

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 10, 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. We hope you feel at home with us and we would be happy to share ways that you can participate more fully with us.

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.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Praise & Worship
Congregational Life	Joachim Dau
Worship in Song	Praise & Worship
Children’s Moment	Jon Bradnam
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	Ellery Rauwerda
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(Romans 12:9-18)

Message	"The Comfort of Compatibility"	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!

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

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

The flowers at the front of the Sanctuary are in memory of Hansulrich Fieguth who's funeral was held here on February 7th. May God comfort the family in their time of grief. The family would like to thank the church family for their prayers over the last weeks and all those who had a hand in making the funeral service a special time for us to remember Dad. Renate Dau Klaassen, Emily in the office, volunteer custodians Al, John and Henry for salting the parking lot, cleaning and setting up the tables and to "Helping Hands" for preparing the luncheon.

We are saddened by the news of the passing of Peter Fieguth, Hansulrich Fieguth brother who passed away in Uruguay on Tuesday February 5th. May the Lord bring the family comfort in their time of grief.

Memorial service for Egon Epp will be held on Monday February 11 at 11:00 a.m. Funeral choir will practice at 10:00 a.m. Our condolences to the Epp family on the loss.

HELP!!!

As we are without a custodian and have a funeral service on Monday morning, we need everyone's help. Please put garbage and papers in the garbage/recycle bins as you leave the service today. Thank you to everyone for pitching in.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Women in Service Please join us on February 19th for our “Friendship Social”.

Prayer Night – You are invited to come out and pray together **this evening at 7:00 p.m.** for one hour. We will meet in the sanctuary to pray for our church and our community.

Catechism classes – To all those who are interested in exploring their faith with the possible goal of baptism, we will be starting catechism classes **today Sunday, 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

One Last Request for Baked Goods - The Senior Youth will be joining other local churches for our annual winter retreat from February 15-17 and we are looking for baked goods to bring along. If you are able to provide some treats for us, we would be ever so grateful! Baked goods must be peanut free and must be freezable. Sign up in the foyer today or contact Ellery to coordinate pick-up/drop-off by Tuesday, February 12. ellery@redbrickchurch.ca. Thank-you so much!!

Senior Youth Winter Retreat. We are heading up to Hidden Acres again this year for our annual Winter Retreat! We leave Friday, February 15 and return on Sunday, February 17. Registration is now closed, and we have 5 youth and 3 leaders joining from NUMC. Please pray for safe travels and a weekend that inspires and builds relationships between each other and with Jesus!

Smell that coffee!! With a few volunteers signed up, we are doing a coffee trial period over the next few weeks. Coffee will be set up around 10:15am, and will be available after the service as well. We don't have a sustainable program yet, so please consider signing up to volunteer as you enjoy your warm beverage in the morning. Rachael can give you a quick run through ahead of your date if you've never used our percolators before. It's easy! Men, women, young and old, all are warmly encouraged to sign up.

Office Hours: February 9-18

Saturday Feb. 9	2:00 pm – TBD working on funeral preparations
Monday Feb. 11	8:00 am – 3:00 pm (funeral preparations)
Tuesday Feb.12	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday Feb. 13	9:00 am – 3:00 pm (12 -1 off for lunch)
Thursday Feb. 14	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday Feb. 15	Emily is off
Monday Feb. 18	Office is Closed – Family Day

Photo Directory 2020!! Yes, it is that time again. We would like to put together a group of people who can assist with some planning details and then the photo book process, including some calling to book appointments (but there will be online registration this year too), and then the weeks that the pictures are being taken to be a host at the registration desk. First meeting will be February 26 at 7:00 pm to talk about details and get a plan together. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Database Information As an ongoing project, the church office will begin contacting everyone who is listed in our database. Yes, all 700 + people. Over the last two years information from various sources has been put into one database called “REALM”. This includes, members, friends of the congregation and adult children of members. We need to ensure we have current, correct information in the database. If you can pop into the office when you are here at church, the office would love to take the opportunity to see as many people in person as possible. The less calling and tracking down the better. Adult non-member children, we want to hear from them too, they are friends of the congregation and we welcome having their current information included in the database. The goal is to have a very accurate database for our Pastoral and Care Teams to use in their ministries to our congregation.

