

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 13, 2019

“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.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

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

The flowers in front of the sanctuary are in memory of Irene Penner who was laid to rest on January 8. May God grant the family peace and comfort in their time of grief.

The arrangement in front of the church on the table is in loving memory of Mark Elliott Friesen marking the 10-year anniversary of his passing. Sadly missed and always remembered by his family. Grandparents Franz Friesen and the late Auguste Friesen, the late John Köhn and the late Elisabeth Köhn. Parents Rudy and Dorothy Friesen and brother Derek Friesen, wife Danielle and children Colby, Mason and Cassidy. Forever in our hearts xo **John 8:12** "I am **the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Margarethe Dyck, Anita Friesens mother, has been moved to hospice. The family requests prayers. Margarethe is not able to receive visitors at this time.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

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| Prelude | Praise & Worship |
| Congregational Life | |

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| | Erv Willms |
| Worship in Song | Praise & Worship |
| Children's Moment | Jon Bradnam |
| Offering | |

Offering Focus – see financial section

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| Scripture Reading | Janice Janzen |
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(Luke 3:1(abbrev.)-3, 15-18, 21-22)

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| "What does God say?" | Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen |
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| Benediction | Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen |
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Today's Nursery Volunteers: Becky & Gracyn Bartel

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!

**Audio for our sermons is available online at
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!

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Catechism classes – To all those who are interested in exploring their faith with the possible goal of baptism, we will be starting catechism classes on Sunday, January 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board room on the second floor of the education wing. If you have any questions about this class, please call John Tiessen at ***-***-**** or send an email to j****@hotmail.com.

Senior Youth Paint Nite & Floats. Ever wanted to paint like an artist? Think you aren't "good enough" at art to make anything look awesome? Well think again! With step-by-step instructions and all the supplies, you need, you're guaranteed to walk away feeling like a pro! Enjoy an evening of delicious floats and fun as we paint the night away! All art can be taken home to enjoy forever and ever. 7PM at NUMC on Friday, January 18. Bring a friend and see you there!

Senior Youth Winter Retreat. We are heading up to Hidden Acres again this year for our annual Winter Retreat! Spend a weekend enjoying great food and awesome friends while learning more about our amazing God! We leave Friday, February 15 and return on Sunday, February 17. Cost is \$85 per person. Registration forms have gone out via e-mail, on Facebook, and at youth! Fill it out and return to Ellery by **Friday, January 25th** to secure your spot! Don't miss out!

Jr. Youth will be Friday January 18th at 6:30 pm, meet here at the church. We will be going to an escape room. Please RSVP to Martha Dizio as tickets need to be purchased. Cost TBD.

Seniors Tea Sunday January 27 at NUMC in the auditorium 3:00 pm. Topic is "Who said that". All welcome to come out and enjoy the fellowship.

SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Candidating Weekend will take place Friday February 1st to Sunday February 3rd. You are invited to a “Question & Answer” time with Daniel on Saturday February 2nd from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Refreshments will be served. The questions will be prepared ahead of time and anyone wishing to submit a question should do so to Rachael Peters by next Sunday February 20th. You can email Rachael at rachael@redbrickchurch.ca or drop your question off to the office. We will try to fit as many questions as we can into the time we have set aside for this. The Search Committee is grateful for your continued support and prayers over these many weeks. Pray for Daniel and his family as they prepare for this event. Pray for each other and for this congregation. Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit.



The Search Committee is pleased to announce Daniel Janzen as candidate for Lead Pastor. Daniel was baptized at NUMC and was a member until 2013 when he was called to pastor the Carrot River Mennonite Church in Saskatchewan. He and his wife Ana have two high energy boys, Elijah age 3 and one year old Leopold.

Daniel attended Brock University where he earned his BA in Business and Economics, followed by a Masters of Divinity at Tyndale University College and a Masters in Theological Studies from Wycliffe College in Toronto. He accepted a two year assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in Sarajevo, Bosnia. It was here that Daniel met his wife Ana, who was there from Serbia to assist her Aunt Snezana in leading an MCC workshop. And it was here, while praying about his future, that he felt God calling him to serve as a pastor in the Mennonite church.

