

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

January 10, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ “Come, let us all unite to sing” HWB #12
“We come to worship”
“We Say Amen”
“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Congregational Life ~

Joachim Dau

Offering ~ Missions (MC Canada Witness)
HWB # 526 “In the rifted Rock I’m resting”

Proclamation

Children’s Story
“Jesus, Rock of ages” HWB #515
“Who are You? Where do You Belong?”
(Acts 4:23-35, pew bible pg. 1059)

Patricia Regier

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Sending ~ HWB # 308 “I love thy kingdom, 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: Hans J. Wiens - Gruss: Psalm 96:2-3

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Chorlied:

Opfergaben: Missions (MC Canada Witness)

Lied: GB # 32 “Wie gross ist des Allmaechtgen Guete“ (alle vs.)

Chorlied:

Schriftwort: Roemer 12:1-2, 2.Mose(Exodus) 20:1-17

Botschaft: “Unsere Zeit, ein Geschenk” - Hans H. Dau

Lied: GB # 147 “Herr dein Wort die edle Gabe“

Nursery Volunteers ~ Erik & Jessica Nickel, Matthew Riediger & Mitchell Glass.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

The flowers in the front are placed in memory of Ernst Wilhelm Ediger who passed away on January 7, 2007. He is lovingly remembered by his family.

The flowers have been placed here in loving memory of Mark Elliott Friesen who passed away in a tragic accident on January 10, 2009 at the age of 19 years. Mark will always be in our hearts and his calming spirit, uplifting attitude and infectious smile will never be forgotten. He is remembered by his loving parents Rudy and Dorothy and brother Derek, maternal grandmother Lisa Kohn, paternal grandparents Gustel and Franz Friesen, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Daniel Pantoja, Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, has undergone gallbladder surgery this week. Daniel underwent heart surgery in mid-2009 from which he has recovered. Please pray that he will again experience a speedy and complete recovery. Daniel and his wife Joji are serving as peacebuilders in the Philippines, and are preparing to receive Learning Tour groups in late January and early March. (WoW Prayer Directory, pg. 79)

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

2010 Church Photo Directory is here! You can pick up your directory after service in the foyer, or stop by the office during the week. If you submitted a picture, the originals are in your mailbox. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this project.

Minutes from the fall membership meeting of Oct. 25, 2009 are available at the Welcome Centre. Please read before the annual membership meeting that will be held on January 30th at 2:00 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 the office through the week.

The Niagara Community Male Chorus will begin rehearsals on Monday, **January 18, at 7:30 pm**, at the Niagara United Mennonite Church. We welcome new members.

Grade 2 – 8 Jr. Sunday School Students – Please return your “Change for Change” collection boxes to your Sunday School classroom **next Sunday**.

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

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.

MISSIONS & SERVICE:

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.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Sunday January 24th - Jr. Youth will be going tobogganing ! Please meet at church at 2pm - dress warm and bring your favorite toboggan. In case of NO snow we will still get together to play Wii and other games.

Sermon Series: “Why Church?”

Ever since the first followers of the risen Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit in a common gathering, Christians have come together in worship, fellowship, and service as the church. Over the past two thousand years the church has, at various times, been persecuted, institutionalized, corrupted, divided, and renewed. In the 21st century, changing society, alternate forms of faith, and our own busy lives require us to face the question, “**Why Church?**”. The answers to this question may encourage us to affirm some of who we are and what we do as the church, and may also challenge us to let go and be willing to change some other things. Ultimately, the church is not our church but God’s church, with Christ as the Head.

Article 9 of the “Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective” begins with: *We believe the church is the assembly of those who have accepted God’s offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The church is the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church’s glorious hope. The church is the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit. The church, the body of Christ, is called to become ever more like Jesus Christ, its head, in its worship, ministry, witness, mutual love and care, and the ordering of its common life.* (free copies of the Confession of Faith books are available at the Welcome Centre in lobby.)

During this sermon series we will focus on the following key themes related to the question, “**Why Church?**”:

- January 10 **“Who are You? Where do You Belong?”**
...the assembly of those who have accepted God’s offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- January 17 **“Who are You Becoming?”**
...the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit. The church, the body of Christ, is called to become ever more like Jesus Christ, its head, in its worship, ministry, witness, mutual love and care, and the ordering of its common life.
- January 24 (Stephen Cox preaching)
- January 31 **“Why are You Here?”**
...the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church’s glorious hope.

Offering January 3, 2010 – \$ 4,030.00			
Budget	3,450.00	Christian Witness	500.00
MCC General	20.00	MCC Africa	25.00
Library	25.00	MCC Christmas Projects	10.00
Next Week's offering (Jan. 17): Budget			
Attendance Jan. 3, 2010: German Service ~ 69; Worship Service ~ 152			

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Jan.10-16/10

Monday:	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Young women's bible study	7:00 pm
Tuesday:	Women in Mission Quilt	9:00 am
	Women in Service Quilt	7:00 pm
	Spiritual Council Meeting	7:00 pm
	Nomination Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Pioneer Clubs	6:30 pm
	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday:	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
Friday:	Sr. Youth	7:30 pm

Next Sunday, January 17, 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"
	Catechism Classes begin (in boardroom)
	Interactive Sermon - "same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks
10:00 am	German Worship Service ~ Message by Ramona Neufeld
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

Nursery Volunteers **Jan. 17:** Mike & Anneliese Friesen, Elijah Finlay.

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.