

JULY 18, 2021

THROUGH THE DOORS

OF THE RED BRICK CHURCH

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Worship Service

Welcome

Daniel Janzen

Community Connection

Music Corner

Children's Moment

Rachael Peters

Scripture Verse:

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-3

Message:

Renate Dau Klaassen

"Metamorphoses of Faith"

Financial Report

NUMC - Receipts - Donations	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Budget	143,198	145,017
MCC	12,040	15,619
Christian Witness	2,555	2,345
MDS	490	120
Women in Service	450	740
Westview and Westview Centre 4 Women - WC4W	3,620	700
MCC School Kit project	0	1,000
Mission and Service Fund	500	750
Youth group	0	340
Friends: Mennonite Centre Ukraine	220	800
Capital Projects	0	4,070
Refugee sponsorship	0	50
Deacons/Caregiver Fund	50	140
Library	1,217	140
Other, Rent, Solar, interest, etc	16,351	11,520
Total Receipts 6 months ending June 30, 2021	180,691	183,351

We have collected \$143,198 towards our 2021 budget of \$418,520, year to date. Our expenses year to date are \$180,495. Thank you to our church family for continued financial support.

"Buffet of Maple Leaves"

Every month a group of ladies from NUMC get together for breakfast. Of course for the last 15 months they have not been able to gather physically but, have taken up an online sharing memories and reflecting on the blessings we have in our lives. Below is an excerpt from the July 2021 "Buffet of Maple Leaves" July's theme was to appreciate where we live! What thoughts, experiences, adventures or acts of kindness have made you give thanks for our country; or the city/town or neighbourhood you live in? Pastor Renate shared her story of appreciation, thankfulness and blessings.



Some thoughts in light of recent news stories: My parents made the bold decision to migrate to Canada in 1966, mainly for the sake of better education and future possibilities for my brothers and me. It wasn't easy for them to leave loved ones behind, not knowing when, or even if, they would see them again, but I am ever so grateful.

It really gives me pause now, though, to realize that at the same time that I was made welcome in this country, and given great educational opportunities, that despite some challenges, were overall a good experience, other children whose people had been at home on this Turtle Island since time immemorial were being snatched away from their homes and families, and placed in abominable residential "schools" or adopted out to white families. Only now that we hear about countless unknown children buried in secret, are we finally willing to listen to the pain of their living kinfolk. They deserved a good childhood in a safe, loving, nurturing environment just as much as I did; and depriving little ones of such basic needs was barbaric back then just as much as it is now. How ironic, that the white man called the "Indians" savages!

So many of the advantages of land, prosperity and opportunity from which we have benefited, has come our way because of what was taken away from the indigenous peoples in the past. Somehow, we need to take action to make these wrongs right as much as possible, by listening, understanding and caring for the aboriginal community now. This Canada Day, I will be celebrating more introspectively the blessings of living in this country. I will be praying for my hurting aboriginal neighbours, and the arduous process of giving names to all those lost children whose voices cry to us from the ground; reading up on the calls for action laid out by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission; and perhaps sitting around a small bonfire with flames of hope for our nation that at least has a vision and an opportunity to do better.

Renate Dau Klaassen

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All Welcome!

*We hope you will choose to
worship with us here at
Niagara UM today!*

Within NUMC ...

Westview Centre 4 Women Donations

Donations of non perishable foods, hygiene products, laundry supplies or household cleaners are still needed. (no peanut butter or snacks with nuts please)

The indoor donation bin is in the lower foyer of the church and can be accessed on Sunday mornings.

Alternatively, donations can be delivered directly to Westview Christian Fellowship, please call ahead to make arrangements for delivery. 905-687-4848 124 Queenston Street St. Catharines,

Upcoming In-Person Services ...

Sunday July 25

10:00 am

German Indoor Worship Service.
Pre-Register to attend.

Sunday August 1

10:00 am

English Outdoor Worship Service.
Pre-Register to attend.

If you are more comfortable joining us from home, both English and German online services will continue, including Church Online, Cogeco and the Pleasant Manor feed.