In his ministerial role, Daniel has gained depth and uncommon experience with the officiating of two tragic and high profile funeral services. In 2015, three teenage athletes died in a car crash and over 2000 people were in attendance at the service. And in 2018, the service for the Humboldt Broncos bus driver saw over 500 in attendance. One of Daniel's references says "I am personally challenged by Daniel's presence to the aging, dying and grieving...".

Daniel has involved himself in the local community by participating in events and sitting on two local boards, helping him understand the values and hopes of the community better. Daniel says that out of the joy of relationships, comes better worship. He likes to envision, working with people to learn what they want and then help them get there.

Daniel is passionate about continued education and learning, recently attending Canadian Mennonite University's ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry, a conference focused on preaching and teaching from a story perspective; he attended an MC Saskatchewan workshop on Biblical engagement-Anabaptist theology; and this past year, he and Ana co-led a workshop at MC Sask's Equipping Day, "Will our children have faith? "Practicing our faith with our children". He endeavours to read through the Bible every year to become more familiar with the text. He has completed a preaching course at Nipawin Bible College in Regina.

Preaching is a big part of Daniel's ministerial life along with regular church activities such as worship leading a service every two months, council meetings, leading monthly services and memorial services at the local care home, devotionals at teas, Maundy Thursday service, visiting people, funerals, weddings, child dedications, baptisms, pre-marriage counseling, catechism, leading Bible studies, and even helping to put together the annual report booklet and getting men to join the choir.

Daniel has a variety of personal interests which includes baking bread, making jam, failing at gardening, reading and "Cowboying" – feeding cows in the winter time, and experiencing Canadian winters at -42C and six months of metres of wonderfully white, clean, dry snow. This past year he and Ana created a story book about an MCC after-school program in Bolivia, which was featured at the MCC's Sask Relief Sale.

It is said of Daniel that he "is gifted as a pastor. He demonstrates strong pastoral skills and sensibilities. He seems blessed, given, and sent by God to shepherd congregations (see Ephesians 4:11-13)."

WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY:

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 Tuesday from 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. We will start on February 5. You are welcome to come any Tuesday, 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).

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Thank You!!! To all the committees and groups who have submitted their reports this past week. Having this information in a timely manner makes assembling the annual report go so smoothly. To those who have submitted pictures of events from 2018, they are very appreciated. The annual slide show is coming together beautifully.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES:

MDS Puerto Rico: Hurricane clean up and construction is still ongoing, so I will be travelling to Utuado, Puerto Rico with MDS from Jan. 12-26 to help rebuild homes. Please keep this project and the people in Puerto Rico in your prayers. Thank you. Brian Penner

FINANCIALS:

| Offering of January 6, 2019 | | \$6,585.00 | |
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| Budget | \$5,605.00 | Christian Witness | \$70.00 |
| MCC Food | \$110.00 | Youth Group | \$100.00 |
| Menn. Centre Ukraine | \$50.00 | MCC | \$650.00 |

Offering Focus – Once our 2019 budget is approved, we will be updating the weekly giving requirements. 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.

NEW WEBSITE:

In the coming week the much anticipated “Funeral Guide” will be added to the website. This resource is for those families who may need to begin discussing memorial service planning. The guide covers all aspects of the visitation, funeral, fellowship meal and details for the weeks following a family member passing.

In addition, the Funeral page on the website will soon include a space where details on upcoming funerals at our church will be listed. We hope that these two additions bring a sense of comfort and reassurance that during your time of grief, the church is here to support you.

Check out this new resource and all the other fantastic features such as bulletins, audio sermon messages, calendar of events and more.

www.redbrickchurch.ca

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan. 14-20, 2019)

Monday: 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service
9:00 am MOPS
7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday: 7:00 pm grade 7/8 girl's bible study
7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice
8:00 pm Al-Anon
Friday: 7:00 pm Youth

Sunday, January 20th

9:15 am German Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls
Nursery volunteers: Nancy & Allison Dube

*For a complete listing of Church events, please see our online calendar
on our website: www.redbrickchurch.ca*

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