



# 2025 Annual Report



Niagara  
United  
Mennonite  
Church

87th Annual  
Membership  
Meeting

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## Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

### **NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH**

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday February 24, 2026

6:30pm Coffee Time, 7pm Meeting Begins

**Church Gymnasium**

1. Welcome and Opening Devotion
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Appointment of the Tellers Committee
4. Review and Acceptance of Membership Meeting Minutes  
of November 30, 2025
5. Ministry and Committee Reports
6. Approval of Financial Summary and Budget
7. Election of Board Members
8. Vineland United Mennonite Home
9. Capital Projects update
10. Syriac Church
11. Volunteer List
12. Other Business
13. Closing Prayer
14. Adjournment

# Fall Membership Meeting Minutes for Approval November 30, 2025

## NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH

### FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sunday November 30, 2025, after the Service.

#### Church Sanctuary

1. Welcome
  - a. Lloyd Redekopp called the meeting to order at 11:23am.
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
  - a. Rick Froese moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Wendy Janzen, carried by a show of hands.
3. Appointment of the Tellers Committee
  - a. Linda Friesen moved to accept the Tellers Committee of Henry Bergen, Dick Heidebrecht, and Harold Neufeld, seconded by Erika Froese, carried by a show of hands.
4. Acceptance of the Spring Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025
  - a. Rebecca Willms moved to accept the Minutes as printed, seconded by Bill Devolin, carried by a show of hands.
5. Constitutional Update
  - a. The Tellers reported that 74 people attended the Fall Membership Meeting.
  - b. Lloyd explained how the church, as a non-profit, is regulated by ONCA, which is the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporation Act. ONCA regulates how Non-profits are created, governed and dissolved. It allows non-profits to provide in their by-laws for voting rights, it describes the definition of members, conditions of memberships, clarifies activities, and calls for a review engagement or an audit based on their revenue. NUMC exceeds the \$500,000 revenue mark so we accepted the 2025 audited Financial Statements at the June 11, membership meeting.
  - c. ONCA also lists requirements for directors and officers including their election, due diligence or removal process. It also provides the public and members with greater access to financial records. It creates an updated standard and more transparency for the public. This constitutional update was supposed to be completed by the end of 2024. If not updated, we would have to be governed by ONCA rules, which are very general and not necessarily according to the wishes of our church. Worst case scenario would be a review of our charitable status.
  - d. Draft By-law No.2 was prepared in consultation with Martin Shepherd Fraser. It has been distributed to the congregation for review for the past few months.
  - e. Lloyd highlighted some of the changes made by By-Law No. 2. Firstly, Article 2 focuses on electing directors and the length of their terms in those

positions. These elections happen every year. He mentioned Article 3 which poses changes to church board meetings. A quorum of two-thirds of the directors must now be present to hold such a meeting. Lloyd also mentioned Article 6 which deals with conflict of interest, Article 7 which deals with the requirements for church membership, and Article 8 deals with quorum at church membership meetings in which 10% of the membership must be present to hold such a meeting.

- f. Joachim Dau made a motion to accept By-law No.2 as presented. The motion was seconded by Rick Froese, the motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Financial Update

- a. Rob Neufeld gave an update as to our finances at this time. We need \$398,000 to reach our expense obligations for 2025. We have raised \$254,000, and are short \$144,000. We have one more month before our fiscal year ends to meet our budget goal. We have raised \$74,000 for missions, which are donations that do not go to our budget. NUMC donated \$10,000 to FIDA, which does mission work in Haiti.
- b. Rob mentioned that if anyone wanted to donate securities to the church, please talk to him.
- c. The deadline for e-transfers is December 31, and cheques must be dated December 31.

#### 7. Capital Projects Update

- a. There are three items for consideration.
- b. Ed and Joachim headed up a committee on the new AV system and started the process in September. It is being worked on, but there are no recommendations to the church board yet.
- c. Air conditioning, we did an experiment using window units which ran through the summer months. Feedback from the congregation was very positive. The Church Board consulted with two HVAC companies, they both recommended a ductless, split system for our sanctuary. Prices fluctuate so we won't present a price until the AGM in February. The price would likely be around \$60,000.
- d. Flat roof repair or replacement, we have received a quote on that, but that is still in the planning stages.

#### 8. Closing

- a. Joachim Dau made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by John Tiessen. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 11:40am.

Lloyd Redekopp  
Chair-Church Board

Julie Plunkett and Linda Pankratz  
Recording Secretaries



## Additional Approved Meeting Minutes of 2025

### Annual Membership Meeting 2025

#### NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 25, 2025  
6:30 pm Coffee Time, 7 pm Meeting Begins  
Church Gymnasium

1. **Welcome and Opening Devotion:** Pastor Daniel welcomed everyone at 7:01pm and spoke about 2 Corinthians 4: 4-7. The passage on treasures in jars of clay. Daniel thinks NUMC has a lot to offer, because we have the good news, and it is in our hearts.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Lloyd Redekopp officially called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Joachim Dau motioned to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Robert Neufeld, carried by a show of hands.
3. **Appointment of Tellers Committee:** The Tellers Committee consisted of Harold Neufeld, Henry Bergen, and Dick Heidebrecht. Final attendance was 52 members. Linda Friesen motioned to accept the Tellers Committee, seconded by John Tiessen, carried by a show of hands
4. **Acceptance of Membership Meeting Minutes on February 27, 2024:** Rick Froese motioned to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Joachim Dau, carried by a show of hands.
5. **Ministry and Committee Reports:** Erika Froese motioned to accept the Ministry and Committee reports as printed, Ron Riediger seconded, carried by a show of hands.
6. **Financial Summary and Treasurer's Report:** Rob Neufeld presented the financial summaries for 2024 and the Treasurer's Report. He noted that the statements in the annual report are not yet audited so cross out the "audited financial statements" title in the Annual Report Book. The current report is a financial summary, they are not official statements. The official statements will be presented later this year, after the finances are audited. Our official financial statements will be voted on at another meeting. A brief discussion followed.
7. **Review and Approval of 2025 Budget:** Rob went through the budget for 2025. It was noticed that some of the Church Board (office) budget items were duplicated in the Annual Report, so it will need to be edited. Peter Janzen noted the increase in the Missions and Service budget. Rob confirmed that it is to support more projects including Westview Church. Joachim Dau motioned to accept the 2025 budget, seconded by Joannie Penner, carried by a show of hands. The Church Board moved to transfer the 2024 surplus of \$ 62,040.98 to the Capital Fund seconded by Ron Riediger, carried by a show of hands.
8. **Election of Directors, Committee Members, and Representatives for 2025:** Daniel Janzen noted that our Missions and Service Chair, Bill Devolin was not listed on the Church Board roster. Bill agreed to have his name added to the list. Linda Friesen motioned to elect the board as stated, seconded by John Tiessen, carried by a show of hands.
9. **Election of Delegates to MCEC Gathering, April 26<sup>th</sup> ONLINE 10-11:30am, MCC Canada, July 2-5:** John Tiessen and Daniel will attend MCEC, as will Lloyd Redekopp and Joachim Dau. It is an online session. Daniel is interested in the MC Canada conference in Kitchener. Ed Janzen motioned to accept the delegates to MCEC and MC Canada, Laury Willms seconded, carried by a show of hands.

**10. Other business:**

- a. **Syriac Church Update:** Pastor Daniel gave an update on the Syriac Church and read a letter from Boney Raju. Boney expressed his gratitude for the use of our facility and how it has enriched their ministry. A discussion followed.
- b. **Westview Church Update:** Bill Devolin gave an update of the situation at Westview Christian Fellowship Church. 2024 has been a problematic year. The employees and the committee of Westview Centre for Women incorporated themselves as a new charity and they are no longer connected with the Westview Church. The Women's group have maintained the name "Westview Centre for Women" which has caused a lot of confusion. Westview Centre for Women has taken legal action (spring 2024) against Westview Church. There has been no resolution of the legal issue at this point. Westview Church has made suggestions and offers but it is not yet resolved. Bill highlighted the new projects planned at Westview Church, including a grocery store being run in connection with Start Me Up Niagara, and a Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise being run by MCC. He also confirmed that Westview Church is in the process of changing their name to Queenston Community Church. A discussion followed
  - i. Bill noted that as a congregation we have not donated to Westview Centre for Women since 2023. Rob explained that in our NUMC Budget we donate specifically to Westview Church, but you can still donate to both the Westview Church and Westview Centre for Women organizations through NUMC.

**11. Capital Project Review:** Lloyd Redekopp said that we should be stewards of God's assets and use the money we have in the Capital fund to support some projects around the church. We could also use some money from the bequest fund. Lloyd asked to have a discussion to rank the project items by level of importance. Ron Riediger agreed that the AV system needs updating, maybe a digital sign, and repainting the parking lot. Ed Janzen agreed that we need an AV system update. Ed also said the windows in the sanctuary need replacement. They are drafty or do not open properly. Laury Willms agreed that AV is the number one priority. Peter Janzen pointed out that we have a leak in the gym roof already and so flat roof repairs are a good idea. Peter also mentioned we need a new air circulation system or air-conditioning system in the gym. Marlene Heidebrecht mentioned that an air conditioning system needs to be installed in the sanctuary which is blistering hot in the summer. Lloyd suggested people come to the board with their ideas.

**12. Constitution Update:** Lloyd Redekopp gave an update about our new church constitution. 2020 was our last constitutional update. ONCA regulates how nonprofits are created, governed, and dissolved. An audit gets triggered by a \$500,000 budget, and it needs to be a third-party audit. This creates updated standards and more transparency for the public. The constitution should be updated by the end of 2024, otherwise we will be governed by ONCA or worst-case scenario we lose charitable status. We have engaged a law firm to work through the new constitution. This should be ready for a review of the constitution and a vote this spring. We are very early in the process of reviewing the constitution. Laury Willms asked if we had an extended deadline. Lloyd said we are not in danger of losing our status if we are in the process of updating our constitution.



