

# STONES

*21-02-28*

# Worship Service

**Welcome**

*Chris Hutton*

**Community Connection**

**Music Corner**

**Children's Moment**

*Chris Hutton*

**Scripture Verse:**

Matthew 4:1-4

**Message:**

*Daniel Janzen*

"Stones and Bread"



## 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.

### **Stewardship During Lent**

Throughout Lent we will focus on the various ministry programs Westview Centre 4 Women offers. Complete details can be found in the bulletin in the 'Westview Centre 4 Women' section. Collection bins have been set up at the church. If you have any questions, contact Emily at [office@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca) or 905-468-3313



## Westview Centre 4 Women

124 Queenston Street, St Catharines 905-687-4848  
[www.westviewc4w.com](http://www.westviewc4w.com)

*Throughout Lent we will focus on the various ministry programs Westview Centre 4 Women offers. Each week the bulletin will focus on an area of ministry, give you some details about how this ministry works and offer you an opportunity to support it with your donations..*

### *Health Kits and Survival Bags March 1 - 5*

Westview provides a safe judgement free place for those working and living on the streets. From April 1 - October 31 every year the shelters are closed forcing many to the streets to live. The "Health Kits" and "Survival Bags" include items that someone can use for essential health and hygiene.

#### Health Kits

- Bars of Soap
- Underwear
- Tooth Brush
- Tooth Paste
- Feminine Hygiene
- Deodorant

#### Survival Bags

- Granola bars
- Single serve snacks
- Small Blanket
- Tarp 4'x4'
- Mitts and Hat
- Socks

***Donation bins are available at the church for donations for Westview.  
Contact the NUMC Office 905-468-3313 with and questions.***

#### Upcoming Ministry Focus:

March 8-12~Shimmer and Shine Room

March 15-19~Laundry Room

March 22 -26~Household and Small Appliances

March 29 - April~ Pantry items for Baby and Household



# Within NUMC

*All the latest things that are happening*



## **Sr. Youth**

This Friday at Sr Youth over Zoom! It's a Murder Mystery Night as we play a game called The Wizard's Apprentice! Contact Chris at [chris@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:chris@redbrickchurch.ca) for details!

## **Young Adults - Tonight!**

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](mailto:chris@redbrickchurch.ca) for info on how to join us!

## **Annual Report and AGM Materials**

Due to COVID an in person meeting will not be taking place at this time. Our website has a page with [video presentations](#) from staff and ministry chairs. There is also a place where you can submit questions about the annual reports. In addition, you can download a copy of the 2020 Annual Report Book. Those wishing to have a printed copy of the Annual Report, Committee Directory or Phone List, contact the church office.

## **Ladies "Breaking Bread together at Breakfast time"**

Thursday March 4th, 9 a.m. All ladies are invited to enjoy a reading of breaking bread stories over breakfast, electronically and in spirit, on Thursday March 4th. Sharing meals together is as old as humanity and one of the most valued social interactions. The bread itself, may it be Zwiebak, croissants, bagels or loaves of all shapes and flavours, is an important part of the breaking bread table setting and the breaking bread stories. Why not tell us your breaking bread story about that special meal? Was it a celebration? Was it about trying a new bread recipe? Why do you enjoy baking bread? Were you welcoming strangers to your home or neighbourhood by breaking bread together? How has bread and breaking bread provided you with memories? What are they? Share your breaking bread and bread stories with us! Email me your story by Monday evening (March 1st). Feel free to call me if that's easier for you. Your story doesn't need to be perfect; it can be short or long. All are welcome. My contact info is in the photo directory. I will have the reading emailed to you in time for 9 a.m. Thursday (March 4th). Many blessings!! Linda Friesen (Henry).

# Rob's Report



*As we continue to be unable to gather in person, we have several ways to assist in making a financial donation to the church. If you have any questions about making donations please contact the church office for assistance.*

## ONLINE GIVING

Go to [www.redbrickchurch.ca/give](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca/give) .

## E-TRANSFER

Send to [treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca). In the notes, indicate where the funds should be allocated.

## TEXT GIVING

Text NUMCGIVE to 73256 then follow the prompts. Recommended using all CAPS as this shuts off the auto-correct feature on the phone. Less likely to make a typo.

## CHEQUE

Ensure your cheque is made out to "Niagara United Mennonite Church", otherwise the bank will not accept them. Cheques can be mailed to the church or they can be dropped off to the the mailbox by glass doors of the church.

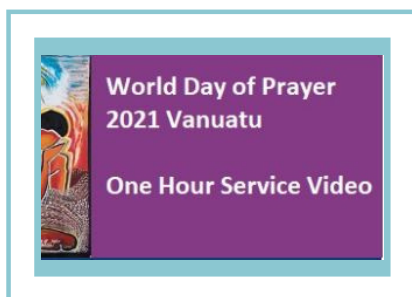
*The Church board extends its sincere thanks to all persons who have continued to contribute financially towards our church ministry.*

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## In Our Community and Beyond

### **CJXC Online Radio Station**

Listen to Canadian gospel music at [cjxc.ca](http://cjxc.ca). Canada's Contant Christian Companion.



### **World Day of Prayer**

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) invites you, your friends and family to join a service in over 1,100 Canadian communities on Friday March 5, 2021. Individuals and families are welcome to watch a one-hour WDP service video prepared by WICC that features participants from across Canada. [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)

# How to worship with us this week...

## **"Church Online" (English)**

10:00 am Watch the English service every week [HERE](#) at the same time as others, and join in the conversation using the chat box

## **English Online**

10:00 am Available through the [church website](#) every Sunday morning by 10 am and available throughout the week.

## **Cogeco**

10:30 am This week, an **English** service will be presented on Channel 10.

## **Pleasant Manor English Service**

11:00 am Available every week through the Pleasant Manor antenna system.

# Upcoming German Worship Services

March 7  
March 21  
April 4

**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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Calendar of Events

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- Visit the website: [www.redbrickchurch.ca](http://www.redbrickchurch.ca)
- Find us [on Facebook](#)
- Reach out to our '[Care Ministry](#)'