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Daniel: Tuesday-Friday,  
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*Ring the doorbell at the glass  
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## Red Brick E-News Sign Up

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## Within the Community...

### **Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.**

This week we pray for Brussels  
Mennonite Fellowship. Pray for God's  
wisdom, clarity and hope as they  
seek a half-time pastor to walk with  
them in ministry.

### **Looking Ahead... Next Week**

### **Sunday January 25, 2026 at 10am**

Worship Service  
Red Brick Kids

## Niagara United Mennonite Church



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

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

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.

**January 18, 2026  
Worship Service at 10:00am**

Welcome

Renate Dau Klaassen

Worship in Song

Choir

Reception of New Members

Children's Moment

Kathy Rempel

Community Prayer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Debbie Fast

Message

"Jesus: God with us"

Pastor Daniel

Closing Song

Sending Blessing

***We welcome your support for the various ministries of our  
church. Please drop off your donation at the  
Welcome Centre.***

## Within Red Brick Church...

### Reception of New Members

This morning we are excited to welcome Catherine Neufeld into membership at NUMC.

### The Black Church - What can we learn from it?

We are continuing our 5 week series to explore 5 themes or anchors emphasized in the Black Church tradition. The 5 anchors are: Big God, **Jesus**, Conversion and walking in the Spirit, The Good Book, and Deliverance.

### MCC Gift Catalogue Challenge Grand Total

The final total for our MCC Gift Challenge was \$11,156.65! May God bless all who gave and especially those who will receive.

### Prayer Time

There will be a prayer meeting on Tuesday, January 20 from six until seven in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

## Within the Community...

### Fundraiser for the Village of Hope

Please join us on Saturday January 24, 2026 at 6:30pm for a concert by "The Light Fandango." It will take place at First Mennonite Church at 3557 Rittenhouse Rd, in Vineland Ontario. Admission is by donation to the Village of Hope Thrift Store and Food Bank. Refreshments will be served.

### Hidden Acres Family Day Event

Free Family Day Open House - Join us on Feb 16th between 10-3:30 for a self guided day of snowshoeing, sledding, treasure hunts, crafts, pretzel making, games, puzzles and more. Bring a bagged lunch or pay \$6 for a hot lunch. Click [here](#) to register.

### Walking with Grace: New Testament Wisdom for the Journey A Bible Study Series

On the First & Third Wednesdays | Feb-April | 1-2 pm  
Grace Linwell Apartments Lounge (behind Grace Mennonite Church) at 671 Niagara St., in St. Catharines. A welcoming, discussion-based study exploring New Testament themes of faith, wisdom, hope, and love, across the seasons of life.  
Coordinator: Jan Steven, Community Chaplain 289-990-4839 / [janscats@gmail.com](mailto:janscats@gmail.com)

### Coldest Night of the Year – February 28, 2026

You're invited to take part in the Coldest Night of the Year, a winter walk in support of people in our community who are experiencing homelessness, hunger, and hurt. This event brings people together to walk, learn, and raise funds that support local care and outreach. New in 2026:

The St. Catharines walk will start and finish at the Niagara Pen Centre, offering both the traditional outdoor lived-experience walk and an indoor route for participants with mobility needs. See the poster on the community board for details. Register a team and join in making a meaningful impact on the coldest night of the year.

## Lives Lived

### *Heinrich Reimer 1908-1939*



Reading about lives once lived reveals trials, triumphs and tears. So it is with the life the Heinrich Reimer family: a life too soon extinguished, a young wife and mother suddenly widowed and two very young now-fatherless sons.

For 31 year old Heinrich Reimer, Tuesday, March 8, 1938 held a busy work schedule. Too soon in the year to start trimming the fruit trees on the small farm that Heinrich and his wife Justina (nee Peters) owned on

Concession 4 near Hunter Road, Heinrich had volunteered his day for work on the new church building...

The first "Russian" Mennonites settled in the Virgil area in the mid 1930's. In 1937, after efforts to purchase a building fell through, a decision was made to build a church, two kilometers north-east of Virgil. The first meeting of the new congregation was held in the basement in early 1938. Finishing touches on the parking lot were still needed, with Heinrich, Gerhard Neufeld, Henry Braun and Jacob Wiens volunteering to cut large stone and haul gravel from Larkin Farm Quarry (north of Queenston) to the church.

Despite some misgivings regarding undercutting a 14 foot overhanging cliff, the four young men continued to shear away the cliff. Heinrich was working nearby when the giant rock mass broke free. He was freed within minutes of the rock slide but death had already come for Heinrich.

Of the accident, Margaret Neufeld (close friend to Heinrich's wife Justina) wrote in her daily diary: "The weight and mass simply crushed him so that death most likely was immediate. It is terrible. Death strikes quickly and with no respite... Poor, poor Justa. She and her mother were visiting with the Enns' when the news was

brought to her. Justa and Heinz were married the same year as we (1935), so less than five years. And now she is a widow with two small children. How will she carry this bitter pain? But for each of us, it is a loud and clear word of God... God, our heavenly Father, is our only refugee in such distress."

Church family and friends grieved greatly. The funeral for Heinrich Reimer was held at the Niagara United Mennonite Church on Monday, March 13, 1939. Peter Kroeker based his message on Psalm 39 where King David asks God to remind him on the brevity of life, His deliverance from all our transgressions and to find hope and strength in God's presence in any situation.

So that was a life that was lived. Justina Reimer, also aged 31 at the time of her husband's death, never remarried, dedicating her life to raise up her two sons, Willy (d. 2013) and Henry. The fruit trees left untrimmed by Heinrich on their farm were looked after that year and for a number of years thereafter by her brother and neighbour John D. Peters. Justina died in 1973 at the age of 65. Henry, one year old at the time of his father's death, lived on Concession 4 for many years, and retired from working at The Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake in 1995 after 30 years of service.

The plaque below, was placed in the church foyer in December 2025 in remembrance of this life lived.

