

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

December 30, 2018

Epiphany

“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, Irene Penner and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers.

Flowers at the front of the church are placed in memory of Anne Woelke who passed on December 31, 2014. She is fondly remembered by her husband Udo and her family.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Marlene Borzychowski
Congregational Life	Linda Friesen
Worship in Song	Special Music
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	
<i>Offering Focus – see financial section</i>	
Scripture Reading	Willi Pankratz
(Colossians 3:12-17)	
“Whatever you do”	John Tiessen
Benediction	John Tiessen

Today’s Nursery Volunteers: Graham & Emma Thwaites

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!

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Snow Alert: Should there be a snow storm and the decision is made to close the church, the office phone answering machine, Facebook and the website will all have details on the closure. We do not anticipate this happening but should there be need for it we have a plan in place.

January Calendar: is printed and available at the welcome centre.

Ladies Breakfast: All ladies are invited to join together at the Husky Restaurant the coming **Thursday morning, January 3rd at 9:00 am** for fellowship over breakfast. All ladies are welcome!

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.

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**

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!

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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."

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

FINANCIALS:

Offering of December 23rd \$23,390.00			
Budget	\$21,780.00	Christian Witness	\$525.00
Choir	\$20.00	MCC Relief	\$560.00
MCC Food	\$80.00	MCC	\$825.00

Offering Focus – To date we have received \$346,369 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. 31st to Jan. 6, 2019)

Monday: Office 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday: Office Closed

Wednesday: Office 9:00 am – Noon

Thursday: Office 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice

8:00 pm Al-Anon

Friday: Office Noon – 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 6th - Epiphany & Rachael Peters Installation

9:45 am Choir Practice

10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls
There will be a children's moment but no Lighthouse.
Nursery volunteers: Anita and Kendra Sawatzky

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

During the holiday season, if you have a Pastoral emergency please contact Waldo Pauls at 905-935-1412. 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.

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