

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**~ Thanksgiving Sunday ~**

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“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:***

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**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	Kathy Rempel
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading Rick Froese

(Matthew 20: 1-15)

**“God is Generous”** John Tiessen

Benediction

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Audrey Dau & Emma Thwaites

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## ***CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:***

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**Lighthouse:** We are so excited to begin this season with new tools under our belt! We are now providing a link online through our church website on the Lighthouse Ministry page to access the weekly home devotional! We will begin this Sunday with Session 2, then on October 14<sup>th</sup> we will continue with Session 3. Please contact Emily or the office if you have any questions.

**Lighthouse Registration** – We ask that all parents with children attending Lighthouse provide a registration for their children to help us plan appropriately. Currently, we have had 13 children attending and only 6 registrations. Our annual Bible Dedication has been postponed until such time that we know who the grade 3 students are, in order that we may invite them and their families to the dedication service. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for working with us to keep our information up to date!

**Senior Youth Haunted Hayride.** Prepare for a scare on a hayride unlike anything you've experienced before! Rain or shine, we'll be embarking on a journey through 50 acres of haunted forest at Warner Ranch & Pumpkin Farm. Please **bring \$15 or pay what you can.** All youth grades 9-12 are welcome. **Meet at church for 7:00 SHARP on Friday, October 12th.** See you there!

**Junior Youth Hayride:** Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please **bring \$10. Meet at church for 6:15 pm SHARP.** See you there!

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## ***WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:***

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**Thanksgiving Display:** We are grateful to Dick and Marlene Heidebrecht for their gorgeous decorating of the church for the fall and Thanksgiving season. Thank you to them for all their time and efforts. It is appreciated by the entire congregation.

If you would like to share items with your community by donating to our food pantry, please place these gifts in the bins provided in the foyer on during the month of October.

**German worship services:** In order to enable us all to worship together on Thanksgiving Sunday October 7th, the German service that was scheduled for that morning, has been postponed to October 14th. The next German service after that will take place October 21st, as scheduled at the beginning of the year.

**Church Council Planning:** A membership meeting will be held October 16, 7:30 pm. Membership will be asked to vote on:

1. Creating the position of Worship and Engagement Coordinator, which is the same position  
(with a slightly changed title), as was introduced at the August 26 information meeting; and
2. An extension of the term for the Associate Pastor for German Worship.

An update from the Pastoral Search Committee will be brought, as well as the extensions of the term of the Interim Pastor and an extension of the ministry of Renate Klaassen for services to the congregation above and beyond the role of Associate Pastor for German Worship, pending the hiring of permanent staff for those roles.

Any items which members wish to introduce as Other Business may be considered, provided Church Council has received written notice one week prior to the date of the meeting. These notices can be delivered to the church office.

The full agenda will be published in next week's bulletin.

**Communion Service:** We will be holding a communion service in the gymnasium on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The theme of the service will be a prayer time, as we bring to God the needs of our church.

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## ***WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH Cont'd:***

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**Women in Service** Quilting will resume on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Ministry has resumed!** 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 am. Please phone Erica Froese for more info.

**Inviting all Grade 7 and 8 girls!** There will be a Bible study offered on Wednesday nights here in our church taught by Ramona Neufeld. The first classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:15. Please call Mrs. Neufeld at home to confirm you would like to participate and then bring your Bible to the first evening. Come out and bring a friend!

**Peter Dirks' Birthday celebration Sunday October 14th.** Peter Dirks and Susan Kaye invite the church family to join their families, immediately following the English worship service, for a luncheon celebration of their father's 100 years in God's Hands and counting. Best wishes only.

**Adventsfeier:** The annual German "Adventsfeier" has been scheduled for **December 2nd**, in the afternoon (time TBD). The German Choir will start practicing for this event on **Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 16th, at 6:30 p.m.** to accommodate the Membership Meeting and subsequent practices will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.** All who enjoy singing traditional German carols & choral songs are welcome!

**Seniors gathering:** In lieu of a regular Seniors gathering in October, EVERYONE is invited to come out for a Niagara Regional Hymn-sing at NUMC, at **3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 28th**, exploring "Songs of the Seasons", both new and familiar. Refreshments to follow. Organized by music reps from Vineland UMC, Grace MC, and St. Cath. UMC. For details, contact Renate Dau Klaassen.

**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.

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## *WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH Cont'd:*

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**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.

**Leadership Opportunity:** Senior Youth is actively seeking sponsors (volunteer leaders) who have a passion for building meaningful relationships with some pretty amazing youth. We are especially in need of male role models and couples. (Older) **age is not a factor!** Some of the most memorable youth sponsors at NUMC have been the ones with "more life experience." If this is at all on your heart, please be in touch with Ellery as soon as possible for more details: [ellery@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:ellery@redbrickchurch.ca).

