

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 9th, 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 5 years to Grade 8 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service. 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 continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Jake Friesen, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls, Irene Penner, Justine Reimer, and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers. Let us continuously look to our friends, neighbours and community members, remembering to pray for those around us as well.

NEXT WEEK:

Welcome Sunday – will be held on **Sunday, September 16**. If you have any friends that you may have wanted to invite to church, but have not had the chance, or your friends have been curious about your church, then this is the day to invite them. We will be having coffee and some snacks in the front foyer before the service. The Service itself will be a visitor-friendly service, with a message that suits those who may be new to church. After the service, there is a meal planned for the front foyer and out into the front lawn. Please bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks but in the meantime, mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, Sept 16th We are planning lunch in the front foyer and front lawn following the service. The sandwiches and finger foods will be provided. If you would like to bring squares or cookies please make sure they are cut up and ready to eat.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Marlene Borzychowski
Congregational Life	Janice Janzen
Worship in Song	
Children's Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Children exit for Lighthouse

Scripture Reading	Bill Devolin
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(Psalm 84)

“At Home in God's House” Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Benediction

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

German Worship Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen; Grusswort: Psalm 91:1 & 2

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Lied: GB #7 “Heilig, heilig, heilig”

Chorlied

Opfergaben Fokus: MCC

Lied: GB #354 “Ich will streben”

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Matthäus 7:13-14

Botschaft: “Wo ist der Weg?”- Joachim Dau

Lied: GB #166 “Schenk uns, Vater, deinen Segen”

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Thank You!!

A big THANK YOU to all the incredible volunteers who made this summer's Summer Worship Series possible!

To the members of our wonderful Music Committee who work so hard throughout the year and who made the dream of this summer series a reality. Rachael, Ruth and Sue, thank you for all of your work behind the scenes!

To Sue Reimer who has worked tirelessly this summer at making sure our church is up to the proper standards for song reporting out of respect for all the artists who have given their hearts and lives to creating the songs we use in our services.

To our AV crew who have come in early on Sunday mornings and even on Saturday evenings, changed over between German and English service with lightning speed, and adapted to different groups and their respective needs each week this summer.

To our worship leaders for guiding our guests through the order of worship and taking the time to pray over our services.

To the ushers who have opened windows and brought us all water on those super hot Sunday mornings.

To the wonderful people who have stepped forward to host our guest musicians overnight or for lunch, and to each one of you who has taken the time to greet our guests and make them feel welcome!

This worship series would not have been possible without you and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart! - Jolien Carter

April Michon's last day of service at the church will be September 14th, as she has accepted full time employment elsewhere. We thank April for her service to the congregation, and wish her God's blessing in her future endeavors.

The downstairs nursery is back to full-serve with many wonderful volunteers helping us again this year! All children up to Kindergarten age (5) are welcome. Our nursery is staffed with two volunteers each week and snacks are provided. Our goal is to offer our children a safe, nurturing Christian environment to play and learn in, all while providing parents the comfort and opportunity to pursue their own spiritual enrichment during the Sunday service.

Ushers needed! We invite you to consider if you are willing and able to serve as an usher for our 10:45 English service. Our current vacancy is for 3 new ushers. Please kindly contact Harold Neufeld, Chair of the Nominations Committee for more information regarding this role, or to volunteer. Kind thanks for your prayerful consideration.

This year's Safe Places Seminar will run on **Thurs. Sept. 13th from 6-8:30 pm**. Anyone involved in children/youth ministry again this year who did not attend last year, or who are new to volunteering in these ministries are required to attend this seminar as per Church Council's Safe Places Policy (participation is required at least every two years). *This seminar is only offered once this year.* Please ensure you are able to attend! Child care will be available from nursery to school aged, so the whole family can come together! Come for the pizza dinner beforehand, and the children will be cared for while parents are in the seminar!

The Search Committee has continued to meet over the summer. Our mentor, Dave Brubacher will be away for the month of September and our interim pastor Waldo Pauls has agreed to step in for this time. Currently, we are in conversation with several persons for both the Lead Pastor and the Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries positions. We are hopeful that we will receive two or three MLIs (applications) as a result of these conversations. We trust in the Lord's leading as we continue on and ask for your ongoing prayers for the Search Committee; and for continued prayers for this congregation and for the persons the Holy Spirit is preparing for NUMC.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse Update – Thank-you to the many people who this week headed the call for helpers. We are still looking for two people to share the grade 3-5 class and may need someone for an age 3-4 class. See the signup board in the foyer of the church for detailed descriptions of all the positions. Registrations are still slowly flowing in, please get your child's registrations handed in today. We begin **September 23rd**. Any questions or to discuss please contact Emily Fieguth:

Lighthouse Meeting Monday September 10th, 7:00 pm. Anyone already signed up or anyone who may be interested in being a helper or teacher please attend this meeting. We will be organizing the classrooms and the plans for this years Lighthouse Program. Your input and assistance is welcome.

Calling All Youth! We will be having a pool party/fall planning party on **Friday September 14th**. Meet at the Willms's at 7pm, we want to get all the time we can to think about what is up for us this fall.

Calling all Parents of kids from Grade 9 to 12. After the youth get together on the Friday if we could have a meeting on **Sunday September 16th**, prior to church at 9:30 am to discuss what is up for those in this age group this fall, even if your kids don't regularly attend youth it would be great if we could see you here in the Lounge.