**13. Close:** Motion to adjourn, Joachim moved to accept, Rick Froese seconded, motion carried by a show of hands. John Tiessen closed in prayer. The meeting ended at 8:35pm.

Lloyd Redekopp— Church Board Chair

Julie Plunkett-Recording Secretary

## Spring Membership Meeting 2025

### NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 11, 2025, at 7pm

#### Church Gymnasium

#### 1. Welcome and Opening Devotion

- a. Lloyd Redekopp welcomed everyone at 7:03pm.
- b. Pastor Daniel gave a devotion about how we can choose to respond in faith to the problems of life. He reflected on Galatians Chapter 5. Pastor Daniel opened the meeting with a prayer.
- c. Lloyd Redekopp called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

#### 2. Acceptance of the Agenda

- a. Rick Froese moved to accept the Agenda as written, seconded by Joachim Dau, carried by a show of hands

#### 3. Appointment of Tellers Committee

- a. Alan Teichroeb moved to accept the Tellers Committee of Dick Heidebrecht, Henry Bergen and Harold Neufeld, seconded by John Tiessen, carried by a show of hands

#### 4. Acceptance of the Annual Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025

- a. Wendy Janzen moved to accept the Minutes, seconded by Kathy Epp, carried by a show of hands
  - i. Changes to be made to the minutes. Erika Janzen mentioned we should change the document title to minutes instead of agenda.

#### 5. Election of Board Members

- a. Ellery Rauwerda is going to join the Church Board as general member. Lloyd asked if anyone else wanted to join the board because we are short one person, the secretary, but we could just have another general member.
- b. Joachim Dau made a motion to accept Ellery Rauwerda as a Church Board member, seconded by Erika Froese, carried

#### 6. Approval of Financial Statements

- a. Rob Neufeld spoke about the Ontario Government changing the rules for charity financial statements in 2021. If we don't follow the rules, we could lose charitable status. Charities were given until 2024 to comply. In the past the treasurer would prepare statements, add them to annual report, and the auditing committee signed off on them. This is not acceptable anymore under the new rules. The government wants an independent accountant to prepare financial statements. We fall under the audit requirement because we had over \$500,000 in receipts. If we were below that threshold we would just need a review.

- b. Rob Neufeld discussed the current financial statements, which include an audit report and notes. Nothing changed after what was prepared for the Annual meeting in February. The numbers didn't change, the only thing that has changed is how the balance sheet is written up. The church property is now listed at fair market value. This does not change what we pay for insurance.
- c. Erv Willms asked if the audited statement would be ready by February for the AGM next year. Rob Neufeld said no, he will report a financial summary and then the audited reports will be presented at the Spring Meeting as we did for 2024.
- d. John Tiessen made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented by the audited report, seconded by Linda Friesen, carried.
- e. Rob said we are a bit short of budget giving looking at May 2025 compared to last year, but we are on track.

#### **7. Constitutional update**

- a. Lloyd presented a summary of the changes to the new Constitution. ONCA sets out how non-profits are created, governed and dissolved. It lists requirements of officers, directors, their election, removal, and due diligence. Our Constitution was supposed to be completed by 2024, if it is not updated the church would have to be governed by ONCA. The worst-case scenario is you lose charitable status.
- b. By-law 2 was drafted by a lawyer with the Church Board executive. It will not be voted on today, but at another meeting in the fall. The new by-law update to the constitution keeps us accountable to the government. We have renamed the old constitution the "Purpose, Mission, and Vision Statement." We will continue to refer to it to keep us accountable to each other.
- c. Lloyd Redekopp discussed Article 2, 2.2 which deals with elections and removals to Church Board positions, article 3 which deals with quorum, with article 6 which deals with conflict of interest, article 7 which deals with membership, and article 8.5 which deals with membership meetings. Quorum at a membership meeting has to be 10%.
- d. Lloyd asked people to take By-law 2 home to read, but asked if there are any questions. We will have another meeting highlighting any changes in October and a vote in February. We could also vote on Sunday after church sometime.
  - i. A question was asked about article 1 about gender wording in the document. Pastor Daniel mentioned it could be a generalization and not specific to gender politics.
  - ii. Erv Willms asked if the old constitution is referred to in By-law 2.

- iii. Lloyd said no, the old document is just for the Church Board to use, because it is important to us as a working document. Discussion followed
- e. The Tellers Committee reported we have 54 people here tonight.

## **8. Capital Projects update**

- a. Lloyd mentioned having surplus funds. The Church Board asked the congregation for ideas about the best way to use them at AGM. Eight proposals came forward. They were ranked in importance by the Church Board and they decided to focus on the top four. The number one issue is making sure the AV system works, number two is air conditioning for foyer and the sanctuary, number three is window blinds for the sanctuary, and number four is a digital sign for the front lawn.
- b. Lloyd went through the proposals and discussed the estimates and costs involved in each of the 8 items proposed. Lloyd asked for feedback. He pointed out the surplus funds in the bank which we could use for Capital projects to the benefit of the church. Discussion followed.
- c. Rob Neufeld pointed out that if we want air conditioning, we need to do it quickly so we can have it this summer. Kaethe Tiessen mentioned that weddings and events are brutally hot in the summer without it. Erv said he isn't sure what the timeline is as far as getting air conditioning this summer.
- d. Linda mentioned that air conditioning could be outreach, other churches advertise that they have air conditioning.
- e. Lloyd concluded that the church board is on the right track in reviewing the items and their importance to the congregation.

## **9. Gift Discernment**

- a. John Tiessen would like to create a nominations or gift discernment committee again.
- b. We are also looking for an education ministry chair which goes beyond Red brick Kids, to look at what can be done for adults and youth.

## **10. Other Business**

- a. Lloyd mentioned the Mennonite Church Canada Conference on July 2 to 5 which Daniel is attending. We could send another person or two if they would like to go.
- b. Pastor Daniel gave an update about Red Brick Kids. Melanie Scott stepped down from her paid position as RBK Coordinator at the end of May. She still wants to lead but as a volunteer. There will be upcoming conversations about RBK going forward.
- c. Pastor Daniel mentioned the subject of music at funerals and what we have available. John and Kathy Rempel are typically involved in leading a



choir or ensemble. In the past we had an email go out to ask for a funeral choir to show up the day of the funeral. In recent months we do not have a consistent number of people showing up for funeral choirs. Sometimes we do not have enough singers or strong enough singers. We have addressed this with a new model. John and Kathy have connected by email with a group of stronger singers to see if they are available as a choir or small group. For example, the past three funerals have been all different sizes of choirs, numbers were just dependent on who showed up.

- d. A discussion followed.
- e. Lloyd asked if there was any other business, there was not.

**11. Closing -John Tiessen**

- a. Rick Froese made a motion to close the meeting, Gunnar Doerwald seconded, the motion carried.
- b. John Tiessen closed in prayer. The meeting ended at 8:25pm

Lloyd Redekopp– Church Board Chair

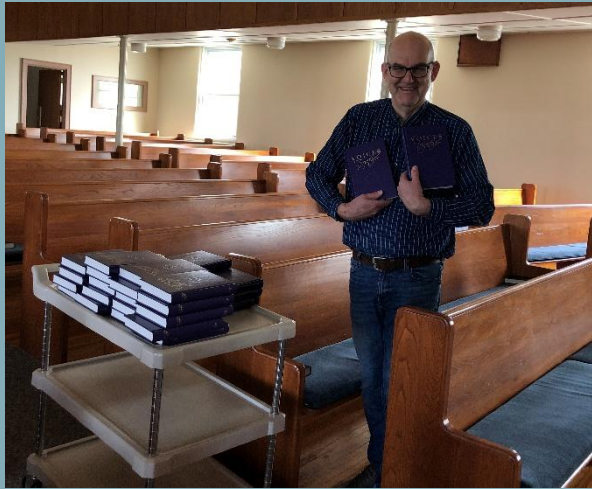
Julie Plunkett-Recording Secretary



## A Window into the Red Brick Church (Photos Page)







# Annual Reports Within the Niagara United Mennonite Church 2025

## Lead Pastor Annual Report 2025

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Paul calls on believers to give thanks *in* all circumstances. The keyword for me is “in”, and not “for.” I am not implying that my year has been filled with any extra ordinary difficulties, but rather the reminder that in all circumstances there is plenty to be thankful for. In praying with someone this week, they expressly gave thanks for this day, *for having had it* – Indeed, this is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it, as Psalm 118:24 says, which was also popularized in the hymn of similar name.

I remember, therefore, the following activities with gratitude, for the privilege of being a part of them and ability to participate with you in them.

To explore through Sunday morning preaching: Anabaptism@500, with special thanks to Harold Neufeld, Ali Neufeld and Randy Klaassen for the dramatic readings (and costumes!), and for Norm Dyck of MCEC coming to share with us. We revisited the Anabaptism@500 celebration with highlights from the Zurich Worship on Peace Sunday – celebrating the breaking down of walls with our reformation enemies and a commitment to building a new relationship in Christ. We explored how being in Christ in Colossae turned community life upside down, giving hope and new life to the believers there.

On June 1, a joint service of MCEC Niagara area churches was held at Linwell Church. Mid-service we had to prepare more communion elements – what a multitude had come! In the summer, we joined together twice to worship with Bethany once again.

Throughout the year, we said goodbye to several members and friends: Kaethe Fieguth, Emilie Pauls, Gerhard Hummel, Aran Kopp, Alex Bradnam, Justina Reimer, Anna Andres, Inge Enss, Hans Juergen Wiens, and Vic Krugel. We give thanks for their testimony of faith and trust in Jesus. I give thanks for the help from members of congregation, in supporting these member families during difficult times, whether ushering, luncheon, A/V, music, or preaching.

