

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

March 14, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ “Morning has broken” HWB # 648
“The River” (pp)
“God leads us along” (pp)

Congregational Life ~

Erv Willms

Offering ~ Budget
I will come to you in the silence (pp)

Proclamation

“Come unto me - The Rempels”

“Patience in Suffering”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

(Romans 12:12, pew bible pg. 1101)

Sending ~ HWB #598 “A wonderful Saviour is Jesus ”

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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: - Gunnar Doerwald ~ Gruss: Johannes 14 : 26

Orgelspiel: Kathy Rempel

Musik: Geschwister Rempel: Es schaut bei Nacht und Tage

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB # 129 “Heilger Geist, Du Trost und Rat“

Musik: Geschwister Rempel: Gott wird dich tragen

Schriftwort: 2 Korinther 1 : 3 - 7

Botschaft: “Trost und trösten” - Hans J. Wiens

Lied: GB # 139 “Teures Wort aus Gottes Munde“

Nursery Volunteers ~ Esther Willms & Sarah Froese, Daniel Willms & Izaak Reimer.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

With sadness Gerry and Donna Froese inform of the passing of Gerry's aunt Ella Janzen (79) of Arnaud Manitoba on March 8th. Ella (nee Heinrichs) was a former member of our congregation and will be fondly remembered by her many friends in Niagara.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

March/April issue of the Upper Room is now available at the Welcome Centre.

Cheryl Schmidt will be on vacation March 12-21 incl. Emily Fieguth will be in the office during that time on flexible hours.

Moms & Kids, March 17, 1:30-3:30pm: Timeout. Are you bored? Don't know what to do with the kids? Come and have a playtime in the gym. Bring 1 dozen cookies, drinks will be provided. Audrey Dau is the contact.

The Canadian Mennonite – If you are not receiving this magazine, and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the office asap. If you would like to receive the online version, please let us know as well.

Note from Sunday School: Just an update on what's going on---We will be practising for Palm Sunday which is on March 28. March Break - we will not have Sunday school on March 14th, but will resume for March 21st. Please keep these dates in mind and thank you so much for bringing your kids on Sunday mornings, it's a whirlwind of activity where you know God's Spirit is. Thank you.

Children's Church – during the summer. If you would like to help with organizing this, please contact Mary Janzen.

Volunteers still needed for committees: Jr. Sunday School Superintendent & Assistant, both needed for Fall 2010, Music committee (2-year term), Jr Youth sponsors (one couple needed now and another couple to start in the fall). If you are interested in any of these committees, please inform the office or Henry Bergen.

Bibles left in the library – if you've misplaced your bible, there is a children's bible and a German bible that was left in the library.

Attention all Moms! You are welcome to join us in the nursery ever other Thursday, next one **March 18th** from **9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** for some socializing and sweets. Children are welcome to play while we connect with the moms in our church and community. Bring a friend, relative, or neighbour! Coffee and treats will be provided. For more information, contact Sarah Froese.

Brothers Fastball League, starting 2010. A professional machine pitch format. Attention male church fastball players between the ages of 18-55+. To confirm your interest please contact Ed Janzen, email address, edjanzen@gmail.com or call him. A great summer men's ministry opportunity.

Peace Tax initiative: Church Council invites anyone interested in finding out more about a Peace Tax Initiative put forward by MC Canada, to come to an info and question night on **April 7th at 7pm**. The meeting will be held in the second floor common area.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Jr. Youth - join us on Sunday **March 28th 4-8 pm** at church, for games, food and a movie.

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Mar. 14-20/10</u>	
Monday:	Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
	Young women's bible study 7:00 pm
	Male Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Tuesday:	Women in Mission Quilt 9:00 am
	Women in Service Quilt 7:00 pm
	Spiritual Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Friday:	Revelation Bible Study 7:30 pm
<u>Next Sunday, March 21, 2010</u>	
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)-res. Mar. 21
	NO Grade 9 – 12 ~ "The World & Us"-resumes Mar. 28
	NO Catechism Classes (in boardroom)-resumes Mar. 28
Interactive Sermon - "same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks	
10:00 am	German Worship Service ~ Joachim Dau
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks
Nursery Volunteers Mar. 21: Leanna Griese & Judy Jarrett, Anysa McShane.	

Offering March 7, 2010 – \$ 9,488.38			
Budget	6,220.00	Christian Witness	1,483.38
MCC General	720.00	MCC Africa	10.00
Chile Earthquake Relief	245.00	Balcony	810.00
Next Week's offering (Mar. 21): MCC			
Attendance Mar. 7, 2010: German Service ~ 106; Worship Service ~ 216			

Sermon Series: “Being the church”

In the last sermon series “Why Church”, we explored who **belongs** to the church (everyone who accepts Jesus’ offer of salvation), who we are **becoming** (continually transformed by Christ rather than conformed to the world), and our **purpose** (just as God sent Jesus into the world, so also Jesus sends us into the world).

