

*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”*

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

March 28, 2010

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

**Worship in Song**

Praise & Worship Team and Sunday School Children

**Congregational Life**

John Epp

Offering ~ Budget

Hymn HWB # 237 “All glory, laud, and honor”

**Proclamation**

“Our God Saves”

**“Jesus’ Triumph ”**

**Stephen Cox**

(Luke 19:28-48, pew bible pg. 1018)

**Sending** ~ HWB # 427 “You shall go out with joy”

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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: - Ramona Neufeld – Gruss: Psalm 55:23**

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied: “Das alt’ rauhe Kreuz“

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB# 544 “Hosianna! Gelobet sei der da kommt“

Chorlied: “Den Heiland man grausam ans Kreuz einst schlug“

**Schriftwort:** Phil. 2:5-11

**Botschaft: “So hoch und doch so niedrig“ - Hans H. Dau**

Lied: GB# 80 “Seele geh nach Golgatha“

**Nursery Volunteers** ~ Maria Wall & Elysia Tissen, Elijah Finlay.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Congratulations** to Kevin Niessen & Stephanie Dirks who were married in our church yesterday. May God bless their marriage with joy and his presence.

**The flowers** in the front are in memory of Willi Goertz who passed away one year ago on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He is lovingly remembered by his family.

**The flowers** in the front are in memory of Hans Joachim Regier who passed away one year ago on March 23rd. He is lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

**Art & I** would like to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards, flowers and well wishes on the passing away of my mother Mary Warkentin. You have been so kind to us in so many ways. Thank you! Art & Trudy.

**Henry & Margarete Pauls** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and visits. Henry is feeling much better now.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Attention all Moms!** You are welcome to join us in the nursery ever other Thursday, next one **April 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**Easter Services:** Good Friday & Communion Service on Friday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** starting at **10:30 am**. Easter Service on Sunday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at **10:45 am**.

**The children and staff of our Pioneer Club** invite everyone to join us Wednesday **April 7, 2010** from **6:30–8:00 pm** for our award Presentation and Closing Celebration.

**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 Lounge (second floor common area).

**Bike Path** – Please be extra careful when leaving the parking lots, day and night. Thank you.

### **Congregational Discernment Meeting, Sunday, April 18**

At the NUMC membership meeting in January, the Spiritual Council began a discernment process pertaining to baptismal practices. The first step was announcing the process and handing out some materials for members to read. The second step is for members to read the materials, discuss it with other members, and pray for discernment. The last step in the process will be a Discernment Meeting on **April 18**. The normal service will begin at **10:45 am**. After a shortened service church members will stay for a half hour meeting of brief sharing and then a decision.

We encourage all members to read the materials over carefully (they are available at the church office, or at the Welcome Centre in the lobby), and pray for God's wisdom for us as a congregation when we complete the process on April 18. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to speak with someone from the Spiritual Council, or one of the pastors.

**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.

**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](mailto:edjanzen@gmail.com) or phone him. A great summer men's ministry opportunity.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:**

**Jr. Youth** - join us today, **March 28<sup>th</sup> 4-8 pm** at church, for games, food and a movie.

**Kingdom Bound 2010 (August 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>):** Anyone interested in attending KB 2010 please let Emily Fieguth know by **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Total cost is \$450 US per person (\$400US if you volunteer), **\$200 US deposit due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will cover your cost of lodging, park passes and food for the four day event. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, training will be done online this year. "Kingdom Bound Ministries exists to present the gospel through a variety of art forms including concerts, outreaches and an annual performing arts festival; to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to encourage believers in their walk with God." Please go to [www.kingdombound.org](http://www.kingdombound.org) for this year's speakers and musicians.

**9<sup>th</sup> 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!

<b>Offerings March 14-22, 2010 – \$ 15,176.42</b>			
Budget	9,816.42	Christian Witness	395.00
MCC General	1,299.00	MCC Africa	776.00
Chile Earthquake Relief	715.00	Balcony	915.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	1,200.00	Building Fund	50.00
Upper Room	10.00		
<b>Next Week's offering (Apr. 2): MC Canada Formation &amp; (Apr. 4): Budget</b>			
<b>Attendance Mar. 21, 2010: German Service ~ 81; Worship Service ~ 214</b>			

<b><u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Mar. 28-Apr. 3/2010</u></b>			
<b>Monday:</b>	Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm	
	Young women's bible study	7:00 pm	
	Male Choir Practice	7:30 pm	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Pioneer Club Meeting	6:30 pm	Prayer
		7:00 pm	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Moms & Tots	9:30 am	
	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm	
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm	
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Good Friday &amp; Communion Service</b>	10:30 am	
	OFFICE CLOSED		
<b><u>Next Sunday, April 4, 2010</u></b>			
<b>8:45 am</b>	Praise & Worship Practice		
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Primary &amp; Junior Sunday School Singing</b>		
<b>9:45 am</b>	Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room		
<b>10:00 am</b>	Sunday School Classes (age 3 to Grade 8)		
	Grade 9 – 12 ~ "The World & Us"		
	Catechism Classes resumes April 11, 2010		
<b>NO Interactive Sermon</b>			
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Easter Worship Service</b>		
No Nursery Volunteers on April 2 & 4, 2010.			

**IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE** - a musical by Young Singers of Niagara, in partnership with Fairview MB Church, (455 Geneva St., St. Catharines) this evening **March 28th at 7:00 pm**

**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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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!!**

**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<sup>st</sup> @ 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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..

**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.

### **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.

### **MCEC ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING:**

**The MCEC Spring Gathering** is taking place at Club Roma in St.Catharines on Friday Evening **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** and during the day on Saturday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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.