Renate Dau Klaassen began the Prayer Time ministry, and when she retired, Erika Froese stepped in to continue the ministry on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. In 2024, Ramona Neufeld began leadership to a second evening of prayer, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Both have continued steadfastly to lift the joys and concerns of people of the congregation during 2025. “When so many prayers are lifted up in the church family there is great comfort.” – *pray continually*.

A new tradition within the past few years, has been a Volunteer Appreciation evening in June. Just a simple way to say thank you to the many volunteers in our congregation (-the number keeps growing) who make sure the water runs, the heat comes on, A/C cools (a new one this year), our senior members receive fellowship, stories get told and scripture read and heard, bills get paid, t's are crossed and i's are dotted, communion served, sidewalks shoveled, blankets are sewn, and people greeted. A bit of good food, fellowship and quizzing with prizes – if you feel like you are missing out, there is a remedy... ;)

I am also especially grateful for our team of lay pastors and the preaching team: John, Renate, Joachim, Randy, Greg, and Ramona. For their wisdom and love for the Lord Jesus and this community, and words and actions that demonstrate both.

MCC Gift Catalogue Challenge was also a lot of fun because of your participation. Thanks to those who helped with the idea, put the nativity scene together, and Dick and Marlene for the well with running water. Thank you all for your donation (over \$11k) to bringing water and the Living Water to others in the world!

Thanks, must also go to Rachael and Julie, gifted in many ways, and always ready and enthusiastic to help and serve the congregation and myself. Your contributions are invaluable!

In my previous year's report, I had named a goal for the 2025 year to focus on and give more attention to pastoral care and visitation. I believe I have grown in this area over this past year, but I would like to continue to pursue further in the coming year.

Lastly, I thank God, in whom all things hold together, who has reconciled us in Christ to transform our hearts and minds towards him and in him. May he do in me and you abundantly more than either of us can imagine.

*Submitted by Daniel Janzen, Lead Pastor*

## Church Board Executive Annual Report 2025

I would like to thank everyone involved within the Church for volunteering their time, resources and efforts in fostering the community that we worship in. We at times focus heavily on finding “more volunteers” but forget how many of you give of yourselves already. The church thrives and exists because of its membership, and we give thanks for this. If you feel so led, please do not hesitate to contact anyone in leadership and have a discussion on how your talents can forward the goals of our congregation.

This year we were challenged on revising our “Constitution” to meet the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act [ONCA]. Due to our size, we needed an audit, which was brand new to our organization. The Executive met with outside legal counsel and brought back to the Board a draft revision of the constitution. We then proceeded with two meetings with membership where it ultimately passed unanimously. What seemed like daunting boring tasks were supported by the congregation and we can now meet our compliance and move forward.

Financially we approved a budget of \$ 398,600.00 for 2025. Our expenses were slightly lower than expected, giving us a surplus of \$ 13,000.00. From experience it always is challenging in November when we look at the numbers and anticipate a deficit. With great thanks, I am amazed how you support the church financially and we end up meeting “budget” year over year.

The Church has many financial avenues on how we can move forward. We have a Reserve Fund of \$121,748 and a Capital Fund of \$ 68,974. The Church also has a Bequest and General Fund of \$ 304,749. I see the Capital, Bequest and General Fund totals of \$373,000 as assets that we can use for furthering the work of the Church. We have prioritized two capital projects of “Sound,” and “Comfort” which we have researched in 2025. Our goal is to move forward on these in 2026.

A challenge would be identifying a “Ministry Project” that the Church can support from a congregational perspective, using the assets that we have been given, to further the work of the Church in our community. We look for suggestions from you.

We look to “Worship and Focus on our Mission of being Servants of Christ in our Community.” Your active involvement is appreciated.

*Submitted by Lloyd Redekopp, NUMC Executive*



## Worship Ministry Annual Report 2025

At our Candlelight Service reception in the gym this past Christmas, someone commented with delightful surprise to the leadership team: “You had *five* pianists play in the concert!!” It was a great reminder that for a church our size, we have deep investment from not only our pianists, but volunteers across a wide spectrum of roles.

We have dedication from an exceptional team of leaders, singers, instrumentalists, readers, individuals who share children’s stories, and AV technicians. In the foyer on Sunday morning, we have a robust team welcoming our community in through ushering, the Welcome Centre, and the Coffee Centre. We have a very gifted worship leading team, and not one, but six lay preachers within our community who shared messages in 2025.

On top of our dedicated Sunday morning team, we were able to bring in a guest speaker, along with musicians from Westview Christian Fellowship, Chorus Niagara, the Shaw Festival, and local community members too.

All of these individuals contribute to making our Sunday morning experience what it is and the Worship Committee is deeply grateful to the entire Sunday morning team who contribute their skills, talents, and time week after week, month after month, and year after year.

Some of the service highlights for 2025 include:

1. April 18 - Good Friday
2. April 20 - Easter Sunday
3. April 27 - Celebration of Voices Together new hymnal
4. June 1 - Joint MCEC Service at Linwell Church
5. June 22 - Brunch service in the gym
6. September 21 - Tree Planting Service to commemorate the German worship ministry
7. October 5 - Contemplative service
8. November 9 - Peace Sunday service with incorporation of the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism service in Zurich
9. November 23 - Eternity Sunday
10. December 21 - Candlelight Service

Notably in the spring of 2025, we purchased the pew edition of Voices Together, the new Mennonite hymnal released in 2020. While we’ve been enjoying old favourites and learning new music, we also held five learning sessions to introduce the congregation to Voices Together in the Fall of 2025. Participants learned about the creation of the collection, and sampled music from across a wide variety of genres and centuries.

This Christmas, our Candlelight Service saw a 34% growth in attendance, on top of the previous year's growth of 40%. We are delighted to be able to welcome so many community members in to share the message of Christmas.

Overall, our attendance from 2023-2024 had a 0% change. This year, the overall Sunday morning attendance shows a 1% increase, which means that our attendance has held steady for the last two years. Here is the breakdown of statistics for the seasons in 2025 when compared to 2024:

Season	2024 Average Attendance	2025 Average Attendance	Percentage Change
January - March season	113	106	- 6%
April - June season	125	119	- 5%
July - August season	82	92	+ 12%
September - December season	115	116	+ 1%
Overall Average for the Year	109	109	+ 1%

When breaking down some of the special services in the year, attendance held steady for the most part, with a few services showing a notable increase in attendance:

Service	2024	2025	Percentage Change
Palm Sunday	151	153	+ 1%
Good Friday	167	152	- 9%
Easter	182	195	+ 7%
Brunch Service	117	120	+ 3%
Thanksgiving	103	114	+ 11%
Christmas Day	87	135	+ 55%

Service	2024	2025	Percentage Change
Candlelight	327	438	+ 34%
Averages			+ 15%

In 2026, we are looking forward to continuing to explore Voices Together. We are also anticipating the arrival of a new sound system which will enhance the auditory experience on Sunday morning, along with the quality of our live stream.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Rachael Peters and Kathy Rempel, Chair of Worship Committee

*Submitted by Kathy Rempel, Worship Committee chair.*

## Spiritual Life Ministry Annual Report 2025

Over the past year this ministry team has been in a somewhat unique position in that we do not really have much in the way of prescribed projects or programs to take care of. Most of what exists tends to run itself quite well leaving us with the question as to what we should do.

The Spiritual Life Ministry team consisting of Daniel Janzen, Linda Friesen, and Joachim Dau, has worked hard at trying to build a vision as to where we as NUMC would like to go and what we would like to do. We have, of course, worked on bringing the communion services to you. The Christmas visitation effort was planned and delivered.

So, what now? We are also working on how to move the church forward in a time of demographic change in our community. What is the real future of Niagara United Mennonite Church? It is easy to become pessimistic when considering this, but I'd like to think that this attitude is premature and that God's plan is much bigger than we can imagine.

Remember the Lotto 649 advertisement; "How big can you dream"?

What are your dreams for NUMC?

What would you like to see?

What would you like to do?

If you have any ideas for progress at NUMC, please do let us know. The SLM team covets your prayers as we attempt to chart a course for NUMC. May God grant us the courage to look ahead in hope.

*Submitted by Joachim Dau, SLM Chair*

## Engagement Ministry Annual Report 2025

Jesus Answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32)

### **Mission**

The Engagement Ministry is tasked with helping the church engage within itself and with the community at large around us. This is a mission that Jesus spoke to when he gathered up his disciples. But it was also the mission he engaged in whenever he sat down with the tax collectors, the lady at the well, the little children, and anyone else who may have felt outside the fold. This is exactly why we are working toward this same mission within our church.

### **The Prayer**

This past year, I felt that I was given a prayer for our church. This prayer was to look toward the future, but also to recognize the past. The prayer is as follows:

*Father in heaven, we ask that you send to us those people in our community who would benefit from being a part of this community, if you feel that they would be ministered to by our community. And when you do send them, please open our eyes, ears, hearts and souls that we may be the blessing to them you have called us to be.*

*Also, please send to us those people whom we need to hear from. And when you send them, please open our eyes, ears, hearts and souls to them that we may hear what you have given them to say.*

### **The Result**

In many ways this prayer has already been answered. The new mothers in MomCo who have joined that community has been substantial, but there are more new mothers out there who need to be blessed by such a gathering. So, this prayer holds for those new mothers as well.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers who do the babysitting. We are thankful to the ladies who started this mission and to Ellery and Rachael for taking it on and moving it forward. This prayer has been answered by those people who are new to our worship services. We are so thankful for those new attendees who have felt called to be among us.

We have also seen this prayer answered by new members of the choir, and the way that the quilting group has expanded and the continuing efforts of the Day for Girls group.



