



Sunday December 19, 2021
FOURTH ADVENT

Welcome! We are so glad that you have chosen to attend Niagara UM today! If you have any questions or would like to learn about what happens on a Sunday morning please visit the Welcome Center desk in the foyer or ask an usher.

All in-person services are "Live Streamed"

[Click here](#) to watch live.

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German Service at 9:45 am

Klavier — Ruth Lamarre

Andachtsleiter — Renate Dau Klaassen

Grusswort — Jesaja 40:3-5

Anzünden der Adventskerzen

Lied — GDM #65, "Sieh, dein König kommt zu dir", V. 1, 2 u. 4

Schriftwort — Philipper 3:4-7

Botschaft — "Der Herr ist nahe" — Hans Hermann Dau

Lied — GDM #46, "Mit ernst ihr Menschenkinder"

Segen

Die nächste deutsche Andacht wird, so Gott will, am 2. Januar stattfinden.

Worship Service at 10:45 am

Welcome		Chris Hutton
Worship		
Advent Candle Lighting		
Children's Moment		Katrina Metsa
Scripture	Matthew 15:21-28	
Sermon	"Slow down! God is here!"	Daniel Janzen
Benediction		
Closing Song		

Within Red Brick Church ...

Have you heard about our Christmas plans!?!?

There is still space to register for "Christmas Eve by Candlelight" on Friday December 24th at 5:30pm. Our Christmas Day service will take place at 10:45 on December 25th. Don't forget that our Christmas poster with all the details is available at the Welcome Centre.

Carols, Candles, and Candy Canes - Outdoor Stroll at Pleasant Manor

Come share the joy of the Christmas season through festive and well-known hymns. ALL ages are invited to our walk around the grounds of Pleasant Manor to sing for residents on Sunday December 19th at 4:30pm. We'll meet in the Creekview parking lot for hot chocolate and candy canes for the young (and young at heart) and then we'll begin our stroll. We anticipate about an hour of strolling and singing. and don't forget to invite friends and family to join in the fun!

Home Church

We will be starting up home church again in January. This is a coming together of people in their homes during the week to form a community where they can pray together, learn together, support one another and grow together in faith. It is NOT a bible study, but it does include study. It is NOT a prayer group, though they do pray. It is church on a small scale, with a huge impact. If you are interested in joining a home church, please contact John Tiessen (john.tiessen22@hotmail.com), Chris Hutton (chris@redbrickchurch.ca) or contact the office.

Coffee Huddle with Chris

Will be taking a break over the holidays and will resume on Sunday January 9th at 9:45am!

Jr and Sr Youth

are finished for the holidays and will resume on Jan 12th and the 14th!

Women in Service - Blanket Tying

Will resume on Tuesday January 11, 2022.

In Our Community and Beyond ...

Mennonite Burial Society

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held online Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 2 pm.

Further details and to register to attend the online meeting available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

Christmas Carol Tour Extravaganza

All welcome to join for carol singing this year in the St. Catharines Queenston Street area. Beginning at 211 Queenston St. on December 22 at 6 p.m. Come join with the Westview Christian Fellowship Christmas Carol Tour.

Rob's Report ...

Budget Update for 2021

Our budget requirement for 2021 is \$418,520. We have received donations toward our 2021 budget of \$328,000 year to date. Keep our church finances in your prayers as we close out 2021.

Note from the treasurer

Under our income tax system the CRA allows individuals to donate securities (stocks, bonds, and mutual funds) directly to a charity. When doing so you will not have to report any capital gains on your income tax return and you will also receive a charitable receipt for the fair market value of the securities donated. A win win.

So, with the stock market at all-time highs, if you would like to consider donating securities directly to our church, contact the treasurer via email at treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca and more detailed information will be provided.

2021 Financial Contributions

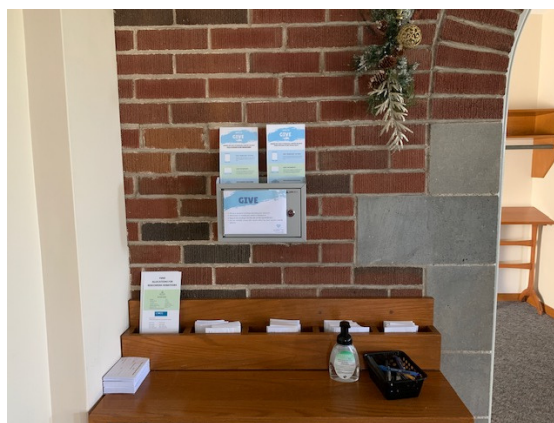
When considering making 2021 donations, please remember that all donations must be received by 9:00 am December 30, 2021 and dated December 30, 2021 in order for us to make a deposit before the banks close. Anything received after this will be part of your 2022 donations. If you have any questions about donating, or need a summary report year to date, contact the church office.

Self-Serve Donation Boxes

We have two places you can give your donation envelopes. During the week, you can use the black mailbox located near the glass doors on the Virgil side of the building. It is strongly recommended to only leave cheques in this location. On Sunday mornings, there is a donation box by the welcome centre. Both of these are emptied daily.



During the week



Sunday Mornings

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Office Hours & Staff

Monday to Friday staff are at church. Ring the doorbell at the glass doors for assistance or to access the library.

Red Brick E-News

Sign Up

<https://redbrickchurch.ca/through-the-doors/>

Administrative Notes ...

Church Offices Closed

The church and offices will be closed from December 23 until reopening again Tuesday January 4, 2022. Staff are working remotely during this time and some staff are using up vacation hours. The office email and phone lines will be checked periodically and urgent matters will be responded to. If you have a Pastoral need, please contact Daniel Janzen directly at 306-401-0113.

Bulletins ...

The December 19 bulletin will be the last bulletin printed for the 2021 year. Online versions of the December 24 and December 25 programs will be available online. January 2, 2022 will be the next printed bulletin with NUMC news and activities.

Looking Ahead ...

December 24- Christmas Eve Service

5:30 pm All welcome to this special evening of singing and storytelling. Pre-register to attend please.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service

10:45 am All welcome to join us for this worship service.

December 26

No in-person service today. Please enjoy a replaying of the 2021 German Advent Program both online and through Cogeco. Archived services available through the church website.

January 2, 2022 - Epiphany

9:45 am German Worship Service
10:45 am Worship