Over the next few weeks as we move into the Lent season and prepare ourselves for Easter, we will look at the practical outworking of Christian community as taught by the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome. Romans 12 is an excellent teaching on how to experience the love that is at the heart of Christian community. The chapter begins by emphasizing the need to be transformed in our thinking (vs 2), and filled with genuine love (vs 9). In the verses 3-21 Paul fleshes both of those out as he teaches us how to relate to each other within community, as well as how to relate to the world at large. In this series on **“Being the Church”** we will focus on the practical teachings of verses 9-13 where in a few concise phrases Paul tells us how we can be the church we are called to be, reminding us, as Marva Dawn notes, that... **“God loves us so much that he accepts us just as we are, but he also loves us too much to let us stay that way.”**

Feb 7 ***“Abhor evil: cling to good”***

Feb 14 ***“Yield to the Lover of Your Soul”***
(Not really part of the sermon series, but certainly relevant to it, this message is a Valentine’s card from God to you – a good sermon to invite a friend or work colleague to)

Feb 21 ***“Honouring the Point”***

Feb. 28 (John Tiessen preaching)

March 7 ***“No More Burn-out”***

March 14 ***“Patience in Suffering”***

March 21 ***“Hospitality at its Best”***

MC CANADA:

Chile Earthquake Relief - To address the tragedy of natural disaster in Chile, Mennonite Church Canada is working closely through our existing relationships with Anabaptist churches in Chile, as well as with partners Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Mission network to direct aid to Chile. Please you’re your donation envelopes “Chile Earthquake Relief”. Mennonite Church Canada will ensure your generosity is used for relief efforts in Chile in a responsible and accountable manner.

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

30th Anniversary of the Laotian Community in the Niagara Region on Saturday, **March 27, 2010, 3:00-6:00 pm** at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines.

Pleasant Manor Auxiliary Spring Tea and Bake Sale Saturday, **March 27th, 10:00am – 11:30am**. Bake sale, crafts, and tea room. Come and buy your Easter Paska. All proceeds are used to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Please bring your own bags to take your goodies home.

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE - A Musical being presented by the Young Singers of Niagara in partnership with Fairview Church (455 Geneva St., St. Catharines). Plan now to come and enjoy this evening on Sunday, **March 28th at 7:00 pm**. A great evening of songs, story and refreshments.

Niagara Community Male Chorus & guests present "He Lives Again" on Good Friday, **April 2nd at 7:00 pm** at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church (335 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines).

The Evolving Church: Kingdom Economy is a one day conference that will take place on **April 10, 2010** at The Peoples Church (374 Sheppard Ave. E, Toronto) with speakers Brennan Manning, Joyce Rees, David Dark and many others. Discounted price of \$45. per person if register by **March 31st**, however we are offering 5 free tickets for young adults. Signup sheet at the Welcome Centre with instructions & code for the discounted price. The office can help if you need assistance registering.

Women's Spring Enrichment Day, **April 17th** at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St. E., Leamington, ON, **10:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, Registration: 9:45 a.m. Bolivian Mennonite Women - A Vision for the Future with Liz Koop. \$22 by April 7th / \$25 after April 7. For more information: Florence Jantzi, 519-669-4356

"From Darkness to Light" The Story of Holy Week and Easter in scripture and hymns. Sung by the Choir of the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Rd., on Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:00 pm.

You are heartily invited to attend this meaningful experience.

MCEC ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING:

The MCEC Spring Gathering is taking place at Club Roma in St. Catharines on Friday Evening **April 23rd** and during the day on Saturday, **April 24th**. Parking Attendants and Ushers are required to help on both days. Please let our church contact, Alex Bradnam, know if you can help in these areas. If you have lodging available for Friday night please contact Becca Willms, who is co-ordinating lodging for those attending from out of our area. Esther Funk of Vineland UMC is serving as the Hosting Committee Chairperson for this event.

April is coming quickly and we still are in need of a Communications Coordinator(s) for the conference. Please contact the church or Alex Bradnam if you could help us in this position. We will not have to bring much equipment in, the Club Roma facility has just about everything we need.

**9th Annual
SPRINGFEST
Saturday, MAY 8th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Join us again this year for.....

- ☐ Book Sale
- ☐ Garden Center
- ☐ FOOD !!!!! BBQ and café
- ☐ Kids play area with inflatable bouncer
- ☐ Live Music ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
- ☐ Silent Auction
- ☐ Bake Sale

We need YOU to make this day a success!

