

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

September 16th, 2018 ~ **WELCOME SUNDAY** ~

“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 under 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 3 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:

Flowers at the front of the church today are placed in remembrance of Justina Rahn who passed away on September 13, 1998, twenty years ago. She is fondly remembered by her family.

With deep sadness we announce the passing of Jake Friesen on Sept. 12th. His funeral will be held here in the church on Mon. Sept. 17th at 11:00 am with an hour of visitation beforehand beginning at 10:00 am. All singers are invited to participate in a funeral choir, which will practice at 10:30 am. We pray for the comfort and peace of Christ to be with the family and loved ones of Jake through this time of loss.

With great excitement, Oma Rita and Opa John announce the safe arrival of their first grandchildren, Melanie Olivia and Levi Jonathan who were born Friday, August 17th. Thrilled parents are Steven and Monica Epp. Everyone is doing very well and we all wish to thank the congregation for your thoughts and prayers throughout their journey.

Praise God for answered prayer that Justine Reimer has now been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home. Justine thanks the congregation for the constant prayer support she received through her stay in hospital and is so appreciative of her church community.

Please continue to pray for: Audrey Epp, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls, Irene Penner and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers.

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

Scripture Reading	Christie Esau
(Matthew 16:13-18, 1 Corinthians 1:20-25)	

“Fact or Myth?” John Tiessen with
Pastor Waldo Pauls & Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Benediction

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Anita & Kendra Sawatzky

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

WELCOME one and all to this Sunday's "bring-a-friend" service! We hope you feel "at home" here at NUMC. There is a picnic lunch following the service at the front of the Church (or in the auditorium if the weather is uncooperative). Please line up on the far sides of the front stairway as you exit the sanctuary to serve yourself. There are sandwiches, veggies, fruit, sweets, coffee, tea, and water. Thank you to those people that contributed to the sweets! May God bless our time together.

EDUCATION SUNDAY – will be held next week on **Sunday, September 23rd**. We welcome all children (age 3 to grade 8) back to Lighthouse. After the service, there is an Ice Cream Social planned for the front foyer and out into the front lawn. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing everyone from the congregation there!

The downstairs nursery is back to full-serve with many wonderful volunteers helping us again this year! 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.

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.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Ministry is Resuming this week!

Through this ministry, we build circles of moms who love each other like family. Our gatherings are where moms can meet to share their hopes, fears and insights, in a format that works with their schedules, that doesn't neglect their faith nor their womanhood, their motherhood nor their purpose, their heart nor their mind. For anyone interested in joining this ministry, you are invited to join these gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 am. Please phone Erica Froese for more info.

Welcome Centre Hosts: We are in urgent need of volunteers to help out at the Welcome Centre. Please contact the office if you are interested so that you may be included in the rotation.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse— Begins next Sunday **September 23rd**. Please bring registration forms, preferably email and let us know your child is coming so we can have materials and classrooms prepared accordingly. Updates and program information on the Lighthouse Bulletin board by the office. Any questions or to discuss please contact Lighthouse Coordinator.

Calling all Parents of kids from Grade 9 to 12. 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.

Lighthouse Fall 2018

Images of God's Care

Early Childhood

Ages 3, 4, 5

Sept. 23 God Provides a safe Place

Psalm 91

The Psalmist compares God's faithfulness to a bird's wings that protect its young. God offers refuge and protection when people call out in times of trouble.

Prayer for the week: *God, my fortress and shelter, help me be mindful of your constant care. Let me rest secure knowing that you are always with me in times of trouble. I am never forgotten. Amen.*

Upcoming Lessons.....

Sept. 30 God gathers us close

Deuteronomy 32:4, 10-13, 18; Matthew 23:37

Oct. 7 *Thanksgiving – No Lighthouse*

Oct. 14 God's promise of peace *Ezekiel 34:23-31*

Oct. 21 God lights the way *Exodus 13:21-22; 14:19-20*

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God's Blessing and Care

Lower and Upper Elementary

Grades 1 to 8

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

Offering of September 9th : \$ 0.00			
Budget	\$ 7,212.00	M.C.C.	\$ 685.00
Christian Witness	\$ 1,160.00	MCC - Food	\$ 70.00
Peach Salsa Production	\$20.00	Menn Cntr in Ukraine	\$ 100.00
Teen Evangelism in Niagara	\$ 10.00	Russian Home	\$ 500.00

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 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.

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.

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. 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).

Join CMU online for a live-streamed public lecture, Science and Faith: Conflicting or Enriching with Dr. Alister McGrath: **Sept. 18 and 19.** See cmu.ca/events.

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.*

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (September 17th – September 23rd)

Monday: 7:30 pm Niagara Community Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: 9:30 am MOPS
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Leadership Restructuring Meeting
Thursday: 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise & Worship practice (offsite)
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 6:00 pm Jr Youth & Parents Dinner
Saturday: 4:00 pm Wedding Lindsay Neufeld & Garrison Barkway

Sunday, September 23rd - Education Sunday

***Lighthouse Begins – don't forget to bring your registration forms**

9:15 am German Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service-Message by Pastor Renate Dau
Klaassen
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Pastor Waldo Pauls
12:00 pm Ice Cream Social following the service on the front lawn

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Becky & Gracyn Bartel

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

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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 the office to schedule appointments with our pastors.