We are also thankful that our Home Church group is meeting the needs of those who are not regularly a part of our church. Also, the women who meet monthly at Husky House are a community to those beyond our congregation.

God is doing amazing things within our congregation, and He gave us this prayer so that we could be reminded of how much He is already doing.

### **The Call**

But there is more that can be done. There are more ways in which we, as a church community, can be a blessing to ourselves and to the community around us, and we have already shown that they work.

MomCo has grown because the leaders have invited friends to join. We have new teachers, and new students in RBK, because a leader asked her friends to bring their children. Days for Girls came in because when asked, we said “yes.” The Syriac church has a place to worship because when asked, we said “yes.” None of these are big. Each one is the result of a small conversation, followed up with action.

So, we are thankful for what God has done in this past year. We are thankful for the courage that was shown to have the small conversations. We are thankful for the way God has called new people to join us in our worship services. We are grateful for the energy that has been put forward by young and old alike to ensure that the conversations were backed up with action.

Therefore, we need to keep praying. We need to keep seeing. But most of all, we need to recognize that God is at work among us, and delights in the service that we provide in His name.

*Submitted by John Tiessen on behalf of the Engagement Ministry Team*

## MomCo. Ministry Annual Report 2025

### Overview...

2025 has been a busy and exciting year at MomCo. In the first half of the year, we wrapped up our “Wild Hope” theme. We had a summer hiatus before returning in the fall of 2025 with our new 2025/2026 theme called “Make It Awkward.”

A typical MomCo gathering runs from 9:30-11:30 am every other Wednesday. We follow the curriculum provided by The MomCo International program which offers high quality, relevant content (hands-on activities, devotionals, videos, and questions) that generates thought-provoking and meaningful conversations around topics like marriage, health, seeking help, parenting, and strengthening relationships.

### Attendance...

Many MomCo chapters find their attendance dips in the winter months, and we were no exception through the winter of 2025. That said, we ended the spring season strong with a special brunch event for the group. The fall season held a consistent attendance around 12 moms which pulls from a list of about 20 participants in total. This is a very similar ratio to the previous year, though the faces have changed over time as MomCo continues to have an innately transient nature. Participants join us for their parental leaves and often return to work 12-18 months later. That said, it has been wonderful to see authentic connections form at MomCo. We are thrilled to see and hear about these relationships extending beyond our Wednesday morning gatherings too.

### Childcare...

Each year our childcare needs vary. This fall, our participants had more pre-school age children than the year before, so we added three new volunteers for a total of 10 volunteers on our childcare team. There are two to four volunteers needed at each gathering, depending on how many children attend. We are so very grateful to the dedicated team who make child-free gatherings possible. It’s a huge draw for participants.

### Prayer...

We invite you to keep the participants, the leadership team, and the childcare team of MomCo in your prayers. We see God working through this hands-on ministry, providing real support and relief to individuals who attend.

If you know of a young mom who is looking for community, we encourage you to tell them about MomCo or send us their contact information. We would love to see this ministry continue and grow.

*Submitted by Rachael Peters and Ellery Rauwerda*

## Red Brick Kids Annual Report 2025

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16)

### Mission

The Education Ministry is tasked with helping the church community to become familiar with the scriptures and to help us to understand how to integrate them into our daily living. This can be through direct education and by providing materials that people can read on their own.

### The Work

This past year the Education Ministry has focused its efforts on two primary areas. The first is the Red Brick Kids program. We have been blessed with teachers who are dedicating their time to preparing for and then delivering lessons to the children. In the first half of the year our program met the needs of children from Kindergarten through Grade 5. In the second half of the year, we expanded that to meet the needs up to Grade 8. We have been blessed with the children who are playing their part in the education process. We are also thankful for those who are offering their time to do the Children’s Moment during the worship service. It is a privilege to bring the word of God to the children. It is our hope and prayer that by doing so, these children will be ready to give their lives over to Jesus when they are ready to make that decision. We are also thankful that RBK gives the children the chance to grow their faith through song, which means having leaders who will guide the children in expressing their faith in this manner as well.

The second area of the Education Ministry is the library. We are blessed with a large array of reading materials. There are biographies, fictional stories, commentaries, devotional materials and so much more. If you are looking for something, there is a very good chance you will find it in our library. Once again, we are very thankful for those who have donated so much of their time to this endeavour.

### The Call

As you can see from this report, there is a great deal of effort put into the children, but we are lacking in the adult area. We are thankful for some of the personal efforts being put forth. We are thankful for the movie nights that have been put on. This is a great way of learning how God is working in our midst.

But we need to be doing more in this area. However, such an effort requires leaders. These leaders do not need to have a degree or even extensive knowledge, just a willingness to offer up their time to walk with others in learning what God has for us through His son Jesus and His Holy Spirit. If you have time and are looking for a place to learn more about what God is doing in our midst, then please let us know. It does not matter if you want to be

a leader, or a participant, just let us know. If we find that there is interest, then we will work to make it happen.

We also ask that you keep this ministry in your prayers. Education is a personal and a corporate activity. Learning on your own and devoting your time to study is very important. It gives you time with God that is crucial for our relationship with Him. But it is just as important to spend time studying God's word together. So, please pray for leaders and participants in this important activity.

May God grant us the time, the resources and the participants to make all this happen.

John Tiessen

On behalf of the Education Ministry team

*Submitted by John Tiessen*

## Library Annual Report 2025

### LIBRARY

### ANNUAL REPORT 2025

**Who we are:**

Giesela Neufeld

Debbie Fast

Joannie Penner

**Reflections:**

We continue to add to our shelves to serve our dedicated library users. We are encouraged to see some new faces starting to come in to borrow books. We encourage others to come in & explore our library shelves as we do have something for everyone. Should you like some suggestions on some good reads we can gladly give you many. As we've done in the past we purged our non-fiction section to remove books that were not being borrowed.

### Current Stock

**4445 Books****183 CD/DVDs**

	2024		2025	
	Books	Video/DVD	Books	Video/DVD
Circulation	516	18	444	3
Additions	48	0	53	0
Withdrawals	1	0	566	0

Submitted by Debbie Fast



## Service Ministry and Missions Committee Annual Report 2025

### MISSION BUDGET & PROGRAM UPDATES

	2024		2025		
<b>Funding</b>					
Mission Budget	\$ 10,000		\$ 17,500		
Donations			\$ 1,200		
MDS funding					
Funds available	\$ 10,000		\$ 18,700		
<b>Local ongoing</b>					
United Mennonite Home (Vineland)	2000	20%			See note 4
Westview Christian Fellowship budget	5000	50%			See note 3
<b>Local focus</b>					
Caribbean Offshore Workers	500	5%			
HUB			\$ 500	3%	See note 6
Habitat for Humanity					
Hospice Niagara	500	5%	\$ 1,000	5%	
Red Roof	500	5%	\$ 1,000	5%	
Newark Neighbors			\$ -		See note 1
Niagara Life Centre	500	5%	\$ 1,000		
Pleasant Manor			\$ 1,000		See note 5
Sub total	\$ 9,000	90%	\$ 4,500	24%	
<b>Outward focused</b>					
Days for Girls	500	5%	\$ 500	3%	

FIDA - productive cooperatives Haiti	500	5%	\$ 7,500	40%	see note 2
Sub total	\$ 1,000	10%	\$ 8,000	43%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 12,500</b>	<b>67%</b>	

### Notes 2025

- 1) Newark Neighbors - March 4 pancake supper raised \$1,200
- 2) NUMC provided \$10,000 for a special FIDA project; Mission budget \$7,500
- 3) Under review
- 4) Under review
- 5) In support of Pleasant Manor Women's Auxiliary.
- 6) HUB - Jamaican hurricane relief support - solar lamps

*Submitted by Bill Devolin, Service Ministry Chair*

## **FIDA**

A core objective of FIDA and PcH (the local Haitian arm of FIDA) is to fund and support local cooperatives in efforts to assist Haitians achieve self-sufficiency.

In 2025, NUMC partnered with FIDA to fund a **new project** in Haiti in support of their ongoing efforts. This new project focuses on supporting rural women and their families.

Some background on the local situation and this project:

### **Local situation:**

To support themselves, many rural women work as agricultural workers in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural produce. Within the home, they look after children, prepare food, care for family members using traditional medicine and carry out household chores. They travel long distances for hours at a time to carry water and collect firewood. Despite their many responsibilities, women have less access to the resources and services they need to increase their productivity and income. In rural communities, women are marginalized by their lack of education, and inequalities in gender rights.

### **New project**

This new project will work with the Coopérative Agricole Achat & Vente de Café (COOPAAVEC) which is a community of 150 members (70 women/60 men) to develop a coffee processing operation. This operation will enable the co-op members to better support their families and achieve their much-needed self-sufficiency.

## **PLEASANT MANOR WOMEN’S AUXILIARY**

Submitted by: Pleasant Manor Women’s Auxiliary

The auxiliary has 2 big fundraisers a year at Pleasant Manor for Easter and Christmas.

From these we raise enough money to support Long Term Care Heritage with learning activities and supplies needed to aid the Montessori concepts. This concept is very advantageous for the residents with many kinds of dementia. It keeps them working their memory and keeps them busy with something they may be familiar with. We also occasionally purchase items for decorating the home around various yearly themes. Plus, we have purchased several benches that you’ll see outside around the home.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who come out to bake and organize the fundraisers. It is a community event, and it brings people together. We do have fun!

## **Days for Girls**

Submitted by: Days for Girls

Days for Girls' mission is to increase access to menstrual care and education for women, girls and communities all over the world. One way to do that is by providing washable menstrual hygiene kits. Our team of volunteers is one of many who meet regularly to make these kits from scratch. When we make a substantial number of kits, we ensure they are sent somewhere where they are needed, sometimes through World Vision.

