

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 3rd, 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 nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow 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:

Hannelore Enss and her family express their sincere thanks to all who helped make the memorial service for Arno so meaningful.

Please pray for Patricia Regier as she prepares to attend this week’s Wholeness Through Christ course. The course is heavily grounded in prayer, and the prayer support of her church community is so appreciated! May the Holy Spirit be active and tangible this week to Patricia and all who will be at the course, and may his overwhelming love draw his children closer to him, healing many wounds.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Steve & Monica Epp & their unborn twin babies, Elizabeth Janzen, Susan Kaye, Rhodie Marshall, Irene Penner, David Steingart, 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	Kathy Rempel
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Katrina Metsa
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Children exit for Lighthouse

Scripture Reading	John Tiessen
(2 Corinthians 4:5-12)	

“Declaring whom I serve”	John Tiessen
Sending	John Tiessen

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Becky & Gracyn Bartel

German Worship Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Hans J. Wiens – Grusswort: Psalm 55:23 & Jakobus 1:10

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB# 408 "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten" V. 1-4

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: Christian Witness

Lied: GB# 417 "In allen meinen Taten" V. 1,2,4,6

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Lukas 16: 19-31

Botschaft: “Ist Reichtum Fluch oder Segen?”- Udo Woelke

Lied: GB# 408 "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten" V. 6,7

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Vacation Notice- Interim Pastor Waldo Pauls and his wife Pam are on vacation in British Colombia May 28th through June 9th. Associate Pastor: German Worship Renate Dau Klaassen leaves after service today for a European vacation with her husband Randy. They will visit some cousins in Germany and Switzerland, as well as meet up with their grandson, daughter, and son-in-law to visit his parents who live in Italy. They will return back after this extended vacation on June 26th. We pray that both of our pastors find rest and rejuvenation during their holidays. During their vacations, please continue to direct pastoral concerns to the church office. John Tiessen is on-call to tend to these needs. For any emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact him directly at: 905-468-1169.

Ladies Breakfast! It's that time again! All ladies are invited to come join us this **Thursday June 7th, at 9 a.m.** at the Husky Stop Restaurant, 615 York Road, NOTL. Hope to see you 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 **next Sunday 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!

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.

Annual German Choir BBQ on **Saturday, June 16th at 4:00 p.m.** Lolita and Jim Hale's house at 1242 Line 3 Rd., NOTL. All choir members and spouses are welcome! Please bring lawn chairs and an appetite!

Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN: Do you know anyone who is struggling with grief, anxiety, addictions, parenting struggles, depression, anger or relational issues? Niagara Life Centre offers help, hope and healing to families and individuals in the greater Niagara community. We partner with local churches, businesses and individuals to walk alongside people who find themselves at a low point in their lives. By participating in the Change Is Good campaign, you are the hands of Jesus to people in your own community. **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 Christian musicians (groups and individuals) to lead us in 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!

Offering of May 27th: \$ 6,169.65			
Budget	\$ 4,914.65	M.C.C.	\$ 665.00
Christian Witness	\$ 160.00	MCC - Food	\$ 170.00
MDS	\$ 50.00	MCC – Pork on a Bun	\$ 210.00

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of Christian Witness. These contributions go to Mennonite Eastern Canada (MCEC) where they are further allocated to support missionaries, education, leadership training, church planting, as well as administrative support and benefits. They count on our support. 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 **Bloomington Mennonite Church**.

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.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

Greetings from Radiant Care Pleasant Manor: We are pleased to invite you to this year's Farm Day! **June 16th – 10:00am-1:00pm** We would like to invite the greater Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Community by inviting you the members of our constituency churches to this year's Farm Day. If you have not had the joy of experiencing Farm Day, you should know that this is the perfect day to bring the generations of your family together! The young and young at heart gather together to enjoy live music, BBQ food and many attractions including TigerPaws petting zoo, a Jump and Bounce and Fluffy the Clown, pony rides, displays by Niagara Antique Car Club and much more! Everyone is invited to join us – Rain or Shine! (We plan to use the parking garage in case of rain) We will be selling burgers and hotdogs, ice cream with local strawberries (if they are in season) and corn on the cob to raise money to support resident programming. We hope you can come! P.S. Bring your lawn chairs!

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Spring Annual Meeting will be held at **2:00 pm on June 16th**, in the Great Hall at Conrad Grebel University College. Following our annual meeting, Dr. Aileen Friesen will speak on the topic "Searching for an identity: Mennonites in Revolutionary Russia". For more information check our website at: <http://www.mhso.org/content/mennonites-revolutionary-russia> or contact Bethany Leis 519-568-8086.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 4th – June 3rd)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Church Council 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 @ Froese House

Sunday, June 10th – CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC @ VIRGIL SPORTSPARK

11:00 am Worship Service– Message by John Tiessen
12:00 pm Picnic begins, games & activities to follow

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers: n/a

**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.