

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

November 18<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 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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**The flowers before you, are a symbol of celebration**.....celebrating 60 years of partnership in marriage for our parents, Werner and Marlene Fast. God has blessed them richly over their many years together. May God hold them and enfold them as they journey through another year.” ~the Fast Family

**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.

**The family of Arno Bartel** wish to express our heart felt thanks for the love and care we received from our church community as we said farewell to our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. We sincerely appreciate the gift of time and talents from all our church volunteers. Thank you also for your practical gifts of food, the beautiful flowers, the encouraging cards, and most of all your prayerful support. The Bartel Family

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude	Praise & Worship
Worship in Song	
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Children's Moment	Katrina Metsa
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading	Kendra Sawatzky
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(2 Kings 5:1-14, Mark 1:40-45)

"A Tale of Two Healings"	Pastor Waldo Pauls
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Benediction	Pastor Waldo Pauls
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Today's Nursery Volunteers: Becky Bartel & Gracyn Bartel

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## **German Service — 9:50 a.m.**

Andachtsleiter: Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB #267 "Ich weiss einen Strom" (V. 1,2 u. 4)

Grusswort: Johannes 3:16

Chorlied- "Alles will ich Jefu weihen"

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #259 "Wer Jesus am Kreuze" (V. 1,2 u. 4)

Chorlied – "Der Herr hat Großes an uns getan"

Schriftwort: Johannes 3:1-16

**Botschaft:** "Die Suche nach Mehr" Udo Woelke

Lied: GB #348 "So lang mein Jesus lebt" (V. 1,2 u. 5)

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet, so Gott will, am 25.11. statt.*

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## ***FROM THE OFFICE:***

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**Employment Opportunity** Niagara United Mennonite Church has an opening for an experienced Office Administrator to support the Ministerial Team and the Church's overall programs and activities. This is a 30 hour/week position. Compensation will be based upon qualifications and experience. The full job description is available on the Church website [www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca). If you are interested in applying for this position please forward resume via email to Peter Janzen, Church Council Chair [janzen@cogeco.net](mailto:janzen@cogeco.net). The deadline for applications is November 30, 2018. All applications are appreciated, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Office Hours:** The church office will be closed on Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>. All other days, the office is open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**Year End Slide Show** Yes, it is that time of year again. We need pictures from this past year. Please email jpeg files to the office so we may include them in the year end slide show. We need weddings, baptisms, special events & services, lighthouse, youth activities, women in service. Really, we want pictures from all the activities and events that happened this past year.

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

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**Lighthouse:** Please see the link online through our church website on the Lighthouse Ministry page to access the weekly home devotional! Next Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> we will continue with Session 8. We still have many missing registration forms, please pick one up at the Welcome Centre if you have not yet registered your children.

**Senior Youth Ice Dogs Game!** Come cheer on your local hockey team at a home game on Friday, November 23rd. Tickets are \$20 or pay what you can. **Meet at Mark and Ellery's** house (21 Sandown Street, St. Catharines) at **6:30pm SHARP**. Game starts at 7 at the Meridian Centre. Bring a friend and see you there!! (Note: Tickets include a free skate from 5:00-5:50pm. Message Ellery if you are interested in going to the free skate.)

**Junior Youth:** December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm. Join us here at NUMC for cookie and ginger bread house baking. Friends welcome!

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

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**Pleasant Manor Christmas Bazaar 2018** Our annual Christmas Bake sale will be held on **Saturday, November 24th from 10am to 11:30am**. We would appreciate contributions of baked goods from anyone who would like to bake for this occasion. Baked goods could include items such as bread, buns, zwiebak, Christmas cookies, squares, pies. Everyone enjoys purchasing these delicious goodies. Baked goods and crafts can be dropped off for the bake sale in the Pleasant Manor Chapel on Friday, November 23rd between 7 and 8pm. We look forward to an enjoyable time with you! The Pleasant Manor Auxiliary

**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 at 905-468-7029 asap if you wish to go.

**CHORALIS CAMERATA**, a 50 voice regional chamber choir under the direction of David Braun, will present "A Festival of Christmas Choral Treasures" featuring highlights from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Dec. 1 - Knox Presbyterian Church, 53 Church St., St. Catharines - 7:30 pm Dec. 2 - Central United Church, 12 Young St., Welland - 2:30 afternoon. Tickets available by calling 905-646-9225 or at [www.choraliscamerata.com](http://www.choraliscamerata.com).

