

Niagara United Mennonite Church

Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community

December 17, 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 Centre desk in the foyer or ask an usher.

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Third Advent

Worship Service at 10:45 am

Welcome		John Tiessen
Worship in Song		Choir
Community Prayer		
Children's Moment		Daniel Janzen
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:46b-55	Erv Willms
Message	Praising with Mary	Daniel Janzen
Closing Song		
Sending Blessing		

***If it is your desire to support work of the church,
donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Centre.***

Within Red Brick Church...

Carol Singing at Pleasant Manor TONIGHT!

From strollers to seasoned singers, everyone is invited to join us for our carol singing around the grounds of Pleasant Manor TODAY at 5:00pm. We will meet in the Creekview parking lot. If you have family or friends at Pleasant Manor, remind them to keep an eye out for the singers!

Praying Through Christmas

Copies of the December Prayer Guide are available at the welcome desk. Note: it includes a listing of the weekly Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Please take one to guide your prayer & devotional time during Advent & Christmas. Watch for announcements about the next prayer gathering.

Volunteers Needed!

The AV team needs volunteers to run the camera and PowerPoint presentations during our Sunday Morning services. No experience OR TRAINING is necessary. Please contact Ed Janzen for more details.

Niagara Life Centre

The Niagara Life Centre Christmas Newsletter for 2023 is available at the Welcome Centre.

Opening our doors to another church community:

In November, we were approached by members of a local Syriac Christian Orthodox (Indian) Church plant to use our sanctuary for regular worship on Saturday mornings. Leadership met with them this past week and we are happy to extend to them our sanctuary for their worship services. Their first service in our building will be held on Dec 24th eve. Please see the printed version of the bulletin for more information.

Candlelight Concert This Saturday

You are invited to bring a friend and join our candlelight concert, this Saturday at 7:00pm. We look forward to a festive a worshipful event together.

Free Cedar Bows at NUMC

Fresh Cedar bows available for home decorating, or any other decorating, available behind the church near the lawn mower shed. Help yourselves – bring a pruner to cut the bows down to a workable size. The cuttings will be cleaned up after Christmas.

Church Board Chair Needed

As the Church Board (CB) looks towards the end of the year and the beginning of the next, we would like to highlight the need for a CB chair. This is an important position that has been vacant since the beginning of the year and we would like to have it filled for 2024. We ask you to make this a priority in your prayers for the church, so that it may become clear to our church and to whoever is called to this position. Thank you.

German Worship

Last Sunday, the German Worship Service celebrated the last service in the German language. We give thanks to God for 85 years of this ministry here at NUMC. We also give thanks to the many volunteers who have given leadership to and have led these services over the years. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Pastor of German Ministry

This past Sunday, we celebrated and marked the retirement of Renate Dau Klaassen, our Pastor of German Ministry. We are grateful for Renate's ministry with us these past years, not only in the German worship service, but also in English. Randy and Renate will be stepping back for a few months to settle into this new retirement season of their lives. God's blessings be with them.

Family News...

Please remember Bill and Hannelore Harder in your prayers as Bill struggles with cancer.

Within the Community...

Tenant Council Christmas Crafts and Bake Sale at Pleasant Manor

On Saturday December 16 from 9:30 am to 11:30am in our Creekview Link. Donations of baked goods would be much appreciated. Funds raised will go to the Pleasant Manor Tenant Council to enhance and fund quality of life activities for our dear seniors.

Thank you from the Pleasant Manor Women's Auxiliary!

Pleasant Manor Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all volunteers who worked at the Bazaar this year AND to all the people who baked goods and donated items to the bazaar to make it a successful year! It was so appreciated. We always need the dedication and care from volunteers for events like this. The total funds raised this year was about \$6,600. The best so far! This money will go to special projects and items needed for Pleasant Manor residents and Heritage Place programing. When the wish lists come to the Auxiliary, our committee will make choices and decisions where the money will go so that the Pleasant Manor community will benefit. We look forward to disbursing the funds with great outcomes.

See you all next March 2024 for our Spring Bazaar.
You'll be hearing from us!

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Looking Ahead ...

The Lead Up To Christmas...

Saturday December 23, 7:00pm
Candlelight Concert

Sunday December 24, 10:45am
4th Advent worship service

Sunday December 24, 6:30pm
Special Christmas Eve program at Bethany
(572 East & West
Line)

Monday December 25, 10:45am
Christmas Day service