We are truly blessed to be allowed to use the space at NUMC so that when we meet, we can get straight to work and know that all of our supplies and equipment are safe.

## **HUB**

Submitted by: Hub

When Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica in late October, the entire island was plunged into complete darkness. As of January 16, 2026, large portions of the island are still without electricity. We've heard from friends on the farm that it could be as late as April before power is fully restored.

When Niagara United Mennonite Church learned about our efforts to collect solar-powered lanterns to send to Jamaica with farmworkers who were still in Niagara-on-the-Lake, their response was about far more than a donation. NUMC approached us not only with a contact at a solar lantern company (Solight), but with an arrangement that allowed us to purchase the lanterns at cost.

We worked with Solight, to purchase the lanterns and ensured they were shipped to the Hub in time to travel back to Jamaica with the very people who would need them most. Solight went above and beyond, generously upgrading the lanterns they provided.

One man has shared how difficult it was for his family to be surrounded by complete darkness as soon as the sun went down. He told us that the lanterns became a tremendous source of comfort for him and his loved ones.

These lanterns were not used for just a day or two, or even a few weeks. More than two and a half months later, they are still being used daily. The lanterns themselves may be small, but their impact has been mighty. Thank you to Niagara United Mennonite Church for donating the funds that were able to purchase 44 Solight lanterns, in turn, providing the gift of light to 44 different households in Jamaica. The households of men who live and work in our community most of the year, and who are so grateful for your support.

## **MDS**

Submitted by Erv Willms

Being retired and somewhat free of heavy responsibilities here at home (other than our sheep, chickens, dogs and grape farm, – thanks Rebecca and Eric for looking after them), Esther and I are able to volunteer in a long-term leadership role at MDS, Mennonite Disaster Service. In 2025 we served as lead cook (Esther) and crew leader (Erv) in Amory Mississippi for the month of February, and then as lead cook (Esther) and Project Director (Erv) in November/December at Asheville North Carolina. Here is an abbreviated story from our time in Asheville. (If you'd like the full story let us know and we'll send it over).

Marissa is the 49-year-old owner of a 1920's built (by her great grandmother), house on a back road up a holler (a term used in Appalachia for a narrow-secluded valley). After hurricane Helene struck in September of 2024, her house was severely damaged, and she was looking for help. She filled out her application as follows. It was now November of 2025, well over a year later and she was living in the following conditions, with no hope in sight.

After hurricane Helene my house has the following issues. The roof has received several punctures from limbs and hail. My gutters were torn off broken. The roof has been leaking in several areas throughout the home. The foundation of the home has sunken all throughout the home causing unlevel floors, bowing ceilings. My bathroom the floors are soft in front of bathtub and around toilet. The toilet is leaning to the side starting to go through the floor. And leaking around the bottom. My shower surrounds are coming loose, and water has gotten behind causing water damage and mold. The drywall on the ceiling is cracking and trying to fall in due to the roof leak above the shower. The back bedroom floor has fell in due to water going under the house. I believe the walls at the exterior around the bottom have rotted due to water. The subfloor in the back bedroom has collapsed along outside walls. My porch is rippling and is soft in places. The biggest issues are the foundation which caused most of the issues. Water flowing under the house from Helene caused water damage under home mostly in the back. The floors are soft along back of the house in each room a foot or two from back wall in. My chimney is loose (metal piping) at the top of the roof from house shifting and water gets down in beside it (note from Erv – her fireplace was her source of heat there is no central heating or A/C). My outer bedroom wall is leaning causing the boards on the wall in the middle to pop out. The back corner bedroom and the bathroom are the worst rooms in the house. The driveway outside is dirt packed over a concrete culvert. The flooding washed away the dirt on each side, and the cross ties are busted/busting out on each side. Now every time it rains more and more dirt gets washed away. Thank you for all you do!

We inspected the house and decided that Marissa was lucky she lived up a holler and no storm inspector saw it or she would have been forced to move out. That week we happened to have 2 guys, both in their 70s (they were weekly volunteers – one had been doing MDS since 1979 and he invited his brother-in-law a 1<sup>st</sup> time MDSer - after this I think he'll come back) who knew how to fix this sort of foundation issue.

Using \$8000 from a local church, \$8000 from American Red Cross, and about 100 man days of MDS labour, we gave Marissa her house back.

We were able to supply a new roof, new foundation, new front porch deck and joists, new bathroom (EVERYTHING), new kitchen floor, new bedroom joists and floors, new chimney, smoke alarms, and a 6" totally gravel covered weeping tile (sometimes called French drain) around the foundation to prevent future foundation issues. It took 3 weeks and we finished up just before Christmas.

When we started the yard and house were a mess. I'm sure Marissa saw her situation as hopeless and knew not where to start. As soon as MDS started work Marissa found hope and energy and got to work. The yard was restored, refuge was burned, the front porch was decluttered, and the house interior was completely cleaned up and prepared for Christmas complete with a tree and Christmas trimmings.

Marissa enjoying a fire again. Merry Christmas Marissa!



## **Bridge of Hope**

Submitted by Greta Wiens

When I was asked to write this report right after Pastor Daniel's first sermon on "the Black church tradition," I thought that was very appropriate because this is the first time I have been involved in sponsoring newcomers from Africa. However, the fact is that these latest sponsorships by Bridge of Hope are not that different from any other sponsorships I have been involved in. There are the same jobs and the same joys, the same successes and the same petty irritations. Maybe I could say that there is one advantage: these families, who spent years in refugee camp limbo in Uganda, speak English already.

Nevertheless, in the long waiting period before they arrived, I sometimes wondered if they would encounter racism here in Canada, and how our sponsoring group would be able to interact with them in a non-racist, non-colonialist way while helping them to acculturate to a largely white and European-influenced culture, specifically in St. Catharines. So far so good, I think, but here is a little example of the newcomer experience as I heard it told:



One of the newcomer women was shown how to use the bus to get to her eye doctor, and then given instructions to practice this on her own before the day of her actual appointment. The bus part went fine, but when she had to walk a block or so to the office, she missed the turn into a side street and ended up walking for miles down one of the city's major thoroughfares. She finally met a Nigerian woman, whom she asked for directions ... Why a Nigerian woman? Why not any other person who might have been standing at a light or at a bus stop or exiting a shop along the way?

This reminded me of when I lived in Japan. If I saw a Caucasian "gaijin" (foreigner) I would always want to know where they came from and what they were doing there, but when I was in the subway and an Indonesian woman spoke to me in perfect English, I was surprised because I hadn't noticed that she was non-Japanese. If we are in an unfamiliar situation, we do tend to look for "people like us" before we approach and interact with those whose appearance provides less assurance of familiarity.

Anyway, during Pastor Daniel's sermon, I happened to wonder what the Bridge of Hope newcomers would think about it. The "Black" tradition, evidenced by its very title, is a North American construct.

The dark-skinned people coming here from Africa think of themselves as Sudanese, South Sudanese, Ugandans, Nigerians, Congolese, etc.; as members of specific tribes or speakers of distinct languages; as Christian or Muslim. "Black" isn't their first identity or even any consideration at all, just as most of us don't think of ourselves as "white" but maybe Mennonite, or German, or Italian, or just plain Canadian, right?

What I still worry could happen is that, once the excitement of starting a new life in Canada wears off (as the winter months drag on), and especially when the reality of having to succeed at school and get a job sinks in, there may be occasions when prejudice and discrimination come up as limiting factors. To counteract that possibility, the Bridge of Hope settlement teams have to work hard to give these newcomers every possible advantage and encouragement.

In the overall scheme of things, we know that God loves and will take care of them (these families from South Sudan are Christian, too). Considering the millions of refugees in the world, and the tiny percentage that have even the tiniest hope of being resettled in a country like ours, they are already immensely blessed – and we are privileged to walk a part of their life's journey with them.

Bridge of Hope is made up of members from various Christian churches as well as the St. Catharines mosque. It is not yet a registered charity in its own right, but donations can be receipted through Niagara U.M. Church. If you are interested in attending a meeting (usually held at Grace Mennonite, because it is centrally located and wheelchair accessible), please just ask me about it. You would feel right at home.

## Women in Service Annual Report 2025

**Chair:** Hedy Kopeschny

**Secretary/treasurer:** Lucy Harder

**Our Motto:** *Matthew 25:40: "Verily I say unto you, in as much as you have done it to one of the least of my brothers you have done it unto me."*

Our Women in Service meetings start in October and go to April, with a short break at Christmas. We meet every Tuesday from 9:00a.m. - 12:00a.m. with a short devotional, business meeting and refreshments every other week. This year a number of new members have joined the group, and we are truly an intergenerational group. Also, many ladies from other churches have joined and are enjoying the fellowship and work. Our attendance has grown to about 15-25 members who come out faithfully to tie blankets for MCC. Some ladies also sew blankets at home and take the blankets that are tied at church home to be seamed. A collection is taken and the funds go toward the purchase of materials. From January to December 2025, we were able to send 279 blankets to MCC for relief work.

New members are always welcome!

### **Financial Report:**

<b>Opening Balance as of Jan. 1/25</b>	<b>\$814.63</b>
Donations Received	4660.45
Materials Purchased Expenses	2806.80
<b>Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$2668.28</b>

*Submitted by Lucy Harder (On behalf of Women in Service)*

## Helping Hands Annual Report 2025

In 2025 Helping Hands were instrumental in putting together a meal and a time of fellowship for the families of 8 church members. Our goal and hope is that this time of gathering is a comfort to the grieving families.

We are thankful for any donations that are received that allow us to purchase things that need replacement in the kitchen from time to time. This year we hope to buy a few more rectangular tables.

A big thank you to our faithful helpers that come to set the tables, plate the food, serve the coffee, tea and stay to clean everything up afterwards, including washing the tablecloths. Many hands are needed to keep things working smoothly. If you can help occasionally for a few hours, please let us know.