**Update on Search Committee notes:** We have received four MLIs for the position of Lead Pastor and are in the beginning stages of reviewing them. Most likely, we will select two or three that we will take further to a Meet & Greet evening, either with the candidate being present or over the internet by skype. As well, we are hopeful that in the next few weeks, we will receive at least two MLIs for the position of Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Please continue to pray for the Search Committee, that we may see with clarity where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Please continue to pray for each other and the congregation as a whole, calling upon the Holy Spirit to guide our wishes and dreams for NUMC and these positions, realizing that we are not all of like mind, but that without a doubt, we all love Jesus!

**New Hymnal? - A Music Committee Update:** Did you know that our blue hymnal is over 25 years old? MennoMedia is developing a new hymnal to replace our blue books with an anticipated release of 2020. As of right now, our music team is curious and waiting to learn more about this new resource. In October of last year, we received a sampler from the new hymnal and sang some of these new songs in our service, aptly titled "The Great Day of Singing" as Mennonites across Canada and the USA sang the same songs from the new hymnal. We anticipate receiving more samplers over the next few years, as the project nears completion. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more or make a donation to the project, please visit [voicestogetherhymnal.org](http://voicestogetherhymnal.org)

**We, the editors of the NUMC newsletter apologize** for several errors made in the birthday page of our last issue. We have corrected those errors & the office has reprinted the page with corrections. Please pick up a copy of this page at the Welcome Centre if you wish. Kathy & Lani

<b>Offering of September 30<sup>th</sup>: \$6,803.45</b>			
Budget	\$5,503.45	M.C.C.	\$1,010.00
Christian Witness	\$ 120.00	MCC - Food	\$ 70.00
Capital Fund	\$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.

**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 (October 8<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:** Office Closed – Thanksgiving  
**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm 7/8 Girls Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship practice  
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting  
**Friday:** 7:00pm Youth

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 am German Choir Practice  
9:30 am Youth Sunday School (gr.9-12)  
9:45 am Choir Practice  
9:50 am German Worship Service – Message Renate Dau Klaassen  
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls  
Noon Lunch in the auditorium for Mr. Peter Dirks 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Janice Janzen & Julia Bartel

*For a complete listing of Church events,  
Please see our online calendar on our website:  
[www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca)*

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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 Pastors directly to book an appointment to see them.

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## ***OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:***

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**First Annual Radiant Care Foundation Banquet** In support of Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor **Friday, October 12** – reception 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, White Oaks Resort. Tickets on sale for \$85. Available at Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor admin offices  
Guest Speaker Adam Shoalts, writer and explorer.

**Remembering & Thanksgiving Event - Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 7 pm.** 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. \*Singers in the Mass Choir please note that the Saturday Oct. 13th practice will start at 3 p.m. (not 4 p.m.) with faspas provided at the church. All practices at St. Catharines U.M. Church, 335 Linwell Road.

**It's OPERETTA Time again** Bus trip to see DIE FLEDERMAUS in Toronto on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Seats have been reserved. Please call Martha Bartel asap if you wish to go.

**CM Now:** Stay up to date with Mennonites in Canada and beyond by signing up for CM Now, a free newsletter that comes directly to your email inbox every two weeks. You'll find quick links to recent Canadian Mennonite web stories, plus items for you and your church to pray about. Go to <http://www.canadianmennonite.org/subscribe/cmnow>.



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## *CHURCH COMMUNICATION*

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Over the course of a week, our church receives so much interesting information, from updates on what is happening within our church ministries to news from groups connected to the church and community! In an effort to properly share this information with you all, we ask for your patience as we rework how we distribute this information.

- **Our church website:** [www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca)  
This your primary source for information! We hope this will be a space through which those within our church community as well as those beyond can connect and engage with us.  
At any time, you can visit the calendar online to see what is happening right now at NUMC. Over the course of the weeks to come, we will also be updating all the ministry pages, as well as creating a new resource page with links to groups such as MC Canada, Mennonite Disaster Services, MCEC, MEDA, Christian Benefit Thrift Shop, Silver Lake and more!
- **Facebook:** Niagara UM Church (Page), Niagara United Mennonite Church (Group), NUMC Youth (Group), MOPS (Page)  
If you have Facebook, these pages and groups are a great way to connect with one another and find events that are happening!
- **Bulletin Boards:** The bulletin boards around the church contain valuable information and special events from the Niagara community and other organizations. Outside the church office we have our calendar and schedules, as well as other office news.
- **Bulletins:** We hope to make the bulletin more readable and compact, so we will only be including information from outside organizations upon request to the office by the rep for the respective organization.
- **Emails:** We will also no longer be forwarding emails from organizations outside the church, but rather encourage you to personally sign up for emails from the organizations that interest you!

We know this is a lot of change and we appreciate not everyone is tech savvy, if you need assistance with accessing this information, please contact the office and we will gladly assist you!