

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

December 23, 2018

### **Fourth 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.

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

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

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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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## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude

Congregational Life

Joachim Dau

Worship in Song

Ladies Choir

Children's Moment

Katrina Metsa

Offering

*Offering Focus – see financial section*

Scripture Reading

Debbie Fast

(Luke 1:26-38,46-55)

“Obedience According to Mary”

Pastor Waldo Pauls

Benediction

Pastor Waldo Pauls

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

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## **Sunday, November 18, 2018**

### **German Service — 9:50 a.m.**

Andachtsleiter: Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Orgelspiel:

Einleitung, Bekanntmachungen u. Gebet

Johannes 1:1-5

Chor: “Nun ist sie erschienen (Opfergaben)

Lukas 1:26-38

Lied: GB #51 “Vom Himmel hoch”

Matthäus 1:18-25

Lied: GB #50 “Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen”

Lukas 2:1-7

Lied: GB #54 “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, alle gleich”

Lukas 2:8-14

Chor: “Ehre sei Gott”

Lukas 2:15-20

Lied: GB #61 “Herbei, O ihr Gläubigen” (V. 1 u. 2)

Johannes 1:10-12, 14

Lied: GB #55 “O du fröhliche”

Segen

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet am 6.1. Statt.*

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## ***MAIL TO BE PICKED UP:***

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In the past we would put copies of flyers from the various Mennonite conference materials into mailboxes. We have noted that these are often not picked up or are put into recycling. It is also a two-hour project to stuff all the mail boxes. Going forward, these flyers will be put out on the Welcome Centre and the mailbox credenza, so you can choose to take what you are interested in reading.

### **This week available to be picked up.....**

Mennonite Eastern Canada 'Sprout Fall 2019' and MCEC Executive Minister David Martin 'MCEC & NUMC in Ministry Together'

Don't forget to check your mailbox here at church periodically. Many use the mailboxes to save on postage for Christmas cards. Our treasurer will leave financial statements in the mailboxes at year end. If there are materials you do not want in your mailbox, please recycle them. If you need a mailbox, let the office know. If you need a mailbox removed or edited, please also let the office know.

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## ***MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY:***

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Annual General Meeting will be held **on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 2 pm in the Pleasant Manor Oakview Chapel** on 15 Elden Street in Virgil. Discussions to include levy rates and sustainability of society, revisions to constitution (for Jan 2020 AGM vote) regarding dissolution processes (society is not dissolving; however members may vote on this at a future AGM) and expanded eligibility of new members, etc. Board and committee positions are available. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email [info@mennoniteburialsociety.com](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com)

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

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**2019 German Worship Calendars** are available in paper copy at the Welcome Centre this morning and can also be easily accessed on our new church website.

**Funeral and Visitation Helpers needed** We are looking for individuals to help during visitations and funerals. Hosts, ushers, AV technicians, kitchen setup and serving. Visitations are usually from 2-4pm and then 6-8 pm. Funerals are usually at 11:00 a.m. Helpers are needed before and after the service. If you are interested, or need more information please contact the church office.

**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.

**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.

**Just a reminder... TURN OFF THE LIGHTS & HEATERS!!** When you leave a meeting room please turn out the lights as you leave the building. We have been finding all the lights on in the morning. We have also found the heater in the boardroom left on all night. No one comes to 'lock up' in the evenings. The doors automatically lock, we count on the last person to leave to shut off lights.

**Senior Youth - See you in the New Year!** Senior Youth has finished for 2018. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on **Friday, January 11** for our 2019 kick-off event!

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

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**Westview Christian Fellowship needs donations for the winter season.** Thank you to everyone who has generously been helping fill up the bins for Westview. The donations were delivered to Westview this past Thursday by members of our Senior Youth. We had an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the facility and learn about the important ministries Westview provides for the community around them.

**Job Opportunity: Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre – Executive Director**  
Hidden Acres is a long-established, year-round Christian ministry in Perth County, Ontario. We're seeking an Executive Director to guide development of the overall ministry of the camp and oversee program, personnel, facility, public relations, fundraising, and administration. Deadline is February 6. For more information, visit the opportunities page on our website [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)."

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***CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE:***

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Please join us on Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a pickup choir, all welcome to come and sing. Choir will gather in the choir room at 10:00 a.m. to practice.

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***FINANCIALS:***

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<b>Offering of December 16<sup>th</sup>: \$11,247.30</b>			
Budget	\$8,476.50	Christian Witness	\$235.00
MCC Food	\$170.00	Capital Fund	\$75.00
MDS	\$70.00	MCC	\$935.00
Choir	\$1,285.80		

**Offering Focus** – To date we have received \$333,065.50 towards our 2018 budget of \$398,000. 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.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>)**

- Monday:** Office 9:00 am – Noon  
6:30 pm Christmas in Narnia @ Bethany Mennonite Church
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am Open Choir Practice  
10:45 am Worship Service  
Office Closed
- Wednesday:** Offices Closed
- Thursday:** Offices Closed
- Friday:** Office 9:00 am - Noon

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Program @ Bethany**

**6:30 pm** Christmas Eve in Narnia  
Our friends at Bethany Mennonite Church have invited us to their Christmas Eve program.

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

**10:00 am** Open Choir Practice – all welcome  
**10:45 am** Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen  
Candle Lighter – Ann Marie Enns & family  
There will no Lighthouse today  
Nursery is self serve today.

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday after Christmas**

**9:45 am** Choir Practice  
**10:45 am** Worship Service – Message by John Tiessen  
There will be a children's moment but no Lighthouse.  
Nursery volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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

## Church Hours December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Monday Dec. 24	9:00 am – Noon
Tuesday Dec. 25	office closed
Wednesday Dec. 26	office closed
Thursday Dec. 27	office closed
Friday Dec. 28	9:00 am – Noon
Monday Dec. 31	9:00 am – Noon
Tuesday Jan. 1	office closed
Wednesday Jan. 2	9:00 am - Noon
Thursday Jan. 3	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday Jan. 4	Noon – 6:00 pm

During the holiday season, if you have a Pastoral emergency please contact Waldo Pauls at \*\*\*\_\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\* (see printed bulletin). You can also email the church office or leave a message on the church phone. Emails and messages will be picked up even on days the office is closed.

### Church Contacts:

Phone: (905) 468-3313

Web: <http://www.redbrickchurch.ca>

Office Administrator: Emily Fieguth [office@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca)

Interim Pastor: Waldo Pauls [waldo@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:waldo@redbrickchurch.ca)

Associate Pastor: German Worship: Renate Dau Klaassen [renate@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:renate@redbrickchurch.ca)

Youth Education Director: Ellery Rauwerda [ellery@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:ellery@redbrickchurch.ca)

Worship & Engagement Coordinator: Rachael Peters [rachael@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:rachael@redbrickchurch.ca)

### Office Hours:

The office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.