*Submitted by Esther Willms and Ann Marie Neustaedter, Helping Hands Co-Coordinator.*

## Serving Committee Annual Report 2025

The Serving Committee continued to assist our congregation at the following functions in 2025:

- February 27, refreshments at the Annual General Meeting,
- March 4, Pancake supper
- June 22, Brunch Service
- December 21, refreshments following the Candlelight Service.

Every year the kitchen gets inspected by the Public Health Department, and once again we passed the inspection with a clear record.

The committee members are as follows:

- Hilda Kroeker
- Karen Wiens
- Laurene Nickel
- Gabi Donia
- Sigrid Wiens

Depending on the size of the function, or if members of the committee are not always available, we are always thankful for other members of the congregation who willingly jump in to help us out. Thank you. This year we were again so grateful to those who provided the many wonderful baked goods for the refreshments following the candlelight service. We couldn't have done this without your help.

*Submitted by Sigrid Wiens, Serving Committee Chair*

## Facilities Ministry Annual Report 2025

In 2025 our spending on maintenance was similar to 2024 and on budget at \$17,300.

This year our fire system was our largest expenditure at \$3400, which included some repairs, as well as yearly mandatory fire system testing by outside contractors. Next up was snow removal at \$2300 which we've been able to keep down from historical highs, by limiting the use of salt on the parking lot. Our custodial staff does shovel and salt the sidewalks and entrances.

Our sanctuary and Sunday School wing heating systems are still in good shape according to our maintenance contractor Castle Plumbing and Heating. It is a substantial system, that does require repairs as individual components fail. Most of these repairs have been made by Dick Heidebrecht who continues, in retirement to hold onto his various certifications, for this type of work.

### Various projects

1. It came to light this year, that TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority is Ontario's public safety regulator of Elevating and Amusement Device, Ski Lifts, Fuels, Boilers and Pressure Vessels and Operating Engineers) requirements for steam boilers have changed, and our Sanctuary heating which is a steam boiler needed to be certified. TSSA came and inspected it and passed the installation. We should be receiving our certificate in the next weeks.
2. Through the generous donations of air conditioning equipment by Enns Tires, a cooling experiment was conducted this summer, using residential style window air conditioners in the foyer and the sanctuary. It was considered successful as the temperatures inside were very reasonable even during the hottest weekends in summer. We still have the A/C units and may use them again this coming year OR implement a more permanent solution to summer heat.
3. Windows have been added to various interior doors by David Peters, and Ron Baergen, allowing us to removed lock sets making it more convenient to access these rooms (both kitchens and the prayer room).
4. The parking lot pavement was checked by paving contractors and deemed to be in good condition (some minor repairs were made). Pavement markings were then refreshed.
5. Various repairs were made to our rental property (thanks Dick Heidebrecht) and a new lease was signed with our tenant.
6. All the washrooms have been fitted with grab bars (thanks Ron Baergen).
7. The gym chairs (fabric covered) were found to require cleaning. A furniture shampoo machine was rented, and an intrepid crew of furniture cleaners were hired to get those chairs back into shape. Payment was having their picture included in the annual report.



8. Our flat roofs were last resurfaced in 1995. They were inspected by 2 roofing contractors and quotes have been received for complete reroofing. This is a bit of a complex task as roofing systems for flat roofs have changed over the years. As well the solar panels will need to be removed and then returned before and after the resurfacing process. In the meantime, a leak in the NOTL side, stair well, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, became significant enough to warrant immediate repairs. This leak was found and patched in late fall. Complete roof replacement will need to be scheduled for 2026 or more likely 2027.
9. New testing of our exit lights revealed the need to replace their batteries. Over the course of 2024 and 2025, all the batteries have been replaced. (the fire code dictates that the battery must last 30 minutes with no 120VAC).
10. Our sanctuary windows were installed in the late 1980s. The supplier AC Vinyl in Niagara Falls inspected them and recommended some repairs (the windows are actually in good shape showing no signs of moisture between panes). A local contractor was hired who installed new balance rods, lubricated the slides and glued the frames where needed. These windows should be good for many years.
11. The gym was repainted by Henry Bergen and Peter Dirks.
12. We welcome 2 new members to our maintenance department. Tom Janzen and David Peters, volunteered to help. Thanks gentlemen.
13. Our flower beds continue to look lovely thanks to a great spring cleanup and then later in the season, some timely weeding by Tina Runge. Thanks!

We have an awesome building and yard that is in a very good state of repair, thanks to all the hard work of staff and volunteers.

*Submitted by Facilities Chair: Erwin (Erv) Willms*

## 2025 Annual Reports: Our Community

This page will be updated with links to annual reports within our MC Canada and wider Mennonite Church family, once they are published and available.

Please use the links below to access the following reports. If you would like paper copies of these annual reports, please contact the church office.

- Mennonite Church Canada
- Mennonite Church Eastern Canada



## 2025 Year-End Unaudited Financial Statements

### Helping Hands

<b>Helping Hands</b>		
<b><u>2025 Year-end Report</u></b>		
<b>Balance December 31, 2024</b>		<b>2,460.42</b>
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
<i>Add – 2025 Donations (8 funerals)</i>		<u>3,191.19</u>
		5,651.61
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
Bank Fees	21.60	
Flowers for Funerals	195.85	
Kitchen Supplies	<u>29.57</u>	
<i>Subtract - Total Expenses</i>	247.02	- <u>247.02</u>
<b>Balance December 31, 2025</b>		<b><u>5,404.59</u></b>

Helping hands has a separate Bank Account and financial records which they maintain.

Submitted By Ann Marie Neustaedter

## 2025 Year-End Financial Summary

**NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2025

Each year our church family and friends continue to support our programs, financially, by sending their donations in by mail, electronic funds transfer, direct deposit, and various other avenues of giving.

Last year at our annual meeting an expense budget of \$398,600 was tabled and accepted by the membership. Our actual expenses came in lower at \$388,554, and with actual budget receipts of \$402,116, we ended with a surplus of \$13,562.

The church board continues to discuss a wish list of capital items that need financial attention, not necessarily covered in our annual expense budget. These expenses will be covered by our capital fund and other surpluses that we have available.

The proposed budget (expense estimate) for 2026 is \$405,075 (\$398,600-2025). This represents an increase of 1.62%.

There have been legislative changes in how nonprofit and charitable organizations need to report their financial results. Charitable organizations that have receipts of greater than \$500,000 are required to have an independent public accountant prepare their financial statements. This started in 2024 and the cost is included in our budgeting. As such, we no longer require an internal auditing committee to review the financial statements.

On behalf of our church leadership, thank you for your faithful and generous giving throughout the past year.

Robert Neufeld  
Treasurer

*Submitted by Robert Neufeld, NUMC Treasurer*

## Balance Sheet

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash and deposits	\$ 514,448.83	\$ 483,294.18
<b>CAPITAL, property, buildings and equipment</b>		
Caretaker's House	35,484.27	35,484.27
Kitchen	45,484.23	45,484.23
Land, Church, Foyer, Furniture	848,478.12	848,478.12
Roof -2019	91,602.35	91,602.35
Parking Lot	237,780.48	237,780.48
Ramp	46,357.28	46,357.28
Sunday School/Addition & Auditorium	138,652.39	138,652.39
Appraisal Increase (2024)	7,048,297.11	7,048,297.11
	8,492,136.23	8,492,136.23
	<u>\$ 9,006,585.06</u>	<u>\$ 8,975,430.41</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Unrestricted Bequest Fund	\$ 237,952.41	\$ 224,818.28
Unrestricted General fund	66,797.10	60,400.00
Deacons/Caregiver Fund	10,557.72	7,164.88
Student Aid Fund	5,119.43	5,119.43
Women in Service Fund	2,668.28	814.63
MCC School Kits Project Fund	631.06	7,802.45
	323,726.00	306,119.67
<b>MEMBERSHIP EQUITY</b>		
Operating Fund	121,748.61	110,685.96
Capital Fund	68,974.22	66,488.55
Property & Equipment	8,492,136.23	8,492,136.23
Members' Equity	8,682,859.06	8,669,310.74
	<u>\$ 9,006,585.06</u>	<u>\$ 8,975,430.41</u>

## Receipts and Disbursements

### Niagara United Mennonite Church

#### *Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Combined for all Funds)*

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Budget	\$ 355,609.47	\$ 381,918.57
Outside Missions and Other Charities	91,083.98	45,745.00
Investment Income	48,973.04	14,899.72
House Rent, net of expenses	12,350.92	12,089.01
MCC School Kits Project	7,425.00	11,265.00
HST Rebates	7,303.00	6,162.37
Church Facility Rental	7,280.00	5,985.00
Solar Income	6,071.59	6,173.82
Women in Service	4,660.45	1,772.00
Deacons/Caregiver Fund	3,900.00	700.00
Capital Projects Fund	3,054.00	-
Missions & Service	1,201.00	-
Red Brick Kids	500.00	-
Worship and Music	77.70	-
Other donations (undesignated)	-	60,400.00
MomCo	-	1,000.00
Helping Hand	-	500.00
Library	-	100.00
<b>Total Receipts, for the year</b>	<b>\$ 549,490.15</b>	<b>\$ 548,710.49</b>