**Limited tickets available for Chorus Niagara's** performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre, in St. Catharines. See poster in foyer for details.

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

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**The Christmas Season Advertisement** - We'd like to circulate our Christmas ad far and wide! If you'd like to bring one to a community bulletin board, your workplace, or just pass around to family and friends, please pick up extras at the welcome centre. We have lots to share!

**The Niagara Community Male Chorus** will present its annual Advent concert on Sunday, November 25, at 7:00 pm, in the Niagara United Mennonite Church. A freewill offering will be held in support of Out of the Cold and MDS.

**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 (905-468-1847) to confirm you would like to participate and then bring your Bible to the first evening. Come out and bring a friend!

**Adventsfeier:** The annual German "Adventsfeier" has been scheduled for **December 2nd**, in the afternoon (time 3:30pm). The German Choir will practicing for this event on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm**. All who enjoy singing traditional German carols & choral songs are welcome!

**Adventsfeier:** Please bring cookies and squares to the Adventsfeier at church on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please drop off in the kitchen in the morning if possible.

**Prayer Meeting:** Spiritual Council thanks those who came out on Oct 21 to pray. It was a wonderful time where we prayed for our new pastors, our community and our church. We will be holding another prayer meeting on **TONIGHT** Sunday, Nov 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a focused prayer session for our families, our couples and our children.

**Newsletter:** This month's edition of Life With Us has been published and copies available at the Welcome Centre and online.

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## ***FINANCIALS:***

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Financial Update from the Treasurer:

Fiscal year 2018 is quickly coming to an end I would like to provide an update as to where we stand financially year to date (as of Nov.10). A budget of \$398,000 was approved at the annual meeting by the membership, and so far year to date we have received \$277,000.

We ask that you keep our church finances in your thoughts as we enter the Christmas season.

If anyone requires a statement to check and confirm their year to date contributions, let the office know and we will forward to you.

<b>Offering of November 11<sup>th</sup>: \$5,667.50</b>			
Budget	\$ 4,757.50	Christian Witness	\$ 350.00
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**Audio for our sermons is available online at  
[www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca)**

**Filming Privacy Notice**

Our services are sent via closed circuit Television to Radiant Care Pleasant Manor. This captures the stage & up to the front third of the pews in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit in the front pews of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support!

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## ***UNITED MENNONITE HOME:***

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Greetings from U.M.H!

After a long two years of endless applications and meetings, we are pleased to inform you, (our stakeholders) that work has finally begun on our six townhomes, located on Simon's Lane. The site services are presently being installed, with excavation and construction stated to begin shortly. If the weather co-operates, we should have residents moving in early spring.

The fall is a great time to go for a road trip so not only do we encourage you to see how our construction is progressing, but we ask and encourage you to stop by the Home, and maybe visit one or more of our Residents. You are always welcome, and it would be appreciated by all.

As always, we appreciate all of our staff, and especially want to do a large shout out of 'Thank you' to the countless number of volunteers who truly help make our Home the great place it is.

Speaking of volunteers, each year two board members are needed to replace the existing ones. Board members serve for a three-year period, with a term limit.

We have a nine member board, so therefore two new board members are recognized each year. It is never too early to think it over and discuss this worth-while service. If you would consider this as something you may be interested in, please contact any board member or call Walter Sguazzin at the Home.

The terms start at our Annual Meeting, first Saturday in June.

God bless, John Riediger- Board Chair

*NUMC Vineland Mennonite Home Auxiliary- Kaethe Wiens*

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday:**      **12:00 pm** Ladies Baking  
                  **7:00 pm** Ladies Bible Study  
                  **7:30 pm** Male Chorus Practice

**Tuesday:**    **8:00 am** Ladies Baking  
                  **9:30 am** MOPS  
                  **7:00 pm** German Advent Choir

**Wednesday:** **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study  
                  **7:00 pm** Spiritual Council Meeting

**Thursday:**   **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice  
                  **7:30 pm** Candlelight Practice @ Bethany  
                  **8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting

**Friday:**       **6:30 pm** Youth @ Ice Dogs Game

**Saturday:**    **9:00 am** Male Chorus Practice  
                  **10:00 am** Pleasant Manor Bazaar

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – Eternity Sunday**

**9:15 am**      German Choir Practice  
**9:45 am**      Choir Practice  
**9:50 am**      German Worship Service  
**10:45 am**    Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls  
**7:00 pm**      Male Chorus Concert

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Nancy Dube & Allison Dube

*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.