

Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"

Niagara United Mennonite Church

December 16, 2018

Third 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.

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.

A special welcome to our guests "Grace Notes"

A Little about us...Many years ago the inspiration for a Gospel ensemble was transfixed on our hearts and in the early Spring of 2014, after a long and purposeful search for like-spirited individuals (and much prayer), Grace Notes was born! It is our hope that our name (which did not come easily!) reflects our shared faith and love of a gracious God and our unending gratitude for the opportunity to use our music to reach into the world and share 'The Gospel Message' through inspirational and uplifting song.

Vocalists Kim Losier (Soprano), Laurie Bearss (Alto), Randy Norton (Tenor), Paul Collins (Bass) and Joyce Rempel (Director/Accompanist) have developed a diverse repertoire which includes both contemporary and traditional Gospel stylings, offering the listener a 'note of grace' in a hectic world. All the glory belongs to Jesus!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Marlene Borzychowski
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Grace Notes
Children’s Moment	Kathy Rempel
Offering	

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Scripture Reading	Sylvia Tissen
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(Zephaniah 3:14-20)

“Reveling in Rectitude”	Pastor Waldo Pauls
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Benediction	Pastor Waldo Pauls
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Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Anna & Vanessa Kradko

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!

Did you get your bubbles?

Today in the Children’s moment we talk about joy. More specifically that joy is deeper than just happiness. Joy is knowing deep down in our bones that God is with us and that all things are possible with God. Joy is something we can have even when we feel sad. We have bubbles available for anyone who would like them to illustrate how joy bubbles up when we least expect it. When you feel joy in the service today, feel free to express it by blowing some bubbles.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

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.

The flowers in the front are in loving memory of John Harder, who passed away a year ago on December 13th.

The family of Therese Bergen would like to express their heart felt thanks for the love and care they received from our church community. A special thanks to Pastor Waldo Pauls, Helping Hands, the choir and all the volunteers who helped with the funeral service and fellowship time. The funeral for Therese was held here at on December 12th.

MAIL TO BE PICKED UP:

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.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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 . 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!

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Westview Christian Fellowship needs donations for the winter season.

Thank you to everyone who has generously been helping fill up the bins for Westview. We will be delivering items to them in the coming week. Donations of new unworn socks, underwear, small blankets, scarves & gloves, food pantry, hygiene items and small gift items are all still needed.

Fathers & Kids Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp from January 18-

20, 2019: This is an amazing weekend for any dad looking to spend quality time with his kids. Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad's enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that's the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. For more information (including pictures from prior years) and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Women's Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp from February 8-10,

2019: A Wild Heart: living the paradox of love in our lives. This Women's only weekend is the perfect retreat for those looking to relax, reconnect and renew! Experience the beauty of creation. Be nourished by the relaxed pace and meaningful conversation. Play in the snow, breathe deeply in yoga, skate on the lake, treat yourself to a massage, snowshoe through the woods, stargaze on a horse drawn sleigh ride, savour exceptional food, or enjoy late night laughs in our brand new sauna. This time is all yours! Tanya Dyck Steinmann, pastor and spiritual director, offers times of worship, reflection and creative expression. For more information (including pictures from prior years) and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Vineland Unite Mennonite Church is now accepting resumes for the part time position of Office Administrator. If you are interested, or know someone that might be interested, please forward resumes the VUMC office at vinelandumchurch@gmail.com.

FINANCIALS:

Offering of December 9th: \$16,142.00			
Budget	\$13,867.00	Christian Witness	\$70.00
MCC Food	\$90.00	Capital Fund	\$150.00
		MCC	\$1,965.00

Offering Focus – To date we have received \$324,589 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.

MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY:

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

**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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Dec. 16 – Dec.23rd)

Sunday **7:30 pm** Candlelight @ NUMC
Tuesday: **9:30 am** MOPS
Wednesday: **7:00 pm** 7/8 Girls Bible Study
Thursday: **8:00 pm** Al-Anon Meeting

Sunday, December 23rd – Third Advent

9:15 am German Choir Practice
9:50 am German Worship Service
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls
 Candle Lighter – Special Music Team

 Nursery volunteers: Andrew & Kristina Nickel

*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 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.