

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

December 2, 2018

### **First Advent**

“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.

**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!

## Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Kathy Rempel
Advent Call to Worship & Candle Lighting	Peter Dirks Sr.
Congregational Life	Janice Janzen
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading	Erika Froese
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(Jeremiah 33:14, Luke 21:25-36)

“Wait! He is Coming!”	Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen
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Communion

Benediction	Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen
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Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Audrey Dau & Logan Fieguth

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**Life in the foyer:** Lots of good things happen here -- come early! Meet & greet each other; read the bulletin boards; check your mail box; get info at the welcome desk; receive a bulletin. ***When the ushers flash the lights at 10:45***, you'll know the service is beginning -- let's worship!

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

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### **Westview Christian Fellowship needs donations for the winter season.**

New socks, underwear, small blankets, scarves & gloves. Food donations for their pantry, gift items for their Christmas gift program. They also need volunteers for their Thursday evening program. Any and all donations of prayers, financial, food and clothing donations are all needed. Help us fill the bins in the foyer.

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## ***JOYS AND CONCERNS:***

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

**Alex and Melissa Froese** are excited to announce the birth of their son Lucas Alexander on November 14th. Proud grandparents are Rick and Erika Froese and Ken and Julie Fyfe.

**Rick and Erika Froese are delighted to announce** the engagement of their son, Sean to Meaghan de Waard, daughter of Franklin and Theresa de Waard of Niagara On The Lake. May our loving Father richly bless the couple as they plan their summer wedding.

**Werner and Anne Pankratz have been blessed with the baptism** of another granddaughter Hannah Maeve Regier on Eternity Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at Central Community Church. Hannah is the daughter of Jens and Patricia Regier. Granddaughter to Ingelora Regier and the late Hans Joachim Regier. Great Granddaughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Janzen and the late Frank and Frieda Pankratz.

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

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**Church Archivist needed!** We invite you to consider serving as an Archivist. The archivist collects and sorts material of historical interest to be stored in the church. Kindly contact Harold Neufeld, Chair of the Nominations Committee for more information regarding this role, or to volunteer. Kind thanks for your prayerful consideration.

**Children's Moment Helper needed** We are looking for one or two people to help during the service with the Children's moment starting in January. Most weeks it is singing of a song, maybe leading the children with actions to the song. There are times when telling of a story will be required. If you are interested please contact the church office.

**Ladies Breakfast:** All ladies are invited to join together at the Husky Restaurant the coming **Thursday morning, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** for fellowship over breakfast. All ladies are welcome!

**Calling all bakers!** Please consider bringing cookies and/or squares to share with all who come to socialize after watching the Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the reception in the gym afterwards. Please bring these baked goods in the morning to the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity!

**Employment Opportunity:** Niagara United Mennonite Church has an opening for a Custodian. 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 January 1, 2019. All applications are appreciated, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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## *FINANCIALS:*

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<b>Offering of November 25<sup>th</sup>: \$6,500.00</b>			
Budget	\$5,645.00	Christian Witness	\$160.00
Mennonite Cntr Ukraine	\$160.00	MCC Food	\$70.00
MCC School Kits	\$250.00	MCC	\$215.00

**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.

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## *CHRISTMAS DISPLAY:*

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A special thank you to those who have brought holiday cheer to the Sanctuary. Anysa Neal and team for the fantastic holiday decorating, Alex Fast for the advent yule log and anonymous donation of beautiful advent calendars. Anyone is welcome to open the doors on the calendars as we count down to December 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## *CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:*

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**Lighthouse:** We are working on the Advent and Christmas lessons for the next few weeks. Reminder there is no Lighthouse Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> or Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

**Senior Youth Desserts and GIANT Dutch Blitz!** Go BIG or go home in a tournament of wits, agility, and skill! Four churches will compete in this annual Dutch Blitz tournament. Prizes for winning teams! Delicious desserts to follow. **Friday, December 7 at NUMC at 7PM. FREE event!** Feel free to bring a favourite dessert. Bring your friends and see you there!

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

## **AUFWIEDERSEHEN:**

It's with both happiness and heavy hearts that we are leaving this church and our positions as church caretakers. The last 3 1/2 years has brought Jeff and I much joy and sometimes achy bodies. When we made the decision to first, become members here and secondly, work here we did so with much prayer and insight. We never regretted both decisions. Our church family, as we call you, are truly a family. We are blessed that we have become close to so many of you. A smile here, hug there and many pleasant conversations in between will always be in our memories. We can't take you all with us, but you will all be in hearts forever. We hope and pray that who ever takes our job will have the close relationship with all of you that we had. With regards with our decision to leave, we have been thinking and dreaming of this for a couple of years.

We will be moving to a small community called Long Sault. It is situated 10 minutes west of Cornwall, Ontario. We are about 1/2 kilometre from the St. Lawrence River. It is a beautiful area with lots of conservation areas. Apparently, there is a lot of snow during the winter, but Joyce won't mind having many snow days away from school. Our son, Chris, is planning on attending Ottawa University to further his studies which weren't available at Brock. Megan, our eldest, is staying back hoping to pursue her career in Studio Art. This decision was made with all members of our family, and we are excited and anxiously awaiting what God has in store for us there! Jeff and I are planning to work part time starting in the spring.

In closing, we would like to thank the church council for hiring us and the current staff for supporting us during this time of transition for us. We earnestly pray that we will see each other sometime in the future and if not in this life, the next which our Holy Father has planned for us. We ask for your prayers as we will always keep you in ours. May you all have a Very Merry Christmas, and may the Lord continue to bless you till his second coming.

Blessings Jeff, Anita, Megan, Chris and Joyce Friesen

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday:**      **9:00 am** Women in Service  
                     **9:30 am** MOPS  
                     **7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting  
                     **7:00 pm** Candlelight Choir Practice @ NUMC  
**Wednesday:** **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study  
**Thursday:**    **9:00 am** Ladies Breakfast @ Husky Restaurant  
                     **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice  
                     **7:00 pm** Candlelight Practice @ Bethany  
                     **8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting  
**Friday:**        **7:00 pm** Youth  
**Saturday:**    **2:00 pm** Jr. Youth  
**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Second Advent**

**9:45 am**      Choir Practice  
**9:15 am**      German Choir Practice  
**9:50 am**      German Worship Service  
**10:45 am**    Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen  
                     Candle Lighter – Metsa Family

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Janice Janzen & Julia Bartel  
*For a complete listing of Church events,  
Please see our online calendar on our 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 Pastors directly to book an appointment to see them.