

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

## **Niagara United Mennonite Church**

January 6, 2019

### **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.

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

**The flowers at the front of the sanctuary** have been placed by Dietrich, Ruth, Mark & Julia Bartel in loving remembrance of Eleonore Suckau who went to be with her Lord & Saviour 4 years ago on January 8, 2015. Memories of her will last forever and always. Xo

**The flowers are in memory of Erika Janzen,** who passed away 10 years ago on January 3rd, 2009. Fondly remembered by her children Peter & Erika Janzen, Sigrid & Albert Wiens and Esther & Erwin Willms.

**Irene Penner:** It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Irene Penner. Visitation will be held here on Monday January 7 from 2:00 -4:00 pm and 6:00 -8:00pm. Burial will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery, friends and family are all welcome to attend. Memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. here at the church with fellowship meal to follow. A choir has been requested and will practice in the choir room at 10:00 a.m.

**Eleanore Epp,** wife of Abe Epp and sister-in-law of Henry and Irene Epp passed away Jan. 1, 2019. Funeral was held at Bethany Mennonite Church on Friday.

**Henry Riediger,** Father to Ron Riediger (Laury Willms) passed away on January 1, 2019. The funeral service was held on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> at Leamington United Mennonite Church. May God’s grace bless the family in their time of loss.

## **Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**

Prelude		Kathy Rempel
Congregational Life		Janice Janzen
Worship in Song		Choir
Children's Moment		Kathy Rempel
Offering		
	<i>Offering Focus – see financial section</i>	
Scripture Reading		Gunnar Doerwald
	(Matthew 2:1-12)	
“Elucidating Epiphany”		Pastor Waldo Pauls
Benediction		Pastor Waldo Pauls

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Anita & Kendra Sawatzky

## **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

### **German Service — 9:50 a.m.**

Andachtsleiter: Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Orgelspiel:

Lied: GB #557 “Jesus soll die Losung sein” V. 1,3 u. 4

Grusswort: Psalm 72:18-19

Chorlied: Machet die Tore weit

Opfergaben

Lied: GB #182 “O Gott, du frommer Gott” V. 1-3

Chorlied: Mache dich auf, werde Licht

Schriftwort: Jesaja 60:1-5; Matthäus 2:1-12

Botschaft: “Licht von Oben” — Udo Woelke

Lied: GB #558 “Nun lasst uns geh'n und treten” V. 1,2,4 u. 6

Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet am 20.1. Statt.

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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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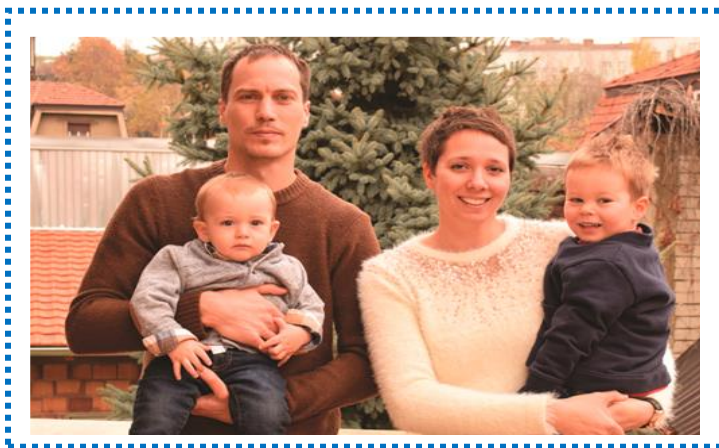
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## *SEARCH COMMITTEE:*

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**Update: The Search Committee** is pleased to announce Daniel Janzen as candidate for the position of Lead Pastor at NUMC. Following an in-person interview with Daniel in mid-December, consensus was unanimous to call him to candidate. The candidating weekend will take place Friday February 1st to Sunday February 3rd and a schedule for the weekend will be printed as soon as it is finalized. For further details about Daniel, please see the insert included in today's bulletin. We are grateful for your continued support and prayers over these many weeks. Pray also 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. ---Ruth Willms, Joachim Dau, Becky Bartel, Rebecca Willms, Erik Metsa, Linda Friesen.

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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)."

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

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**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 [\\*\\*\\*\\*.com](mailto:****.com)

**Decorating Volunteers**- We need some volunteers to take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary, foyer and auditorium. It involves taking them down and then putting them away in the storage room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. If you can help, please let the office know. We would like to have them down this coming week.

**Senior Youth Castle Dodgeball**. Happy New Year!!! We're kicking off 2019 with the return of castle building dodgeball! Join forces to build the sturdiest castle and then compete to knock your opponent's down. This year's build holds some extra NEW CHALLENGES - don't miss it!! **7:00 pm on Friday, January 11 at NUMC**. Bring a friend and see you there!

**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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## ***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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## ***FINANCIALS:***

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<b>Offering of December 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>\$21,881.90</b>	
Budget	\$17,546.00	Christian Witness	\$300.00
MCC- School Kits	\$2,000.00	MDS	\$250.00
MCC Food	\$100.00	MCC	\$1,425.00
Menn. Centre Ukraine	\$350.00		

***Offering Focus*** – To date we have received \$353,825.90 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.

**We need a name** December 25<sup>th</sup> a donation made on the credit card machine. We have the receipt for the transaction but the person making the donation did not include it in a donation envelope with their name. Without the name, we cannot issue a tax receipt. If you made a credit card donation on December 25<sup>th</sup> please contact the church office.

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## ***NEW WEBSITE:***

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[www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca)

One of the new features on our updated website is the quick links area at the top of the page. Calendar of events, bulletins, sermons or to donate.

**All quick links to commonly visited pages are still available.**

CALENDAR / BULLETINS / SERMONS / DONATE / LANGUAGE ▾



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan. 7- 13, 2019)**

**Monday:** 2:00 -4:00 pm Visitation for Irene Penner  
6:00 -8:00 pm Visitation for Irene Penner  
7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday:** 10:00 am Burial for Irene Penner  
10:00 am Funeral Choir Practice  
11:00 am Funeral Service & Fellowship Meal  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wednesday:** 9:00 am Women in Service  
7:00 pm grade 7/8 girl's bible study

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Practice  
8:00 pm Al-Anon

**Friday:** 7:00 pm Youth

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** P&W Practice  
**9:45 am** Choir Practice – to prepare for Jan. 20 Worship Service  
**10:45 am** Worship Service – Message by Renate Dau Klaassen  
Nursery volunteers: Becky & Gracyn Bartel

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

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