

# Niagara United Mennonite Church

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

**Sunday February 26, 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.**

**Coffee Time Fellowship at 10:15 am**

**Worship Service at 10:45 am**

Welcome

John Tiessen

Worship in Song

Ladies Group

Community Prayer

John Tiessen

Children's Moment

Renate Dau Klaassen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11

Donna Epp-Froese

Sermon

"Shaped By Testing"

Daniel Janzen

Communion

Closing Song

Sending Blessing

# Within Red Brick Church ...

## **Crokinole Coffee House**

All ages are invited to join us for a Crokinole Coffee House on the evening of Friday March 3rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm! This event will be a fundraiser for our Sr Youth ministry, and it will include lots of crokinole to play, coffee or other suitable beverages to drink, and a silent auction! How can you participate? We are looking for new items, gift cards and services to donate towards our silent auction! Contact our Administration Assistant, Emily Fieguth, if you have a donation towards the silent auction. There will also be the opportunity to make freewill donations at this event. Join us for a fun night together and a chance to support the Sr Youth in our church life!

## **Ladies Breakfast**

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

## **Prayer time**

Come, gather for prayer in the youth room on Tuesday March 7, any time between 6 & 7:00 p.m. Join in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour. Let us seek God's Presence together in quiet contemplation. A printed prayer guide will be available.

## **Care Team**

Our new care team will begin doing visits with our congregation. Please contact Lead Pastor Daniel Janzen to set up a time for yourself or a family member that you know of that is wanting a Pastoral or Care Team visit. Daniel Janzen new phone number is 905-246-8031

# In Our Community and Beyond ...

## **Russlaender 100: Memories of Migration Tour**

Some seats are still left for July's Russlaender 100: Memories of Migration Tour. 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the first arrival of Russian Mennonites in Canada in the 1920s. This group is often referred to as the "Russlaender". A collaborative effort among the national and provincial Mennonite historical societies and TourMagination, T More information is available at the TourMagination website at:

<https://tourmagination.com/tour/cross-canada-russlaender-centenary-tour/>

## **Silver Foxes**

Our next event is a tour of The Niagara Christian Gleaners Facility in Smithville on the morning of April 12, followed by lunch at Laki's Family Restaurant. The total cost for the bus, tour and lunch is only \$55.00 per person to be paid by Mar. 29 to hold your seat. Please register with Ted and Syl Wiens 289 868-9068 tedandsyl@gmail.com, or Paul and Joanne Thiessen 905 468-7392 pthiessen@sympatico.ca.

## **AGM Summary**

On behalf of the Church Board, thank you to all who attended and helped to make our AGM a success on Tuesday Feb. 21. The active participation of the membership is important as we continue to worship together and offer our programs and activities in the community.

## **Financial Update**

On February 21, 2023, at the Annual General Meeting, the church membership approved a 2023 expense budget of \$463,375. In order to continue and support all of our church programs, from Sunday morning Worship Services, Youth and Young Adult Programs, Red Brick Kids, caregiving, outside ministry, and many more activities, we require weekly donations/receipts of \$8,911 in order to meet these expense obligations.

For the first seven Sundays of 2023 we have received a total of \$30,315 or \$4,331 per week. We ask that our church family continue to pray for and support our ongoing financial obligations.

## **Anatomy of Our Revived Church**

At the AGM on Tuesday Evening, the church membership reviewed and passed the following motion:

"We, the members of Niagara United Mennonite Church commit to the new proposed course of action and to begin the challenging and joyous work of exploring our faith and practices in a new way, including reaching out in new ways into the community that God has placed us in."

This means that we will be re-focusing our efforts from internal facing programs to external facing efforts designed to develop relationships with our neighbours. This refocusing will take much prayer in order to ensure we are following the direction of the Holy Spirit. More updates on this new focus will be announced in the coming weeks and months. We ask that you pray for this congregation, for our community, and for the Holy Spirit to prepare the way for us as we watch what God has in store for us. As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, pray without ceasing. The Church Board thanks the congregation for their vote of support for this new direction.

## 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

1775 Niagara Stone Road  
905-468-3313  
[office@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca)

### 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 ...



### **Lost and Found**

There is a box on the table in the mailbox area with items that have been found around the church.

Unclaimed items will be sent to the benefit shop on March 15.

### **2023 Committee Directories**

This is almost ready. The Church Board are reviewing it to ensure their ministries are correctly listed. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the church office. Those who have already requested one, check your church mailboxes after March 1.

### **Pancake Supper - Free Will Offering**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time preparing the delicious pancake supper and to everyone who came out for the fellowship and pancakes.. A free will offering of \$765.70 was collected and will be sent to The Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine.

## Looking Ahead ...

### **March 5, 2023**

9:15 am	Red Brick Kids
9:45 am	German Worship Service
10:45 am	Worship Service & Communion
10:30 am	Cogeco Broadcast of February 26 Worship Service