

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 11th, 2018

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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:

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	Laury Willms
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Choir
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Fred Teichgraf
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(Matthew 25:31-46, James 1:27)

“Love Your Neighbour”	Ellery Penner, Rudy Enns Jane LaVacca & Nicole Power
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Benediction	John Tiessen
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Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Anita Sawatzky & Kendra Sawatzky

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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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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse: Please see the link online through our church website on the Lighthouse Ministry page to access the weekly home devotional! Next Sunday, November 11th we will continue with Session 7. We still have many missing registration forms, please pick one up at the Welcome Centre if you have not yet registered your children.

Senior AND Junior Youth Create-a-Cookie Challenge!! Join us on Friday, November 16 for a cookie bake unlike any other. Choose your dough, your mix-ins and your toppings to create the best in flavour and design. Winners will be selected for ultimate recognition at the Candlelight Service Reception. Basic supplies provided. Bring your own to up your game. **7:00PM here at NUMC.** All youth grades 6-12 are welcome. Don't miss it!

Junior Youth: December 8th @ 2:00 pm. Join us here at NUMC for cookie and ginger bread house baking, friends welcome.

FROM THE OFFICE:

The week of November 12 -16 the church office will be open as follows:

Monday	Noon -3:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – Noon

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.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Food Pantry: Thank you for the donations to the Thanksgiving collection. We were able to take boxes of food supplies to Newark Neighbours for their Thanksgiving program. For the Christmas season they need toiletries, paper products like Kleenex and toilet paper. Non-perishable foods in regular size quantities are preferred. New Clothing for men, women and children (jeans, shirts, boots, hats, mitts and coats). Donation bins are set up in the foyer of the church.

Radiant Care Pleasant Manor: will be holding its fall memorial service on Tuesday, November 13 to honour those from our community who have died since April 1, 2018. Friends, families and those from our community are welcome. The service will take place in the Creekview Meeting Room (1 Pleasant Lane, Virgil) at 7:00 PM with light refreshments to follow the service.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht Lunch & Bazaar will be held on November 17th from 11:00-2:00. All are welcome!

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.

Tabor Manor Christmas Tea & Bake Sale: Our annual Christmas Bake sale will be held on Saturday, November 17th 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 can be dropped off for the bake sale at Tabor Manor on Friday from 9am until 8pm or by 9am Saturday morning. We look forward to an enjoyable time with you! The Tabor Manor Auxiliary

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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!

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 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.

Update from the Search Committee: To review, we received four MLIs (applications) for the position of Lead Pastor and are now focusing in on one. This person is not local and so two online skype conversations have taken place. After an in-depth discussion following the second skype, the Search Committee was unanimous in its decision to arrange an in-person interview with this potential candidate. This interview will take place before Christmas and we will provide an update on the results after the interview has taken place.

At this time there is no further update regarding the two expected MLIs for the position of Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries as we are still waiting to receive them.

Let's keep our prayers faithful and strong; praying for our congregation, for the potential candidate, for the building up of our current and new pastoral team, and for ourselves personally that we might see and envision clearly the Kingdom Work the Holy Spirit has in store for us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for the Search Committee!

Seniors Tea: Sunday November 18th at 3:00 p.m. here at NUMC. Stories on "My most memorable move".

UNITED MENNONITE HOME:

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

FINANCIALS:

Offering of November 4th: \$11,571.25			
Budget	\$9,046.25	Christian Witness	\$590.00
Youth Group	\$67.00	MCC Food	\$30.00
Mennonite Cntr Ukraine	\$200.00	MCC	\$1,563.00
Capital Fund	\$75.00		

**** Please note that the financials are not handled in the office and are being done by a volunteer, as such we ask for your understanding in times of delay ****

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.

**Audio for our sermons is available online at
www.redbrickchurch.ca**

Filming Privacy Notice

Our worship services sent to Radiant Care Pleasant Manor through closed circuit broadcast. The broadcast captures 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 (November 12th – 18th)

Monday: **8:00 am** Ladies Baking
 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
 7:30 pm Male Chorus Practice
Tuesday: **9:00 am** Women in Service
 7:30 pm Lighthouse Meeting
 7:00 pm German Advent Choir
Wednesday: **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study
Thursday: **7:00 pm** Praise & Worship practice
 7:30 pm Candlelight Practice @ Bethany
 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: **7:00 pm** Jr. & Sr. Youth
Saturday: **9:00 am** Male Chorus Practice

Sunday, November 18th

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
3:00 pm Seniors Tea @ NUMC

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Becky Bartel & Gracyn Bartel

For a complete listing of Church events,

Please see our online calendar on our website:

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.