

# Niagara United Mennonite Church

Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community

**February 4, 2024**

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.

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

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

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

Welcome

Greg Dick

Worship in Song

Ensemble

Community Prayer

Children's Moment

Ellery Rauwerda

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Debbie Fast

Message

"Jesus heals many"

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.  
For more information see the back page.***



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

## **Communion February 11**

We will be celebrating Communion on February 11. Come prepared to receive this great gift of God with thanksgiving as we remember the new covenant which Jesus established between us and God by his death and confirmed in his resurrection.

## **Pancake Supper**

The NUMC Church Home Church group is inviting you to join them for a Pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13, starting at 5:30 and going until about 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring someone along to share the meal with you. There will be a free will offering for MCC at the door. Please pray for this event that relationships will grow through the breaking of bread together.

## **NUMC Praying Together**

Come, let us pray! On the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7pm in the Youth Room; we gather to pray for ourselves, our families and community, the church, and the world. This Tuesday Feb. 6, we will be making use of an Anabaptist Prayer Book to guide us with scripture in our prayers. No previous experience necessary. ;)

## **Coffee Cup Reminder**

We are so fortunate at NUMC to have our Coffee time together and our dedicated volunteers. If you are enjoying coffee in the sanctuary, please remember to remove your cups after the church service. Thank you!

## **Annual General Meeting 2024**

Time to mark your calendars. The NUMC 2024 Annual General Meeting will be happening on Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 7 pm. Further information to follow in the coming weeks.

## **“No one wants to be a refugee”**

From Isaiah 21:14-15:

“Bring water for the thirsty ... Meet the fugitive with bread.  
For they have fled from the swords, from the drawn sword,  
and from the bent bow, and from the press of battle.”

The advantage of sponsoring refugees as a Christian community is that it makes our church visible as a place where servants of Christ put their faith and love into action by welcoming the stranger (Romans 12:13). A personal benefit for members, besides exposure to interesting people from different cultural and religious backgrounds, is that financial contributions towards sponsorship that are made through the church can be receipted for income tax purposes.

Taking a broader view, we are agents of societal and economic change, the effects of which we will only see in hindsight.

What do **you** think about sponsoring another family through Niagara U.M.? Please consider this in prayer and then share your ideas with others in our congregation.

Further information is available from Kathy Rempel and Greta Wiens.

## **Family News...**

"I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers you sent to the Lord after my fall six months ago. After months in hospital and convalescent care I am now settled in a wellness suite at Pleasant Manor and am doing much better. Continued prayers are appreciated."

Thank you,  
Anne Marie Enns

# Within the Community...

## Women's Auxiliary for Pleasant Manor UPDATE

Some of our fundraising money will be going to :

- \*Foldable tables for events
- \*Programing for Tenants and social activities
- \*Gardens - out door furniture and flowers
- \*Electronic keyboard for Chapel
- \*Refreshing the look and workings of Bowling Alley

**Also.....**

**MARK THE DATE: Spring Bazaar Saturday March 23rd 10am - 11:30**

In preparation for it we need to be making our famous delicious meat buns early. Volunteer help will be needed:

**Monday Feb 5th at 9am and Monday Feb 12th at 9am** in the NUMC church kitchen.

Come for some fun learning and socializing as you bake!!

Contact Anne Litke

Denise Janzen

Isolde Kroeker

Carole Wiens

Thanks to all ladies that helped last fall and we hope to count on you this time as well. You're professionals now! If you don't contact us ,we'll be calling you! Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks so much,

Anne Litke

Auxiliary Chair person

## **Ash Wednesday Service at Grace Mennonite Church**

Grace Mennonite Church and Scott Street Church are hosting a brief Ash Wednesday service at 11:00 am on February 14th at the Grace Mennonite Church facility at 677 Niagara Street, St. Catharines. This will be a meaningful way to prepare for the season of Lent.

## **SILVER FOX "FEBRUARY WARM-UP"**

Join us on Wed. Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for Board Games, Cards or just chatting and a Beef on the Bun Lunch! We will meet in the Creekview (Pleasant Manor) Meeting Room. Cost, payable ahead or at the door, is only \$10.00.

Please notify Bud and Ella Andres, (905 468-2669 bandres@cogeco.ca), Paul and Jo Thiessen (905 468-7392, pthiessen@sympatico.ca) or Ted and Syl Wiens (289 868-9068, tedandsyl@gmail.com) by Sun. Feb. 11 to assist with planning and food preparation. Bring one or two of your favourite games.

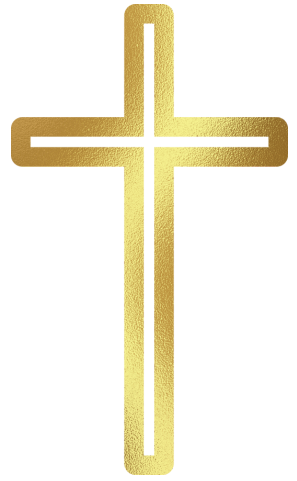
## **Wild Hope for God's Garden**

February 23 - 25, at The First Mennonite Church in Vineland (3557 Rittenhouse Rd. Vineland). Join us for a weekend exploring the intersection of Creation Care and Faith. Joanne Moyer is a professor of Environmental Studies at The King's University in Edmonton. She researches faith-based environmental action and has volunteered with the Mennonite Creation Care Network and Mennonite Church Canada's Sustainability Leadership Group for many years. She will lead us through a weekend of exploring urgent environmental problems, such as climate change, and how we can respond as people faith. There is no charge for this event.

## **Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario**

MHSO Annual Meeting & Niagara Russlaender Centenary Tour, Saturday, June 15, 2024. Join the Society for a day tour of sites in the Niagara Region to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of Russlaender Mennonite immigrants in Ontario. Visit [www.mhso.org](http://www.mhso.org) and fill out a form to be notified when registration opens.

# Sermon Notes



## **Connect...**

### **Online**

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### **Bulletins**

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

### **Calendar of Events**

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

### **How to Donate**

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

1) At the Welcome Centre in the Foyer

2) By E-transfer:

[treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:treasurer@redbrickchurch.ca)

3) By Mail: NUMC RR#2 HWY 55 NOTL, L0S 1J0

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### **Office Hours & Staff**

Tuesday - Friday 9am-2pm

Daniel: Tues-Fri, 9am - 2:30pm

*Ring the doorbell at the glass doors!*

### **Red Brick E-News**

#### **Sign Up**

<https://redbrickchurch.ca/through-the-doors/>

## **Looking Ahead ...**

### **Next Week-Sunday February 11**

9:30 am Red Brick Kids

10:30 am Cogeco Broadcast

10:45 am Worship Service with Communion