVE MINISTER. We invite applications and nominations for an individual who will work cooperatively with the Executive Staff Group to nurture, represent and inspire a unified vision of MC Canada.

Annual General Meeting The next MC-Canada AGM will be held on **June 16th, 12:00 pm Eastern Time.** More details and a link for participation will be coming. The AGM is the annual meeting held by the Joint Council, open to all across Canada.

Prayer Request from Indigenous-Settler Relations An 11-person delegation from Mennonite Church Canada and Christian Peacemaker Teams (Indigenous Peoples Solidarity) are heading to Saddle Lake Cree Nation (Treaty 6) for a week of learning from Indigenous knowledge keepers, and to participate in a documentary exploring Settler-Indigenous alliances. Please pray that our conversations and the resulting video project would be helpful to the wider church and beyond.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Kim Lester, MCC Ontario Revenue Development Director for the past four years has been named Associate Executive Director, effective immediately. Kim will continue her role in Revenue Development, take on additional public facing responsibilities and provide support to Executive Director John Head.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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 **Sat. June 2nd at 2:00 PM** in the Chapel/Celebration Room. The by-law requires "not less than 25 persons" to achieve quorum. As this is a public meeting, attendance is not restricted to delegates. Visitors are welcome. For delegate Info Packages will be available for pick-up Sun. May 27th.

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp- A great opportunity this summer The early-bird deadline is fast approaching to register for your musical summer camp adventure! Ontario Mennonite Music Camp (OMMC) is a place where youth, ages 12-16, develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. We provide an exciting summer opportunity, pairing exceptional musical instruction with traditional camp activities. While still offering strings, winds/brass, piano and voice masterclasses taught by our University-trained instructors, along with our all-camp choir and staged musical, we are also adding a guitar masterclass this year.

This year's camp runs from August 12-24 at Conrad Grebel University College. For more information, to register, and to see last year's lip-dub video, please visit our website: <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/campers/ontario-mennonite-music-camp>, or find us on Facebook. Register by May 31st to receive an early-bird discount and not miss out on 12 days of music, faith, friendship and fun!

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

Bethany Mennonite Church's Silver Foxes are organizing an Old Order Mennonite Tour to Waterloo on **Wed. June 13**, and there are a few seats still available. All tours, including a Parochial School, a Mennonite General Store, the Westmount Covered Bridge, a Meeting House, a Horse and Buggy shed and the Mennonite Museum are included in the cost. Also included is the cost of the coach, and lunch at Anna Mae's restaurant in Millbank! Cost is only \$60.00 per person. Cheques may be made out to Bethany Mennonite Church. Participants will be included on a "first come, first serve" basis. Phone Ted and Sylvia Wiens at 289 868-9068 if interested.

St. Andrew's NOTL 35th Annual Strawberry Festival Enjoy a fun filled day on **Sat. June 16th from 9 am – 3pm** with all day musical entertainment, children's activities, silent auction, strawberry crepes & shortcakes, delicious BBQ & more! See poster for more details. 343 Simcoe Street, NOTL.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (May 28th – June 3rd)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

Thursday: 6:00 pm Funeral Visitation ~ Arno Enns

8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday: 10:30 am Funeral Choir Practice

11:00 am Memorial Service ~ Arno Enns

12:00 pm Fellowship Meal

7:00 pm Youth Couch Trip

Sunday, June 3rd

9:30 am German Choir Practice

9:45 am Choir Practice

9:50 am German Worship Service—Message by Udo Woelke

10:20 am Worship Team Meeting

10:45 am Worship Service— Message by John Tiessen

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers: Becky Bartel & Gracyn Bartel

**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.