The Search Committee extends sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the help received for the candidating weekend and the ongoing prayers and support from you, the congregation. God Bless you. - Ruth Willms, Becky Bartel, Erik Metsa, Rebecca Willms, Joachim Dau, Linda Friesen

The result of the congregational vote was communicated to Pastor Daniel, and he indicated that he and Ana accepted the position. Timing and logistics of this transition still have to be worked out. The Pastor we gained has been lost by the Carrot River congregation and we need to be as sensitive to their needs as he is. – Church Council

VIDEO FEED:

We understand that sometimes the video signal of the NUMC worship service at Pleasant Manor is intermittent. Radiant Care and our AV team have determined that it is an issue with Radiant Care's equipment. Please let the Radiant Care office know when the signal is down, and they can request a copy of the worship service from the NUMC office. Thank you for your understanding.

FINANCIALS:

Offering of January 27, 2019

Budget	\$ 5,932.00	Christina Witness	\$ 10.00
MCC Food	\$ 225.00	Menn. Centre Ukraine	\$ 100.00
Youth	\$ 100.00	Capital Fund	\$ 75.00
MCC	\$ 610.00	MCC School Kits	\$ 100.00

Offering of February 3, 2019

Budget	\$ 5,500.00	Christina Witness	\$ 300.00
MCC Food	\$ 50.00	Menn. Centre Ukraine	\$ 0.00
Youth	\$ 10.00	Capital Fund	\$75.00
MCC	\$ 1,370.00	MCC School Kits	\$ 100.00

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Food Pantry For 2019 we will rotate our donations between Newark Neighbours and Westview Christian Fellowship. For February our focus will be **Westview Christian Fellowship**. Currently, they need pantry items, hygiene items, bus tickets and cleaning products.

We have two bins set up in the foyer to collect donations. Beige is for food items, blue is for toiletries and cleaning products.

A supply of pantry items is kept in our church pantry room for anyone who is experiencing a time of need. Of late we have not had people from the community, but we never know when a need may arise. The church office has a **“Practical Assistance”** program that is in place for any requests from within our church or from those in our community.

The pantry has an open-door policy, if you need assistance please help yourself. We want to respect the privacy of our members and friends and will never ask who is using the pantry.

Please remember items donated must not have expired and be in new condition for them to be donated. In the past month a garbage bag of food items had to be disposed of, as they were past their expiry dates. Food banks are not allowed to give out food items that are past their printed expiry dates.

We have received lovely thank you notes, which are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Both organizations are thankful for the support they receive from NUMC each month.

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!

Introducing... our brand new "e-news" initiative!

Do you want to receive an email from the church if Sunday morning programming is cancelled due to inclement weather?

Would you like to be notified via email about upcoming membership meetings?

What about funerals? Would you like to be informed when a funeral choir is being called?

When candlelight rehearsals are starting?

When the Sunday morning choir is practicing?

Would you love to receive exciting updates on church events and happenings?

When you sign up to our *new* online news, you can choose what to receive notifications about, based on your interests!

Sign up today at:

redbrickchurch.ca/contact/e-news

If you are interested, but uncomfortable signing up on your own, visit Rachael at the coffee station in the foyer for help signing up.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb.11 - 17, 2019)

Monday: **10:00 am** Funeral Choir Practice
 11:00 am Memorial service for Egon Epp
 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
 7:30 pm Male Chorus Practice

Tuesday: **9:00 am** Women in Service
 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
 7:30 pm Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday: **7:00 pm** grade 7/8 girl's bible study

Thursday: **8:00 pm** Al-Anon

Friday: **Church Office Closed**
 Youth leaving for Hidden Acres Youth Retreat- time TBD

Saturday: **6:30 pm** Syrian Dinner

Sunday, February 17th

9:30 am Baptism Classes - Boardroom

10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Waldo Pauls
 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.