

# Niagara United Mennonite Church

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

**Sunday January 29, 2023**

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.**

**German Service at 9:45 am**

Klavier — Kathy Rempel

Andachtsleiter — Renate Dau Klaassen

Grusswort — Psalm 19:2-6

Lied — GDM #35, "Womit soll ich dich wohl loben"

Schriftwort — Matthäus 2:13-15, 19-23

Botschaft — "Flucht in die Sicherheit"

Lied — GDM #381, "Jesu meine Freude", V. 1-3

Segen

*Diese Andacht wird am 29. Januar um 10:30 auf Cogeco Cable 10, gezeigt werden.*

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht in der Kirche wird, so Gott will, am 5. Februar, um 9:45 stattfinden.*

**Coffee Fellowship at 10:15 am**

**Worship Service at 10:45 am**

Welcome

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Renate Dau Klaassen

Community Prayer

John Tiessen

Children's Moment

Renate Dau Klaassen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-6

Esther Willms

Sermon

"Kingdom Character: Self-Control and Hunger"

John Tiessen

Closing Song

Sending Blessing

# **Within Red Brick Church ...**

## **Jr. & Sr. Youth**

Our Jr Youth and Sr Youth are going bowling! On Wednesday night this week, our Jr Youth are headed to Parkway Bowling on 327 Ontario St. in St. Catharines. Then on Friday night, it's our Sr Youth's turn! Contact Chris Hutton, if your children would like to come along!

## **Is the Good News Actually Good News?**

How To Share the Gospel without Embarrassing Yourself and God. On Sat. Feb. 4th at 7:00pm in our Gymnasium, the Education Committee presents an evening to learn more about what we exactly mean when we talk about the Good News of Jesus. This interactive discussion will explore practical ways to talk about faith and how to do so in a way that people might love to hear it as opposed to be annoyed by it. Coffee, snacks, and childcare will all be provided!

## **Prayer time**

Tues., Feb. 7, 6-7:00 p.m. Come together for an hour of guided prayer for individual needs, our faith community and the world! In the youth room this time.

## **Ladies Breakfast**

Thursday February 2nd at 9 a.m. at the Husky Restaurant on York Road, NOTL. All ladies are welcome! For info contact Linda Friesen (Henry).

# **Family News ...**

Henry Schroeder asks for your continued prayers for his daughter, Laura's, recovery, who had two major surgeries the week of Jan 16 to remove a cancerous tumor, and to give thanks to God that Laura is out of the ICU and is recovering well and getting stronger everyday.

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Susanne Janzen on January 22.. Her funeral was held here at NUMC on Friday January 27. May God grant the family peace in their time of grief.

Hello Church Family! Dick and I are grateful for the many practical and creative expressions of support that we have received from our church community! It has been 7 weeks now since my cardiac bypass surgery and I am moving forward on the path to recovery. I have appreciated the livestreamed services but do plan to rejoin you in person soon. Marlene Heidebrecht

## **FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR WORSHIP:**

Since the pandemic lockdowns, it has become increasingly clear that the right time has come to bring the German worship services to an end. Taking into consideration factors that I will lay out in more detail in my annual report, the leadership group for the German worship ministry together decided to conclude the biweekly German services at the end of 2023. We look forward to planning an event toward the end of the year, involving the entire congregation, to celebrate and give God thanks for 85 years of worship ministry in the language of our founders here at NUMC.

Related to this decision and other factors in my personal life, I have decided to finish covering Rachael's worship coordinator position during her maternity leave to the end of summer, guide the German worship ministry to its closing at end of December, and then retire from professional pastoral ministry. My husband Randy & I intend to make NUMC our church home together, and we look forward to participating in the life of this faith community in a lay capacity in the future.

I invite your prayers for the both of us, for the German leadership team, and for the people who are still finding their worship home in the German services, as we navigate toward these changes. I believe there is recognition on all sides that endings can be good and healthy, even if they are not always easy; but we all belong to each other, and it is my hope & prayer that together we can move forward in a way that leaves no one behind – because the language of God's grace & love is universal.

~ Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

## **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**

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### **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/>

## **In Our Community and Beyond ...**

### **The Art of Reading Scripture**

Feb 3-5, 1st Mennonite Church Vineland will be hosting a Portable CMU workshop with Gerald Gerbrandt, former President of CMU. There will be 4 sessions over the weekend reflecting on The Bible as a Great Unfinished Drama. More details can be found on the posters hanging on the church bulletin boards.

### **United Mennonite Home**

We will be hosting a Ladies Auxiliary Meeting on Wednesday February 8th at 10am. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Auxiliary and representing your congregation or would like additional information, please contact Jodi Thompson – Programs Manager at [jthompson@umh.ca](mailto:jthompson@umh.ca) or (905) 562-7385 ext. 5004.

## **2022 Financial Update (draft)...**

Total receipts towards our 2022 budget amounted to \$394,189. Total budget expenditures amounted to \$429,707. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$35,518. These numbers still need to be approved by auditors, executive, and council, and will be reported in detail in our annual report. On behalf of Niagara UM Church I would like to thank the membership and friends of our church for their ongoing financial support. Robert Neufeld - Treasurer

## **Looking Ahead ...**

### **February 5, 2023**

9:15 am	Red Brick Kids
9:45 am	German Worship Service
10:45 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Cogeco Broadcast of January 29 German Service