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“Restore us, O God; let Your face shine,  
that we may be saved.” ~ Psalm 80:3



# Niagara United Mennonite Church

**Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community**

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.

**[Click here](#) to watch the Live Stream.**

**[Click here](#) to watch archived videos during the week.**

## **Worship Service at 10:45 am**

Welcome		Erv Willms
Responsive Call to Worship and Candle Lighting		Erv Willms
Worship in Song		Praise & Worship Band
Children's Moment		Kathy Rempel
Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:2-11	Linda Pankratz
Sermon	"Surprised Again"	Daniel Janzen
Closing Song		
Sending Blessing		

### **2022: Have you seen God?**

4:00-5:00 p.m. New Years Eve, let's gather around tables to reflect on the past year and share how we have encountered God in the past year. Bring a favourite dish of party finger-food to add to the buffet table!

### **Praying in the New Year**

On Sunday, Jan. 1st, 10:45-11:45 a.m., there will be a prayer time led by Pastor Renate. Come, and share in prayer or just sit in quiet contemplation, as we seek God's will and provision for the coming year. The regular monthly prayer times preceding the Church Board meetings will resume in February. A prayer guide is issued at each of these gatherings, and extra copies are available at the welcome desk or the church office for anyone to use as a resource for our personal prayer times as we lift up to God our faith family, the wider community and the world.

## Within Red Brick Church ...

### Youth

Christmas parties for Jr and Sr Youth this week! Wear your best Christmas sweater and join us for some snacks, games, and activities to celebrate the season!

## Financial Report ...

We have received \$301,254 towards our 2022 budget of \$433,775. Three weeks remain for our church to collect \$132,521 in donations to meet our 2022 expense obligations.

## 2022 Givings at Year End ...

As we look towards the end of 2022, we need to take into consideration the banking holidays that will happen between December 25 and December 31.

We remind those that donate by cash or cheques that we should receive these donations no later than Friday December 30 in order for them to be deposited within the 2022 calendar year. Those who prefer text or E-transfers donations, those can be received up to December 31 to process them with the 2022 calendar year.

Options for donations include; donating through the **GIVE** tab on the website or by E-transfer to treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca or on Sunday mornings with the traditional envelopes left in the donation box by the Welcome Centre. For Text giving, simply text "NUMCGIVE" to 73256 and follow the steps provided.

If you have any questions about donating, or need a summary report year to date, contact the church office.

*Keep our church finances in your prayers as we get closer to our 2022 fiscal year end.*

## MCEC News ...

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's executive council is pleased to announce the appointment of Ann L. Schultz as MCEC's Intentional Interim Executive Team Leader. Ann officially begins her ministry with MCEC in January 2023 and her role will be part-time for the year, primarily focused on supporting the MCEC staff team. During this year of transition, the executive council will also support MCEC staff to ensure that congregations and leaders will continue to be resourced and encouraged. For the full announcement: <https://mcec.ca/article/21552-mcec-appoints-ann-l-schultz-intentional-interim-executive-team-leader>

## Connect...

### Online

[redbrickchurch.ca](http://redbrickchurch.ca)

### Bulletins

[redbrickchurch.ca/ebulletins/](http://redbrickchurch.ca/ebulletins/)

### Calendar of Events

[redbrickchurch.ca/calendar](http://redbrickchurch.ca/calendar)

### Archived Services

[redbrickchurch.ca/resources/sermons/](http://redbrickchurch.ca/resources/sermons/)

### Giving

[redbrickchurch.ca/contact/donate](http://redbrickchurch.ca/contact/donate)

### Facebook

[facebook.com/redbrickchurchniagara](https://facebook.com/redbrickchurchniagara)

### Contact

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### Office Hours & Staff

Tuesday to Friday staff are at church between 10 am - 2 pm. 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/>

## Administration ...

Have you moved, changed phone number, have a new email address? Please ensure this information is shared with the church office. Updated phone directories will be printed in February 2023 and sent out with the 2022 tax receipts.

## Family News ...

Dick & Marlene Heidebrecht request the prayer support of their faith community as Marlene is scheduled for heart bypass surgery Monday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m. May God have His healing hand upon her, and guide the medical team that will be caring for her.

Frank Siemens remains in hospital and continues to ask for our prayers for his recovery

## Looking Ahead ...

### **December 18, 2022 - Fourth Advent**

9:15 am Red Brick Kids  
9:45 am German Worship Service  
10:45 am Worship Service & Red Brick Kids Play  
10:30 am Cogeco Broadcast of December 11 Worship Service

### **December 24, 2022 - Candlelight Service**

5:30 pm Worship at the manger with music and dramatic readings.

### **December 25, 2022 -Christmas Day**

10:45 am Worship Service

### **December 31, 2022 - New Years Eve**

4:00 pm Informal service in the auditorium.  
bring your favourite party finger-food.  
*No Live Stream of this service*