

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

March 21, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~

“A Wonderful Saviour” HWB #598

“O Blessed Spring” (power point)

“When we walk with the Lord” HWB# 544

Congregational Life ~

Linda Friesen

Offering ~ MCC

Vocal Duet – “Seekers of Your Heart“

Kenton & Sheryl Janzen

Proclamation

Children’s Story

Stephen Cox

HWB# 599 He Leadeth Me

“Overcome Evil with Good ”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

(Romans 12: 17-21, pew bible pg. 1101)

Sending ~ HWB #430 “God be with you”

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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: Ps 51:3,4, 12

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Musik- Halleluja, rühmt das Kreuz

Opfergaben: MCC

Lied: GB# 20 “Wenn ich, o Schöpfer“ (vs 1,3,4)

Musik- Ich werde kein Fremdling dort sein

Schriftwort: Joh 18 & 19

Botschaft: “Die Passion Christi” - Joachim Dau

Lied: GB# 82 “O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden“ (vs 1,3,4,5)

Nursery Volunteers ~ Leanna Griese & Judy Jarrett, Anya McShane.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

We express our sympathy to the family of Art and Trudy Hildebrand on the passing of Trudy's Mother. Mary Warkentin passed away on Monday March 15th. The funeral will be held at Cornerstone Community Church on Monday March 22 at 10:00 a.m. with the Graveside service to follow at Lakeshore Cemetery. Visitation for friends and family will be at Cornerstone Community Church on Sunday March 21 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. Let us pray for the peace and strength of God for each of them.

The flowers at the front of the church are in memory of Frieda Pankratz who passed away on March 20, 2005. She is still dearly missed by her husband, Frank, her children and grandchildren.

Rudy and Sharon Dirks welcome you, our church family to the wedding ceremony of our daughter Stephanie, to Kevin Niessen on Saturday, March 27 at 3:00 pm here at Niagara United Mennonite Church.

Jake & Annemarie Enns give a hearty thank you to our church family for all your extra support and prayers since Jake's recent surgery. He is thankful to be home and is gaining strength daily. Your prayer support and encouragement are really appreciated.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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.

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

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. Please keep this date 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.

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 phone him. A great summer men's ministry opportunity.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

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

Sr. Youth – Friday March 26th 7:30pm “Anything Night” and share! This is a family friendly event and will include panel presentations who are faith leaders and parents, as well as opportunities to dialogue. This is part of MCCO's Mennonite-Muslim Bridge-building program. RSVP to Janet Howitt at 519-745-8458, ext. 211 or janeth@mennonitecc.on.ca.

As Lloyd and Cheryl are both on vacations this week the offering information will not be updated until March 28th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Mar. 21-2010

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
Wednesday:	Pioneer Club	6:30 pm
	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday:	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
Friday:	Revelation Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Sr. Youth	7:30 pm

Next Sunday, March 28, 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 (in boardroom)
Interactive Sermon - “same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks	
10:00 am	German Worship Service ~ Hans H. Dau
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ Message by John Tiessen

Nursery Volunteers **Mar. 28:** Maria Wall, Elysia Tissen, Elijah Finlay.

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. Donation of baked goods appreciated and accepted on Friday March 26, 2010 Between 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Oakview Chapel.

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**. Signup sheet at the Welcome Centre with instructions & code for the discounted price. The office can help if you need assistance registering. **NOTICE – YOUNG ADULTS! Five free tickets available!!**

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

Attention all Tabor Manor Volunteers- If you have volunteered in any way at Tabor Manor, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Evening. This event will be held Wednesday April 21, 2010 @ 7:00 PM in the Tabor Manor chapel. Your service and help are greatly appreciated. Please join us.

"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.

Niagara Male Chorus: On Friday, April 2, at 7:00 pm the Niagara Community Male Chorus will present an Easter program at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. The proceeds of a freewill offering will go to support the Canadian Bible Society and MCC-Generations at Risk..

Understanding Dementia and related loss of function You are invited to an evening talk (with a question time following) given by Jo O'Brien from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara. Please feel free to join us at the St. Catharines U. M. Church, 335 Linwell Road on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. This could affect each of us -- either for one of our family members or as we ourselves age.

United Mennonite Home is looking for volunteers at our Reception Desk on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 4pm to 7pm. It is a great way for high school students to earn their community volunteer hours! Please contact (905) 5622-7385 ext. 5008 for information.

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.

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.

MENNONINTE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (Ontario) MCCO :

Canadian Food Grains Bank workshops. Carol Thiessen CFGB Analyst will explore the connections between climate change and hunger, based on her recent work in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Wed. April.7 at Trinity United Church, Beamsville, Potluck Supper at 6:30 followed by the Workshop.

Faith and Family - raising faithful children in a secular world . Come and be part of a conversation among Muslims and Mennonites/ Brethren in Christ discussing faith, family and parenting on March 27th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30pm at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. Come ready to listen, learn

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICES (MDS):

MDS Binational projects in the Gulf Coast are still in need of cooks and skilled construction crew leaders during mid-May to end of July. Contact Evelyn in the Winnipeg MDS office 1-866-261-1274 if you are able to lend a few weeks of time and have the skills needed.

Praise God for 60 years of MDS serving people affected by disaster! 2010 marks MDS having been the disaster response arm of Mennonite churches in Canada and the USA. We are grateful to the thousands of volunteers and donors who allow this ministry to be successful.

**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!

