

HOSANNA!

21-03-28



Worship Service

Welcome

Chris Hutton & Rachael Peters

Community Connection

Music Corner

Children's Moment

Chris Hutton

Scripture Verse:

Mark 11:1-11

Message:

Daniel Janzen

"Storming the Hill"



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 or 905-468-3313

JOIN US

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM
In-person outside of the church
and
Church Online through the website

Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket for seating.

Masks to be worn until you are seated.

* Pre-registration is required *

[Click here](#) to register through REALM or contact the church office

[Click here](#) to check us out at Church Online.

Outdoor service will be held weather-permitting.

The office will notify those who register if there are any changes.

There will still be an online service with live viewing at 10:00 am through Church Online, and available on our website.



Westview Centre 4 Women

124 Queenston Street, St Catharines 905-687-4848
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.

Baby Care and Household Pantry *March 29 - April 1*

The pantry at Westview operates on a nominal payment system. This offers recipients dignity in not receiving a handout but purchasing products they need for their household and family. Our donations of non perishable items are always appreciated but this week we are focusing on some of the other pantry items that there is a need for. In particular items to keep a baby clean and fed and items for the household pantry to keep a household clean and disinfected. Very important when one's living space is shared with others.

Baby Care

- Diapers (size 1 to pullups)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Wash
- Baby Food
- Teething Biscuits
- Gently used or new baby clothes

Household Pantry

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Kleenex
- Household Cleaners (Windex, Mr. Clean, Vim dish soap, etc.)
- Disinfectant Cleaner

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

Upcoming Ministry Focus:

Summer 2021~ Children and Womens Clothing Rack
Fall 2021 ~ Holiday Party and Christmas Gift Program
Winter 2021~ Cold Weather Clothing Rack



Within NUMC



All the latest things that are happening

Ladies Breakfast "Seasoned with Kindness"

Thursday April 1st, 9 a.m. All ladies are invited to enjoy a reading about kindness over breakfast, electronically and in spirit, on Thursday April 1st. We all like to do kind things for others, but let's share some stories about being on the receiving end of kindness! Email me your story by Monday evening (March 29th). to Linda (Henry) Friesen

Sr Youth

No Sr Youth this Friday night! We will return on Friday April 9th!

Special Easter Sunday Community Connection

We'd love to see the faces of our community on Easter Sunday. If you're interested in participating in a community video, please record a video of you (on your own or with your family) saying "This is the _____ family saying that "He Is Risen!" Creativity in your video is encouraged but not a requirement. Send your videos by Monday March 29 to Rachael, or contact rachael@redbrickchurch.ca with any questions on how to submit.

Communion

As part of our Easter online services, Pastor Daniel will lead us in a communion service on Good Friday, March 26 at 10:00 am. Please join us. Prepare yourselves spiritually and with your own bread and wine/grape juice to take communion.

Church Reopening

As we move out of the stay at home order, the Church Board is beginning to look at re-opening for in-person worship services and funerals. In order to plan appropriately we need to have volunteers in place to assist as ushers and welcome hosts. If you are Interested in volunteering, contact Daniel Janzen or the church office.

COVID Update

Update Letter

Please see the letter on the website regarding church reopening. [Click Here](#)

We ask you to continue to pray for the church leadership as they make plans for reopening for worship services.

Bulletin

Printed copies are available from the clear tote with white lid just outside the double glass doors at church. Please snap the lid on tight when done so we don't have bulletins all over the parking lot. Those living at Pleasant Manor, copies are delivered to the Pleasant Manor office on Friday mornings for you to pickup.

Maranatha Andachtsbuch

Copies are available and in the tote with a green lid just outside the double glass doors at church.

Re: same sex union bulletin announcement on March 21, 2021

Questions have been raised this past week about the church's position regarding same sex unions and why the church has allowed a member's announcement congratulating a former member's same sex union to run in March 21, 2021 bulletin.

1) The church's position on marriage.

From NUMC's Guidelines on Marriage... (1987),

"The positive element of the Christian ideal of marriage include: a) it is monogamous and heterogeneous (one man and one woman)" (document's underlining).

2) Why I would allow an announcement expressing a perspective of some in the church to run in the bulletin that is in opposition to that of the church's position?

In the past, churches have silenced voices with which they disagreed with on a variety of issues: social, political, economic and theological. This has caused harm and hurt to many, including the churches themselves. At the time of the Reformation, we, as Anabaptists, experienced persecution because we held and voiced beliefs that deviated from the official churches' positions. Silenced voices do not go away. Some leave and others go underground, but they do not go away.

Same sex unions and conversations about the acceptance of same sex unions are happening all around us. There are opposing positions of whether to affirm or not to affirm them in society and in churches. This is an issue that the Mennonite Church has been engaged in since at least the 1980s and it is here to stay for sometime yet. I want to be honest and straight forward about this.

I, Daniel Janzen, have no intention in changing the church's position regarding marriage. My goal and hope for the church is that we can be a place that can hold one another in tension and love, and honestly seek to live faithfully to the example of Jesus and the full testimony of Scripture together. This is not an easy task, but it is a faithful task. (For me, how we live with another in disagreement is more important than the disagreement.)

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

May God help us as we continue to walk with one another in love and as we seek to understand God's will in how we respond to issues such as these.

Daniel Janzen, Lead Pastor
On behalf of the Pastoral Staff.

[1] Niagara United Mennonite Church. Guidelines on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, and Related Issues. May 1987.

Family News



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Herbert Harder, brother of Wilhelm Harder. Herbert passed away March 22. A private family service will be held at [Tallmans Funeral Home](#). May God bless the family in thier time of grief.



Alice Bradnam is home from hospital. She sends a heartfelt thank you to the praying community of NUMC for your thoughtful prayers, cards and other expressions of support for her and the Bradnam family. God bless each and every one of you and may God keep you all safe.



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.

Good Friday / Communion Service

Friday April 2

10:00 am Online Service English

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday April 4

10:00 am Outdoor Service

10:00 am Online Service English

10:30 am Cogeco German Service

Upcoming German Worship Services

April 4

April 18

May 2

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



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