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Combined for all Funds)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>Total Receipts, from previous page</b>	<b>\$ 549,490.15</b>	<b>\$ 548,710.49</b>
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
Budget	388,554.02	357,309.51
MCC School Kits Project	14,596.39	3,890.93
Bequest Fund	10,676.87	8,254.22
Capital Projects	7,610.28	2,622.70
Women in Service	2,806.80	1,935.47
FIDA	2,500.00	-
Deacons/Caregiver Fund	507.16	170.00
Helping Hands	-	500.00
	<b>427,251.52</b>	<b>374,682.83</b>
<b><u>Missions</u></b>		
MCC General Donations	24,388.50	24,635.00
MCC Food, Water, Education, and Disaster Relief	23,924.00	1,040.00
MCC Grow Hope Niagara	12,210.78	-
MCC Christmas Gift Project Fundraiser	11,156.65	-
MCC Ukraine Emergency Response	6,565.00	1,600.00
Christian Witness	4,350.00	5,850.00
MCC Middle East Conflict	2,650.00	2,000.00
Newark Neighbours	1,874.05	300.00
Bridge of Hope - Refugee Sponsorship	1,340.00	1,370.00
Westview Christian Fellowship	500.00	550.00
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold	500.00	-
Red Roof Retreat	500.00	-
New Hamburg Relief Sale	400.00	5,000.00
Friends of Mennonite Centre Ukraine	275.00	500.00
Mennonite Disaster Service - MDS	250.00	-
Westview Centre 4 Women	200.00	2,500.00
MCC Philippines	-	400.00
	<b>91,083.98</b>	<b>45,745.00</b>
<b>Total Disbursements, for the year</b>	<b>518,335.50</b>	<b>420,427.83</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 31,154.65</b>	<b>\$ 128,282.66</b>
<b>Bank Balance as at January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 483,294.18</b>	<b>\$ 355,011.52</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<b>31,154.65</b>	<b>128,282.66</b>
<b>Bank Balance as at December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 514,448.83</b>	<b>\$ 483,294.18</b>



## Revenue and Expenses

### NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH Statement of Revenue & Expenses December 31, 2025

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Budget Donations	\$ 355,609.47		\$ 381,918.57
House Rental	12,350.92		12,089.01
Investment Income	11,722.99		5,921.72
HST Rebates	7,303.00		6,162.37
Church Rental	7,280.00		5,985.00
Solar	6,071.59		6,173.82
Mission & Service	1,201.00		-
Red Brick Kids	500.00		-
Worship & Music	77.70		-
Library	-		100.00
MomCo	-		1,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 402,116.67</b>		<b>\$ 419,350.49</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Facilities (Maintenance)</b>			
Insurance	\$ 20,938.34	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,374.06
Repairs & Maintenance	17,337.58	18,000.00	16,667.86
Gas	12,280.72	12,000.00	10,869.98
Hydro	3,744.87	4,000.00	3,617.03
Property Taxes	1,644.19	1,600.00	1,535.23
Water	1,413.37	1,400.00	1,313.76
Telephone	802.46	800.00	744.36
	<b>58,161.53</b>	<b>61,300.00</b>	<b>58,122.28</b>
<b>Church Board (Office)</b>			
Professional Fees	6,140.33	6,000.00	1,500.00
Computer Software & Support	6,160.53	5,700.00	5,682.62
Copier Expense	3,789.78	3,500.00	3,481.78
Office Supplies	2,861.16	3,700.00	3,663.28
Bank Charges	2,275.65	2,400.00	2,332.75
	<b>21,227.45</b>	<b>21,300.00</b>	<b>16,660.43</b>
<b>Education</b>			
Sunday School (Red Brick Kids)	1,860.17	1,500.00	1,467.26
Resources (Education)	1,021.53	1,250.00	2,328.37
Library	1,004.98	1,000.00	879.93
	<b>3,886.68</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>4,675.56</b>
<b>Worship</b>			
Worship & Music	7,253.40	7,000.00	6,593.14
Honorariums (special speakers)	700.00	800.00	700.00
	<b>7,953.40</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>	<b>7,293.14</b>

**NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Statement of Revenue & Expenses**  
**December 31, 2025**

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>Expenses, continued</b>			
<b>Engagement</b>			
MomCo	3,358.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
Outreach expenses	2,023.58	1,500.00	1,335.20
Advertising	-	600.00	-
Nursery	-	150.00	123.60
	<u>5,382.21</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>2,458.80</u>
<b>Spiritual Life</b>			
Spiritual Life Ministries	-	100.00	100.00
Deacons Fund/Visitation Ministry	-	100.00	100.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Ministry Staff</b>			
Wages & Benefits	242,620.96	247,000.00	221,490.23
Staff Ministry Expenses	1,821.79	1,500.00	1,409.07
	<u>244,442.75</u>	<u>248,500.00</u>	<u>222,899.30</u>
<b>Service (Mission Support)</b>			
Conference Support	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Missions & Services	12,500.00	17,500.00	10,000.00
	<u>47,500.00</u>	<u>52,500.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 388,554.02</u>	<u>\$ 398,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 357,309.51</u>
<b>Budget Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 13,562.65</u>		<u>\$ 62,040.98</u>

## Financial Statements

### Niagara United Mennonite Church Financial Statements December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b><u>Statement of Members' Equity</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 8,669,310.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,561,595.35</b>
Revenue		
Budget Surplus	13,562.65	62,040.98
Capital Fund Receipts	10,095.95	-
Property Appraisal Increase (2024)	-	7,048,297.11
	<u>8,692,969.34</u>	<u>8,671,933.44</u>
Disbursements		
Capital Fund Expenses	7,610.28	2,622.70
FIDA	2,500.00	-
	<u>10,110.28</u>	<u>2,622.70</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,682,859.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,669,310.74</u></b>

	2025	2024
<b><u>Operating Fund Financial Statement</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 110,685.96</b>	<b>\$ 110,685.96</b>
Revenue		
Budget Receipts	355,509.47	381,918.57
House Rental	12,350.92	12,089.01
Investment Income	11,722.99	5,921.72
HST Rebates	7,303.00	6,162.37
Church Rental	7,280.00	5,985.00
Solar income	6,071.59	6,173.82
Mission & Service	1,201.00	-
Red Brick Kids	500.00	-
Library	100.00	100.00
Worship & Music	77.70	-
MomCo	-	1,000.00
	<u>512,802.63</u>	<u>530,036.45</u>
Disbursements		
Budget Expenses	388,554.02	357,309.51
FIDA	2,500.00	-
Transfer Out to Capital Fund	-	62,040.98
	<u>391,054.02</u>	<u>419,350.49</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 121,748.61</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 110,685.96</u></b>

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Financial Statements**  
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**Capital Fund Financial Statement**

	2025	2024
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 66,488.55</b>	<b>\$ 7,070.27</b>
Receipts		
Donations	3,054.00	-
Investment Income	7,041.95	-
Transfer In from Operating Fund	-	62,040.98
	<u>76,584.50</u>	<u>69,111.25</u>
Disbursements		
Parking Lot Line Painting	3,234.06	
Church Roof Repair	2,373.00	
Window Repairs	1,689.35	
Leaf Blower	313.87	
House Repairs	-	1,992.62
Office File Cabinet	-	630.08
	<u>7,610.28</u>	<u>2,622.70</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 68,974.22</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 66,488.55</u></b>

	2025	2024
<b><u>Bequest Fund Financial Statement</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 224,818.28</b>	<b>\$ 224,094.50</b>
Receipts		
Investment income	23,811.00	8,978.00
	<u>248,629.28</u>	<u>233,072.50</u>
Disbursements		
Voices Together Hymnals	10,520.15	0.00
AV equipment	156.72	1,410.24
MomCo expenses (Meeting Room Renovations)	0.00	6,430.98
Coffee Maker Welcome Centre	0.00	413.00
	<u>10,676.87</u>	<u>8,254.22</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$ 237,952.41</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 224,818.28</u></b>

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b><u>Women in Service Fund Financial Statement</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 814.63</b>	<b>\$ 978.10</b>
Receipts		
Donations	4,660.45	1,772.00
	<u>5,475.08</u>	<u>2,750.10</u>
Disbursements		
Materials and Supplies	2,806.80	1,335.47
Donation - Red Rood Retreat	-	200.00
Donation - Gillian's Place	-	200.00
Donation - MCC School Kit Project	-	200.00
	<u>2,806.80</u>	<u>1,935.47</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 2,668.28</b>	<b>\$ 814.63</b>

	2025	2024
<b><u>MCC School Kits Project Fund Financial Statement</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 7,802.45</b>	<b>\$ 428.38</b>
Receipts		
Donations	7,425.00	11,265.00
	<u>15,227.45</u>	<u>11,693.38</u>
Disbursements		
MCC - School Kits Project, supplies purchased	14,596.39	3,890.93
	<u>14,596.39</u>	<u>3,890.93</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 631.06</b>	<b>\$ 7,802.45</b>

	2025	2024
<b><u>Student Aid Fund Financial Statement</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 5,119.43</b>	<b>\$ 5,119.43</b>
Receipts	-	-
Disbursements	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 5,119.43</b>	<b>\$ 5,119.43</b>

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b><u>General Fund (Undesignated)</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	\$ 60,400.00	\$ -
Revenue		
Donations	-	60,400.00
Investment Income	6,397.10	-
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 66,797.10</b>	<b>\$ 60,400.00</b>
<b><u>Spiritual Ministry (Deacons/Caregiver) Fund</u></b>		
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2025</b>	\$ 7,164.88	\$ 6,634.88
Receipts		
Donations	3,900.00	500.00
Church Budget	-	200.00
	11,064.88	7,334.88
Disbursements		
Ministry and Caregiving expenses	507.16	170.00
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 10,557.72</b>	<b>\$ 7,164.88</b>