Junior Youth and Parents! Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 are invited to come for dinner at the church on **Friday September 21st @ 6pm**, are encouraged to also bring a friend, and bring their parents to attend as well. More details will follow- stay tuned.

Offering of August 26th: \$4,547.05			
Budget	\$ 3,567.05	M.C.C.	\$ 425.00
Christian Witness	\$ 310.00	MCC – Food	\$ 100.00
Niagara Teenage Evangelism	\$ 45.00	MCC – IVEP Program	\$100.00
Offering of September 2nd: \$3,363.00			
Budget	\$2,548.00	M.C.C.	\$ 515.00
Christian Witness	\$ 130.00	MCC – Food	\$ 70.00
MCC- Relief Kits	\$ 100.00		

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.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Attend MCC Ontario's AGM The Annual General Meeting is our opportunity to share MCC Ontario's financial outcomes and a snapshot of our strategic plan progress. We encourage you to join us in person for a light supper leading into a time of sharing and attending to the annual business requirements for our organization. The AGM will also be available to view online but voting privileges do not extend to delegates viewing online. **Monday, Sept 24 at 6:00 pm**, MCC's Community Room, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:

MC Canada is pleased to announce that Henry Paetkau has agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Minister. Henry will begin his employment on October 16, 2018 and continue until a permanent Executive Minister is in place. Henry brings with him a diversity of experience which we believe meets the current needs of MC Canada as we continue the transition to new structures. Most recently, Henry served as Area Church Minister for MCEC. Previous to that, he was President of Conrad Grebel University College for eight years and Denominational Minister for MC Canada for three years. Thank you for your ongoing prayers throughout this process.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Interested in issues related to generational poverty and neighbourhoods? Looking to learn about life in and around Queenston St.? Westview Christian Fellowship and Westview Centre4Women are looking for board members willing to share their gifts with our small but feisty community. Message Caleb Ratzlaff at convener.westview@gmail.com for more details.

Niagara Life Centre would love to help you on your journey through life. GriefShare is a friendly support group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is held at Niagara Life Centre every Monday from 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. We will start on **September 10** and conclude on December 10. You are welcome to come any Monday, and you are also welcome to attend as many times as you are able. Niagara Life Centre is located at 65 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines (905-934-0021).

The Abner Martin Music Scholarship (\$4,000 value last year) is awarded annually by Menno Singers to one student who: 1) will be enrolled in a full-time music major or minor program at the undergraduate or graduate level in 2018-19; 2) is affiliated with an MCEC congregation; and 3) has demonstrated involvement and proficiency in musical activities in church and community. **Application deadline is September 15th.** For more information and/or an application form contact Lewis Brubacher at lbrubacher@sympatico.ca.

Remembering & Thanksgiving Event - 100 years since the Russian revolution. Featuring historian Aileen Friesen recently in Ukraine, Senator Peter Harder from Ottawa, Special Mass Choir of Choral Music led by John Rempel, Soloist Russell Braun, & much more. Held at St Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. **Saturday, October 13, at 7 pm.** Singers are invited to participate with Choir rehearsals for this event on **Tuesdays Sept. 25th, Oct. 2nd and Oct. 9th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 13th at 4 p.m.** All practices at St. Catharines U.M. Church, 335 Linwell Road. *Please see the poster on our Community bulletin board.*

The Music Man - On **Friday, November 2**, travel by bus to Stratford to see this musical. Call Martha Bartel by *September 10* if you wish to go. 905-468-7029. *Please see the poster on our Community bulletin board.*

Lighthouse Fall 2018 - God's Blessing and Care

Sept. 23 Jesus' ascension Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. (1) Read Acts 1:3-5. I wonder why Jesus wanted them to stay in Jerusalem. (2) Jesus appeared for forty days, speaking of God's kingdom. Work together to name forty things you know about Jesus! Look in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John if you need help. (3) Find a wide-open place and look up to the clouds. Imagine seeing Jesus being lifted up into a cloud.

Prayer for the week: *Loving God, fill us with your spirit that we may carry on the work of Jesus. Amen.*

Upcoming Lessons.....

Sept. 30 Peter, John and a lame man Acts 3:1-10

Oct. 7 *Thanksgiving – No Lighthouse*

Oct. 14 Stephen's story Acts 6-7

Oct. 21 Philip and the Ethiopian official Acts 8:4-8. 26-40

Sermon Notes:

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 10th – September 16th)

- Monday:** 7:00 pm Lighthouse Meeting
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday: 6:00 pm Safe Places Seminar
6:30 pm Praise & Worship practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Sunday, September 16th - Welcome Sunday

- Refreshments & Fellowship in the foyer prior to Worship
9:30 am Parents of children in grade 9 to 12 meeting
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Waldo Pauls,
Renate Dau Klaassen and John Tiessen
12:00 pm Light Lunch following the service on the front lawn
Next week's Nursery volunteers: Anita & Kendra Sawatzky

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

NUMC sermons are available online.

Individual Sermons or Sermon Series are available for purchase (CD or DVD). Please place your order through the church office.

Online Filming Privacy Notice – Our sermons are recorded for streaming over the internet, capturing the stage & up to the front third of the pews in the picture that is recorded. We encourage all ages to sit in the front pews of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support.

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Office Hours:

The office is open weekdays from 9 am-3pm.
Pastor Waldo Pauls is in the office Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen is in the office Thursday & Friday mornings.
Please contact April to schedule appointments with our pastors.