

# 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.

## Lent Season

**Created in the image of God, shaped by Jesus**

"Shaped by New Birth"

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5; John 3:1-17

**Today Sunday March 5, 2023  
Worship Service at 10:45 am**

Welcome		Erv Willms
Worship in Song	Ensemble led by John & Kathy Rempel	
Community Prayer		Erv Willms
Children's Moment		Jonathan Bradnam
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-17	Willi Pankratz
Sermon	"Shaped By New Birth"	Daniel Janzen
Closing Song		
Sending Blessing		

**For next Sunday March 12, 2023**

"Shaped Through Thirst"

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## **German Service at 9:45 am**

Klavier — Laury Riediger

Andachtsleiter — Renate Dau Klaassen

Grusswort — Psalm 139:1-6

Lied — GDM #20, "Wenn ich, o Schöpfer, deine Macht"

Schriftwort — Johannes 3:1-17

Botschaft — "Von Schlangen und Zuversicht" Joachim Dau

Lied — GDM #365, "Sagt es laut, das Gott die Liebe"

Segen

*Diese Andacht wird am 12. März um 10:30 auf Cogeco Cable 10, gezeigt werden.*

*Die nächste deutsche Andacht in der Kirche wird, so Gott will,*

*am 19. März, um 9:45 stattfinden.*

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

### **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

### **Youth**

At Sr Youth this week, we are doing a T-Shirt Painting Night! 7:00pm here at the church. Materials and t-shirts will be provided.

## **Family News ...**

The family of Peter Janzen would like to thank everyone who supported us with thoughts and prayers over the last year. The visits and words of encouragement were appreciated. It brought comfort to the family. Special thanks to the A/V team, usher, the Choir and all who helped in organizing with the funeral.

# 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  
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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 ...



### **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**

They are ready! If you would like a printed copy, please contact the church office. Those who have already requested one, check your church mailbox.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Have a little time to offer the church? We have a couple of one time only requests. We need someone to drive some items to Heart Niagara in Niagara Falls. We are looking for someone who can stand at the copier at church and scan some vintage photos that were donated to the church so they can be archived. If you are interested in either of these, give the church office a call.

## Looking Ahead ...

**March 12, 2023 - Daylight savings time begins**

**No RBK this week - March Break**

10:45 am    Worship Service

10:30 am    Cogeco Broadcast of March 5 German  
Worship Service