

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

THROUGH THE DOORS

OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH

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"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19

Worship Service

Welcome

Chris Hutton

Community Connection

Music Corner

Children's Moment

Linda Pankratz

Scripture Verse:

Matthew 22: 34-40.

Message:

Chris Hutton

"The Book of Love"

Lent

What is it?

Shortly said, the purpose of Lent is to prepare us for Easter, which through the centuries has included: prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial.

Today, Lent is often associated with giving something up or fasting from something (self-denial) – “What are you fasting from this Lenten season?” or “What are you giving up for Lent?”

So when does it begin?

The Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday - the day of packed ourselves full of pancakes to hold us over until Easter, the end of Lent. While Lent is a “newer” practice in many Mennonite Churches, it is an ancient Christian practice that is believed to date back the 4th Century. Lent is about 40 days.

Why 40 days?

To commemorate the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

This year for Lent, we are going to begin by entering into the wilderness with Jesus where he was tested (Matt 4:1-11), before venturing with him on his last journey to Jerusalem for his final test.



SHROVE TUESDAY AT HOME!



Pancakes are optional, but if you'd like to eat some during our hangout time, you are more than welcome!

This year, we can't gather in our church building for Shrove Tuesday. But will that stop us from sharing a meal together?? Not us!! We invite you to join us for an at home gathering.

Join us for a Zoom call to chat with other folks from our church and connect!

February 16, 2021
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Those with a REALM account can
pre-register by [clicking here](#).

Register one person in your household who will receive the ZOOM login.

No REALM account, contact the church office to pre-register.

To participate you will need to setup a free [ZOOM account](#).

Within NUMC

All the latest things that are happening



Family Day Weekend

The church office will be closed on Monday February 15 for "Family Day". Phone messages and emails will be checked and urgent matters will be responded to over the weekend. The office will reopen on Tuesday Feb. 15 at 9:00 am.

Sr Youth Nacho Cook-Off

This Friday night at 7:00pm over Zoom! We'll also continue our series "Speck in the Universe" with a talk called "On Being Holy."

Young Adults

Those age 18-35 are invited to Coffee & Concepts! Join us over Zoom on Feb. 28th from 7:30pm-9:00pm for a chance to chat about concepts and ideas about faith; and bring your favourite beverage! Contact Chris at chris@redbrickchurch.ca for info on how to join us!

Annual Membership Meeting / Annual Report

Due to COVID an in person meeting will not be taking place at this time. We are working to create a space on our church website that will have video presentations and a PDF copy of the Annual Report. This will be available on February 21. If you would prefer a printed copy of the Annual Report, contact the [church office](#).

Committee Directory & Updated Phone List

This year we will make these documents available by request for a printed copy. Please contact the [church office](#) to make arrangements to receive copies of these documents.

Family News



Our condolences to the family of Annemarie Lebkuecher, Mother of Lisa Lebkuecher and Roberta Stasyszyn, who passed away February 9. A memorial service was held on Friday February 12. May God bless and comfort the family in their time of grief.

Tallmans Obituary



COVID-19 Update

We are still following the stay-at-home restrictions until February 16. At that time we will then be able to make a plan for re-opening based on direction from the provincial government. Until the restrictions are lifted we will continue to offer services on our church [website](#). The NUMC office and Pastors are available by phone or email.

Bulletins: You can access a downloadable copy from the [website](#).

Donations: E-Transfer (to treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca) and [online giving](#) is preferred way to make a donation to the church. Those wishing to donate by cheque, you can drop those off at the mailbox at the church located by the double glass doors. Those living out of town, you may opt to mail your cheques to the church.

Church Building: The church remains closed to anyone other than essential maintenance personnel.

Care: We know that 2020 and the start of 2021 have been very difficult for some. Financially, emotionally, mentally and physically. If you need to talk or in need of assistance please call the church office or reach out to one of our Pastoral Team. Your Niagara United Mennonite Church family is here for you. The church phone is forwarded to the office administrator and she reminds everyone that it is never ever a bother to take a phone call.

Rob's Report



To donate:

Donate through the website

E-Transfer to treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca

Drop a cheque off in the church mailbox or mail a cheque to the church

Welcome to a new fiscal year.

The church board has approved a budget of \$418,520 for 2021.
In January we received \$22,009 in donations marked for the budget.

Additional giving details and updates will be posted as we get further into the year.

Thank you and God Bless our church family.

In Our Community and Beyond

World Day of Prayer Service for 2021.

The service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed after February 15 by going to wicc.org and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button. All welcome to watch and join in the "World Day of Prayer" service.





Stewardship

Right now we can't fix all the issues we are facing in the World, but we can do small things that have a big impact. These small donations go along way to helping someone who will directly and indirectly feel love and kindness from your donations.



Milk Bags



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Did you know that Canadian milk bags are made of a special material that makes them very durable? So durable, they do not disintegrate and are UV ray resistant. We have a solution to the environmental impact. Wash them, dry them and donate them! They can be cut up and weaved into matts that are donated right here in Niagara to provide a bed for the homeless. [Click here for more information.](#)

Postage Stamps

Carefully rip around your letters postage stamp. These are collected by Oxfam and resold to collectors. The money raised goes to "[Oxfam stamp out poverty](#)".



Used Candles



Used candles are turned into 'fire starters' for outdoor fires. The Christian Benefit Shop sells these and the proceeds support the work of MCC.

Donation bins are available at the church for you to drop off any donations. We have NUMC Church members who collect and distribute the donations to the various organizations who collect these items.

How to worship with us this week...

10:00 am

"Church Online" (English)

Watch the English service every week [HERE](#) at the same time as others, and join in the conversation using the chat box

10:00 am

English Online

Available through the [church website](#) every Sunday morning by 10 am and available throughout the week.

10:30 am

Cogeco

This week, an **English** service will be presented on Channel 10.

11:00 am

Pleasant Manor English Service

Available every week through the Pleasant Manor antenna system.

Upcoming German Worship Services

February 21

March 7

March 21

Available Online - Pleasant Manor Antenna System - Cogeco

Please check the bulletin and website for updates regarding COVID and our re-opening for in church worship services.

Contact Us



*Our Pastoral Team is still around, just working from home these days.
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- Find us [on Facebook](#)
- Reach out to our '[Care Ministry](#)'