## 2026 Budget

### NIAGARA UNITED MENNONITE CHURCH BUDGET 2026

	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
<b>Facilities</b>				
Insurance	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,938.34	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,374.06
Repairs & Maintenance	19,000.00	17,337.58	18,000.00	16,667.86
Gas	12,500.00	12,280.72	12,000.00	10,869.98
Hydro	4,000.00	3,744.87	4,000.00	3,617.03
Property Taxes	1,700.00	1,644.19	1,600.00	1,535.23
Water	1,450.00	1,413.37	1,400.00	1,313.76
Telephone	825.00	802.46	800.00	744.36
	<u>60,475.00</u>	<u>58,161.53</u>	<u>61,300.00</u>	<u>58,122.28</u>
<b>Church Board (Office and General)</b>				
Professional fees (audit and legal)	6,200.00	6,140.33	6,000.00	1,500.00
Computer Software & Support	6,200.00	6,160.53	5,700.00	5,682.62
Copier Expense	3,800.00	3,789.78	3,500.00	3,481.78
Office Supplies	2,900.00	2,861.16	3,700.00	3,663.28
Bank Charges	2,400.00	2,275.65	2,400.00	2,332.75
	<u>21,500.00</u>	<u>21,227.45</u>	<u>21,300.00</u>	<u>16,660.43</u>
<b>Education</b>				
Sunday School (Red Brick Kids)	2,000.00	1,860.17	1,500.00	1,467.26
Resources (Education)	1,250.00	1,021.53	1,250.00	2,328.37
Library	1,000.00	1,004.98	1,000.00	879.93
	<u>4,250.00</u>	<u>3,886.68</u>	<u>3,750.00</u>	<u>4,675.56</u>
<b>Worship</b>				
Worship & Music & Choir	7,800.00	7,253.40	7,000.00	6,593.14
Honorariums (special speakers)	2,050.00	700.00	800.00	700.00
	<u>9,850.00</u>	<u>7,953.40</u>	<u>7,800.00</u>	<u>7,293.14</u>
<b>Engagement &amp; Spiritual Life</b>				
Outreach Expenses	2,750.00	2,023.58	1,850.00	1,658.80
MomCo	3,650.00	3,358.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising	600.00	-	600.00	-
	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>5,382.21</u>	<u>3,450.00</u>	<u>2,658.80</u>
<b>Ministry Staff</b>				
Wages & Benefits	250,000.00	242,620.96	247,000.00	221,490.23
Staff Ministry Expenses	2,000.00	1,821.79	1,500.00	1,409.07
	<u>252,000.00</u>	<u>244,442.75</u>	<u>248,500.00</u>	<u>222,899.30</u>
<b>Service (Mission Support)</b>				
Conference Support	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Missions & Service	15,000.00	12,500.00	17,500.00	10,000.00
	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>47,500.00</u>	<u>52,500.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>
<b>Budget increase from 2025 1.6%</b>	<b>\$ 405,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 388,554.02</b>	<b>\$ 398,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 357,309.51</b>

## Church Activities and Events 2025

January	
<b>2</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>7</b>	Prayer Time
<b>8</b>	MomCo.
<b>9</b>	Days for Girls
<b>21</b>	Prayer Time
<b>22</b>	MomCo.
	Pickle Ball 15, 22, 29
	Women in Service Quilting 7, 14, 21, 28

February	
<b>4</b>	Prayer Time
<b>5</b>	MomCo.
<b>6</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>13</b>	Days for Girls
<b>18</b>	Prayer Time
<b>19</b>	MomCo.
<b>25</b>	Annual General Meeting
<b>27</b>	Days for Girls
	Pickle Ball 5,12,19, 26
	Women in Service Quilting 4, 11, 18, 25
	RBK Break for Family Day off Sunday February 16

March	
<b>2</b>	Communion Service
<b>4</b>	Pancake Supper
<b>5</b>	MomCo.
<b>6</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>11</b>	Movie Night
<b>13</b>	Red Brick Kids Event for March Break
<b>13</b>	Days for Girls
<b>16</b>	Parent/Child Dedication
<b>18</b>	Prayer Time
<b>19</b>	MomCo.
<b>27</b>	Days for Girls
	Pickle Ball 5, 12, 19, 26
	Women in Service Quilting 4, 11, 18, 25

April	
1	Prayer Time
1	Church Board Meeting
2	MomCo.
3	Ladies Breakfast
8	Movie Night
10	Days for Girls
15	Prayer Time
16	MomCo.
18	Good Friday Service
20	Easter Sunday
24	Days for Girls
30	MomCo.
	Women in Service Quilting 7, 14, Spring/ Summer Break begins.
	Pickleball 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May	
1	Ladies Breakfast
6	Prayer Time
6	Church Board Meeting
8	Days for Girls
13	Movie Night
14	MomCo.
20	Prayer Time
23	Generation Rising Concert
28	MomCo.
29	Days for Girls
	MomCo. Spring/Summer Break Begins
	Pickleball 7, 14, 21, 28

June	
1	MCEC Joint Worship and Communion Service at Linwell Church (SCUMC)
3	Church Board Meeting
3	Prayer Time
5	Ladies Breakfast
8	Pentecost and Communion Service
10	Movie Night
11	Spring Membership Meeting
12	Days for Girls
17	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
22	Brunch Worship Service
	Pickleball 18, 25
	Red Brick Kids now on Summer Break

July	
<b>3</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>8</b>	Movie Night
<b>15</b>	Prayer Time
	Church Board on summer break.
	Pickleball 2, 9, 16.

August	
<b>3</b>	Joint Worship Service held at Bethany Mennonite
<b>5</b>	Prayer Time
<b>7</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>10</b>	Joint Worship Service held at NUMC
<b>19</b>	Prayer Time
	Church Board on summer break.
	Pickleball on summer break.

September	
<b>2</b>	Prayer Time
<b>2</b>	Church Board
<b>4</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>10</b>	MomCo. Kick Off
<b>16</b>	Prayer Time
<b>17</b>	Pickle Ball resumes for the season
<b>24</b>	MomCo.
<b>24</b>	Pickle Ball
	Plan to Protect Training 25, 27

October	
<b>2</b>	AED/CPR Training
<b>2</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>7</b>	Women in Service Resumes
<b>7</b>	Church Board
<b>7</b>	Prayer Time
<b>8</b>	MomCo.
<b>12</b>	Thanksgiving Sunday Service
<b>14</b>	Movie Night
<b>23</b>	MomCo.
	Women in Service Quilting 7, 14, 21, 28
	Plan to Protect Training October 1
	Pickle Ball 1, 15, 22, 29

<b>November</b>	
<b>4</b>	Church Board
<b>4</b>	Prayer Time
<b>5</b>	MomCo.
<b>6</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>11</b>	Movie Night
<b>13</b>	Days for Girls
<b>18</b>	Prayer Time
<b>19</b>	MomCo.
<b>23</b>	Eternity Sunday
<b>27</b>	Days for Girls
<b>28</b>	Christmas Decorating Day
<b>30</b>	First Advent and Communion Service
	Women in Service Quilting 4,11,18,25
	Baking for Pleasant Manor Auxiliary 19, 20, 26, 27
	Pickle Ball 5, 12, 19, 26

<b>December</b>	
<b>2</b>	Prayer Time
<b>3</b>	MomCo.
<b>4</b>	Ladies Breakfast
<b>7</b>	Second Advent Worship Service
<b>7</b>	Candlelight Service Workshop and Lunch
<b>9</b>	Movie Night
<b>11</b>	Days for Girls
<b>14</b>	Third Advent Worship Service and Red Brick Kids Christmas Presentation
<b>16</b>	Prayer Time
<b>18</b>	MomCo. Christmas Potluck
<b>21</b>	Fourth Advent Worship Service
<b>21</b>	Candlelight Service
<b>24</b>	Syriac Orthodox Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b>	Christmas Day Service
	Women in Service Quilting 2 & 9 (Christmas Party). Christmas Break until January 2026.
	Pickle Ball 3, 10, 17.

## Church Records 2025

### NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS

483 as of December 31, 2025  
(491 last year 2024)

On average we have 190 members/130 households actively participating in church life on a regular basis.

**BAPTISM-MEMBERS RECEIVED: 0**

**TRANSFERS IN-MEMBERS RECEIVED: 2**

Cheryl Schmidt
Burkhart Schmidt

**MEMBERS WITHDRAWN: 0**

**MEMBERS TRANSFERS OUT: 0**

**TRANSITIONS (MEMBERS UNDERLINED):**

**Parent-Child Dedication March 16, 2025,**  
Austin and Levi Neufeld children of Bryan  
and Catherine Neufeld

**DEATHS: 10 MEMBERS, 2 NON-MEMBERS\***

Name	Age	Date	Service
Emilie Pauls	98	January 1, 2025	NUMC
Gerhard Hummel	90	February 18, 2025	Private
Aran Kopp	94	March 13, 2025	NUMC
Kelly Wohlgemut	40	April 10, 2025	Southridge
Alexander Bradnam	71	April 16, 2025	NUMC
Megan Kulchar	37	May 9, 2025	Private
Justina Reimer	96	April 25, 2025	NUMC
Anna Andres*	73	August 28, 2025	NUMC
Heinrich George Janzen*	98	September 11, 2025	Tallman Funeral Home
Inge Enss	95	September 23, 2025	NUMC
Hans-Juergen Wiens	90	October 3, 2025	NUMC
Victor Krugel	76	December 31, 2025	NUMC



## Ratification Sheet Church Board

\*The full NUMC Staff and Volunteer Directory will be available after the Annual General Meeting.

<b>Chair-Lloyd Redekopp</b>	2026
<b>Vice Chair- Alan Teichroeb</b>	2026
<b>Treasurer- Robert Neufeld</b>	2026
<b>*Secretary</b>	Vacant Role
<b>*Education Committee Chair</b>	Vacant Role
<b>Worship Chair- Kathy Rempel</b>	2026
<b>Facilities Chair- Erv Willms</b>	2026
<b>Spiritual Life Ministry Rep- Joachim Dau</b>	2026
<b>Engagement Ministry Rep- John Tiessen</b>	2026

## Current Church Staff

<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Daniel Janzen
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Rachael Peters
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Julie Plunkett
<b>Custodians</b>	Zach and Nancy Dubé