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Niagara United Mennonite Church

Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community

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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.

December 8, 2024

Second Advent

Worship Service at 10:00am

Welcome		Janice Janzen
Worship in Song		Ensemble
Children's Moment		Ellery Rauwerda
Community Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79	Willi Pankratz
Message	"From Out of the Darkness"	Joachim Dau
Closing Song		
Sending Blessing		

Looking Ahead...

Next Week

Sunday December 15 at 10am

Third Advent Worship Service
Red Brick Kids Presentation

In Two Weeks

Sunday December 22 at 10am

Fourth Advent Worship Service
Red Brick Kids
Candlelight Service 7pm

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

Within Red Brick Church...

RBK Christmas Presentation Announcement

The RBK kids Christmas Program is Sunday December 15th during the regular service hours. We have a beautiful and short program that the kids would love you to see. Please invite family and friends. If you are a parent of the RBK Kids, please have your children practice their lines and songs.

Calling All Carolers for the Pleasant Manor Carol Stroll!

Last year we were rained out, so we are eager to visit Pleasant Manor this year! From strollers to seasoned singers, everyone is invited to join us for our carol sing around the grounds of Pleasant Manor on Sunday December 15th 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 their windows around 5:00 to enjoy the singing!

Red Brick Kids Children's Ministry Christmas Fundraiser

I'm so proud of the RBK kids as well as the congregation for raising approximately \$260.00!!! With this collection we are able to gift a "Farmyard", which is a MCC Christmas Giving package of multiplying animals (goats, pigs, chickens and ducks). The Farmyard enables families to increase their income now and into the future by raising livestock.

This was a great opportunity for our RedBrick Kids to see the difference they can make in the lives of others. Thank you very much for your support!

<https://mcc.org/christmas/buy-farmyard>

Newark Neighbours Food Collection Next week!

Dec 15, will be the last day to collect food items to help and bless members of our community. For a list of needed items visit the Newark Neighbours website or our Community Bulletin Board.

Prayer Time December 17!

On Tuesday December 17 from 6-7pm please join us for prayer time in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

Ladies' tea and tour: Come and see the Bridge of Hope newcomer house that we are preparing for the family from South Sudan. Drop in any time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th. We can't post the address online so please contact Greta W or Kathy R for directions. You will have the opportunity to choose a small item for the household from our wish list if you like, but mainly we want to show you what Bridge of Hope is doing.

Desserts and Snacks for Candlelight Service Social

After the Candlelight Service (Sunday December 22nd at 7pm) we will have a casual reception in the foyer for all concert-goers. We are looking for bakers to provide small, handheld (ie. no utensils required) treats that are ready to serve. If you are able to contribute, please bring your treats to the coffee centre on Sunday December 22nd either to the morning service, or when you arrive in the evening for Candlelight. We appreciate your help in showing warm hospitality to the visitors who will be here for the concert!

Syriac Orthodox Church Christmas Worship Services

Our friends at the Mor kauma Syriac Orthodox Church will be holding services at NUMC on Christmas Eve at 6pm and New Year's Eve at 6pm. We wish them God's blessings throughout the Christmas Season and in the New year to come!

Financial Update as of November 30, 2024

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the church membership approved a 2024 expense budget of \$363,800. To continue and support all our church programs, from Sunday morning Worship Services, Red Brick Kids, caregiving, outside ministry, and many more activities, we require weekly donations/receipts of \$6,996 to meet these obligations.

As of November 30, 2024, we have received a total of \$270,307 or \$5,751 per week.

Thank you to all that have made contributions this year to date. We ask that you check in to your account online to view your 2024 year to date giving. Alternatively, you can call the office, and Julie will provide a hard copy. If there are any issues or discrepancies let Julie know.

Baby Change Table Request

We are looking for an additional change table for MomCo. If you have one you are not using, please let Ellery or Rachael know. Thank you!

Anabaptism at 500

On Jan 21, 1525 after Bible study and prayer, George Blaurock asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him and then Blaurock baptized all the others on the confession of their faith. This was really a rebaptism, because they had all been baptized as infants. Thus began the Anabaptist movement.

During the months of Jan-Feb 2025, we will be marking 500 years since the beginning of the Anabaptist movement with some special services, guests, music, and Adult Sunday School classes after the service. Stay tuned for more details.

Grow Hope Niagara

The final grain crop report is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Within the Community...

A BIG Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Christmas Bazaar at Pleasant Manor last weekend. It was a great success! We collected just over \$5,000. This money will go to wishes and needs of the residents in long term care and the residents at large.

MANY thanks go to the ladies at Niagara church and Orchard Park church for all the hours of baking and to the generous people who donated baked food, borscht, preserves AND craft items to sell.

Again many Thanks!

Anne Litke and members of the Womens Auxilliary

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a Fundraising & Communications Manager.

This is a permanent, half-time, hybrid position in Kitchener. If you would like to inspire and engage SLMC's generous community, read more at slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors and apply soon!

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Retreats

Winter and Spring Retreats Registration Opens December 1 at 12pm: Come to Silver Lake in 2025 for fun camp experiences! On the calendar are... Fathers & Kids Retreat (Jan 17-19), Women's Retreat (Jan 31-Feb 2), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Feb 28-Mar 2), Staff Alumni Retreat (Mar 21-23), Music Retreat (Mar 28-30), Family Camp (May 16-18). Go to slmc.ca/retreats for more info.