

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 3, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ “What is this place” HWB #1
“My soul cries out”
“Blest are they”

Congregational Life ~

John Epp

Offering ~ Budget

“I saw a tree by a riverside”

Proclamation

“Holy is His Name”

“Speaking of What We See”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Sending ~ HWB # 151 “Marvelous grace of our loving Lord”

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*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”* expresses our desire to share our faith and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet. We welcome you and hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and enlightening. Families with children are invited to worship together with us in the service. For children 5 yrs old or younger who are not able to sit through the church service, there is a nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow the service. If you feel a sense of belonging, you are most welcome to be with us. Talk to us about how you can participate.  
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German Worship Service - 10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: Jakob Peters - Gruss: Spr 30: 4

Chorlied: “Weihnachtsfreude“

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB # 513 “O heil’ges kind wir grüssen dich“

Chorlied: “O Jesulein süss“

Schriftwort: 1 Joh 5: 11-13, Mat 2: 1-2, 9-11

Botschaft: “Welchen Stern folgen wir?” - Joachim Dau

Lied: GB # 68 “Jesu, grosser Wunderstern“ (alle verse)

Nursery Volunteers ~ James & Carolyn Berg, Austin Penner.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Jake Pauls & Amber MacDermott on their engagement. Jake is the son of Maria & Rudy Wiens & the late Hans Pauls, and Amber is the daughter of Jim MacDermott & Kimberley Altman. May God bless them as they look forward to their new life together.

During these festive days of Christmas and the New Year, keep in your prayers those who are lonely, sick and shut in. Maybe you could make a visit or a phone call to someone who would be blessed by your presence in the name of Jesus.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Testimony Evening: This week's **Wednesday** evening prayer meeting will be a special time of sharing what the spiritual practices of 2009 meant to us. If you would like to share something, or listen to other stories of our walk with God through this past year and be encouraged by what God is doing among us at NUMC, then plan to attend at **7 pm**.

Our Parking Lot Fund has a deficit of \$ 3,125. Please consider marking your envelopes to eliminate this debt.

Have you been baptized? Beginning **January 17th** catechism classes will be led by John Tiessen, Stephen Cox, and Rudy Dirks Sunday mornings at **10:00 am** in the boardroom. These classes will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and to prepare for baptism. The class is open to anyone who has made a commitment to follow Jesus, or who wishes to do so, and who wants to take the next step of obedience to Christ in baptism. If you are interested please contact Cheryl at the Welcome Centre after church or in the office through the week.

Balcony Renovations – at our fall membership meeting, a motion was passed to renovate the balcony railings. Please find a pledge form in your mailbox or you can pick one up at the Welcome Centre. The project will start when we have \$10,000.00 in pledges. Please try to hand in your pledges before the end of the year.

Carole and Lawrence Eady would like to thank all those who helped or participated in our Christmas tree cutting event. The total raised was \$865 which will go to help with outreach programs here at NUMC. Thank you for your generosity.

January newsletter is now on the website. If you would like a hard copy, please pick one up at the Welcome Centre.

Lost jewelry will be at to the Welcome Centre. Please check occasionally.

MISSIONS & SERVICE COMMITTEE:

We will continue our MCC Generations at Risk and AIDS Care Kits projects into the month of January, and will therefore forward all further donations - monetary or material supplies - to MCC. We thank you for all past and future generous donations.

Offering December 25 & 27, 2009 – \$ 40,195.54			
Budget	28,086.54	Christian Witness	2,184.00
MCC General	5,715.00	MCC Africa	60.00
MCC Food	80.00	Parking Lot	1,665.00
Candlelight Choir	100.00	Balcony Fund	1,500.00
Friends of Menn. Ctr Ukraine	35.00	MCC Christmas Projects	50.00
Building Fund	100.00	Deacon's Fund	150.00
MCC School Kits	340.00	Wells of Hope	30.00
Youth	100.00		
Next Week's offering (Jan. 10): Missions (MC Canada Witness)			
Attendance Dec. 25, 2009: Christmas Day Service ~ 227			
Attendance Dec. 27, 2009: German Service ~ 88; Worship Service ~ 151			

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Jan.2 - 10/10

Today: Youth returning at approx. 5:30 pm

Monday: Young women's bible study 7:00 pm

Tuesday: Women in Mission Quilt 9:00 am
 Women in Service Quilt 7:00 pm
 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – Testimony Evening 7:00 pm

Thursday: NO German Choir Practice
 Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Friday: Sr. Youth 7:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 10, 2010

8:45 am Praise & Worship Practice

9:30 am **Primary & Junior Sunday School Singing**

9:45 am Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room

10:00 am Sunday School Classes (age 3 to Grade 8)
 Grade 9 – 12 ~ “The World & Us”

Interactive Sermon - “same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks

10:00 am German Worship Service ~ Message by Joachim Dau

11:00 am Worship Service ~ Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

Nursery Volunteers **Jan. 10:** Karl & Laurene Nickel, Matthew Riediger & Mitchell Glass.

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

For more details of the following announcements, please see the posters on the “Community Bulletin Board” at the bottom of the stairs in the foyer.

Living Room: Faith-based support groups for people with mood disorders. If you are interested in being in a support group for depression, anxiety or bipolar disorder, join the group, meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Vineland UM Church beginning on **January 12th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Check out the brochure on the bulletin board or talk to Sharon Dirks for more information.

MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY - The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, **January 23, 2010, 2 pm**, at the Tabor Manor Chapel in St. Catharines.