

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

June 10<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 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.

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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:**

**Baptism Announcement** -Werner & Annie Pankratz are happy and blessed to announce the baptism of two granddaughters on June 3, 2018 at Scottlea Gospel Chapel. Leah Kathryn Ritchie and Mikayla Grace Ritchie; daughters of Kathryn & Duncan Ritchie, great- granddaughters of Elizabeth Janzen, granddaughters to Moira & Bill Ritchie. They were baptized by their granddad Bill Ritchie.

**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.

**Canadian Mennonite Magazine requested** that we remind our congregation that here at Niagara United Mennonite Church we send notices of births, adoptions, baptisms, marriages and deaths for publication in *Canadian Mennonite* magazine. If you have privacy concerns about this, please contact the church office.

**Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.**

Worship in Song  
Congregational Life  
Offering

Praise & Worship  
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*Offering Focus – see financial section*

**“Praise God, He loves us”** (Psalm 138)

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**WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Vacation Notice-** Associate Pastor: German Worship Renate Dau Klaassen and her husband Randy are away on vacation to Europe, visiting Germany, Switzerland and Italy from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. We pray that they find rest and rejuvenation during their holidays. Pastor Waldo Pauls has returned from vacation- please direct all pastoral concerns to him via the church office.

**Lighthouse will continue on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>.** See you those 2 Sundays!

**SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Please join us for our next Membership Meeting, which will start @ 7:00 pm on June 12<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend, regardless of membership. We encourage all who participate in community with us to attend this meeting to be informed and involved in what is happening in our church life. Only the vote (item 8.d.) is restricted to official members. We hope to see you there.

**Annual German Choir BBQ on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Peach Salsa production** Peach Salsa production is coming up. We are looking for volunteers for:

**Friday night – June 22** – preparation aka lots of chopping

**Saturday – June 23** – production

If you've not done this before, the tasks are not difficult and some would say it's a fun time.

Sign up sheets will be in the foyer on **Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Kitchen item giveaway!** Water glasses, stainless steel coffee and tea pots and a few other things available free outside the gym doors, please come and help yourselves. Will be there till Sunday the 24th of June.

**Niagara Life Centre's 2018 CHANGE IS GOOD CAMPAIGN:** Everyday at Niagara Life Centre, we are visited by families and individuals who are looking for help with their struggles. With your support, Niagara Life Centre is able to answer that call for help! Thank you for partnering with us in this important work. **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!

**Agenda for church membership meeting, June 12, 2018. 7:00 pm**

1. Opening and call to order. Naming of Teller's committee.
2. Acceptance of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the membership meeting of January 30, 2018.
4. Nominations committee.
  - a. Affirmation of Susan Reimer to Music Committee.
5. Care Ministry. Rita Epp will report on the work of the Care Ministry.
6. Leadership restructuring. Rick Froese will provide an update.
7. Linda Friesen will update on the work of the Search Committee
8. Spiritual Council/Education Committee. With the extended absence of a leading pastor, the hiring of a Pastor of Relational Ministries, and if approved, the process of hiring to such a position will be discussed.
  - a. Presentation by Spiritual Council and affected committees as to the growing need for such a position.
  - b. Hiring process and search committee process will be reported on.
  - c. Salary would be in accordance with MC Canada guidelines. With our reduced staffing, these funds are already within the existing budget.
  - d. Vote on moving forward with this.
9. Update on basement repairs.
10. Budget update.
11. Closing.

<b>Offering of June 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$ 6,639.75</b>			
Budget	\$ 5,377.75	M.C.C.	\$ 490.00
Christian Witness	\$ 385.00	MCC - Food	\$ 150.00
MDS	\$ 100.00	Mennonite Cnt Ukraine	\$ 60.00
Teene Evangelism Niagara	\$ 77.00		

**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 **Breslau 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.

**Annual General Meeting** The next MC-Canada AGM will be held on **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Mennonite Delegation attends Indigenous Theology Conference** More than 20 Mennonite pastors and leaders have been sponsored by Indigenous-Settler Relations to attend the NAIITS Indigenous theology conference at Acadia University in Nova Scotia (June 7-9). Young and older will be learning about the realities of white privilege and how that impacts racial conflict and our collective efforts toward reconciliation. Please pray for us. That we would have open hearts to learn from the wide diversity of peoples who will be offering their gifts; that we would share our gift too; and that we would come home ready to pass on what we have received to our congregations.

**Ride for Refuge** Save the date! **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** is the 2018 Ride for Refuge event. Mennonite Church Canada is once again inviting its congregational family to participate in this fun, nationwide bike-a-thon/walk in support of our international Witness ministry. As the Ride for Refuge website indicates: "The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that supports charities who provide refuge and hope for displaced, vulnerable and exploited people everywhere." Please visit the Ride website, Stay tuned for more details!

## **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is pleased to report** that \$313,000 were raised at the 2018 Sale for MCC Ontario. Thanks to all who contributed in resources and labour, and to those that attended, for a successful Sale. We are thankful for God's guidance and presence throughout the Sale, and pray that the money raised helps those in need. Until next year - God's Blessings to you.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**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.

**InfoHealth lecture at the NOTL Public Library** will be "Choosing the Right Drugs Using Genomics" on **Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm** by local pharmacist Sean Simpson. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. For more information see the link: <https://notlpubliclibrary.org/infohealth>.

**St. Andrew's NOTL 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival** Enjoy a fun filled day on **Sat. June 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday: 7:00 pm** Spring Membership Meeting  
**Thursday: 6:00 pm** Wedding Rehearsal  
**8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting  
**Friday: 7:30 pm** Youth - Hiking in the gorge  
**Saturday: 1:00 pm** Eric Froese & Rachel de Waard wedding

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day**

**9:45 am** Choir Practice  
**10:45 am** Worship Service– Message by Waldo Pauls

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers: Eugene & Anna Kradko

*\*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.