

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

April 11, 2010

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

**Gathering**

Linda Goerzen

**Worship in Song** ~ “All Creatures of Our God”  
“Sing with Pleasure from “Saul” by *Handel*  
“Sh’ma Yisrael”  
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**Congregational Life**

Joachim Dau

Offering ~ Missions (MC Canada Witness)  
- *Promotion CD* -

**Proclamation**

“Goliath”

“Now What?”

**Pastor Rudy Dirks**

(John 20:21, pew bible pg. 1052)

**Sending** ~ “You Shall Have a Song”  
“Blessing”

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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 H. Dau – **Gruss:** 1. Petrus 1:3

Chorlied: “Christ ist auferstanden”

Opfergaben: Missions (MC Canada Witness)

Lied: GB# 100 “Du Sonne der Gerechtigkeit”

Chorlied: “Auferstanden”

**Schriftwort:** Johannes 20

**Botschaft:** “Die Auferstehung” – Udo Woelke

Lied: GB# 104 “Jesus, meine Zuversicht” V.1-4

**Nursery Volunteers** ~ Jennifer Friesen & Carolyn Berg, Austin Penner & Sydney Finlay.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Please pray** for Orlin Epp who is in the Hamilton General Hospital. He has undergone heart surgery this week. They are grateful for our prayers and pray for God's healing and presence in their lives.

**Please pray** for God's healing presence for Harry Toews who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Surgery is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at McMaster. Harry is the son of Anna Toews of Heritage Place.

**Congratulations** to John & Debbie Peters on the birth of their twin boys, Aidan & Matthew born on March 30<sup>th</sup>. They are welcomed by siblings Nickolas & Katie. Proud grandparents are John & Helene Peters and Henry & Helga Rahn. May God bless this beautiful family.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**We welcome** this morning to our Worship Service the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir. For the past forty-three years, the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir has been part of the Kitchener-Waterloo musical community, providing young singers with a musical foundation as well as a community of young people with similar values and beliefs. The choir is conducted by Carolyn Neumann VanderBurgh and is accompanied by Christine Klaver-Schmidt.

**EDEN SAUSAGE ORDERS: LAST DAY TO ORDER (April 11th)** before summer BBQ season! Forms are located by church mailboxes and can be filled out & put in Kim Baergen's mailbox or call her. Or you can place your order online at [www.edenschoolcouncil.ca/fundraisers](http://www.edenschoolcouncil.ca/fundraisers). Once again Thank You for your support!

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

**Reminder** – Next week's Worship service will begin at **10:45 am**. There will be no German service. Everyone welcome at the Worship Service.

**If you would like** your child dedicated, please contact the church office or Sharon Dirks.

### **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.

**Delegates** for the MCEC Annual Gathering of April 23-24<sup>th</sup> are Anneliese Pankratz, Alex Bradnam, Greta Wiens, Sigrid Wiens, Jennifer Hinz, Peter Janzen (Cone. 2), Don Willms, Burk & Cheryl Schmidt, Jake & Sylvia Tissen, Hans Hermann & Ingrid Dau.

**Springfest May 8<sup>th</sup>**: The Signup Sheets are posted in the foyer. Take a look, put your name down! Items needed for: Silent Auction-gift certificates, new items for home and hobby; Garden Centre-wooden garden ornaments & crafts, cuttings & flowers.

**NOTE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Our Sunday school has been active, that's in part to our great staff and the parents that so diligently bring the kids. Please continue to bring the kids on time to singing, because we are practicing for Mother' Day. Because of our busy and special church services, there will be early pickups on these dates: 10:30 instead of 10:45 a.m., Apr. 18, May 2, May 9, & May 30. Please keep these dates in mind. 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.

**Springfest T-shirts & Aprons**: If you still have one at home from previous years, please turn it in to the Springfest room on the second floor, Room 20. Thank you! See you Saturday May 8th.

**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.

**All you cyclists** are invited to join a bike ride adventure for **27 to 28 of June**. We will leave from the church after the Worship Service. We will be tackling the Greater Niagara Circle Route (139 km), spending the night at the half way point. We are telling you this early, because if you are interested in joining us, you will want to start training for it soon. We thought it would be fun to go as a group, enjoying each other's company, God's creation, and some spiritual reflection as we go along. If you bike a couple of times a week and can cover about 35 kms in two hours, you should be fine to do this trip. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Burk or Cheryl Schmidt, or Rudy or Sharon Dirks.

### **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:**

**Jr Youth** will be going to Peaks climbing on **April 18<sup>th</sup>**! Meet at church at **2:30pm** bring \$15, bike helmet, running shoes and comfortable climbing cloths, as well as a signed waiver form (available at the Welcome center). Pick up from church at **6pm** - please let Rob & Pam Glass or Erv and Esther Willms know you are coming, so that we can arrange rides.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Apr. 11-17/2010**

<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>Tuesday:</b>	Women in Mission Quilt	9:00 am
	Women in Service Meet	7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	Missions & Service Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	Moms & Tots	9:30 am
	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
<b>Friday:</b>	Sr. Youth	7:30 pm

**Next Sunday, April 18, 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 (Youth Room)  
**Interactive Sermon** – "same message-different format" (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks.  
**10:45 am** Worship Service ~ Pastor Rudy Dirks  
 (followed by congregational discernment meeting in sanctuary pertaining to baptismal practices.)

Nursery Volunteers **April 18:** Mike & Anneliese Friesen, Erik Nickel, Matt Riediger.

<b>Offering April 2 &amp; 4, 2010 – \$ 11,798.37</b>			
Budget	9,088.37	Christian Witness	825.00
MCC General	755.00	MCC Africa	80.00
Chile Earthquake Relief	30.00	MDS	50.00
MC Canada Formation	305.00	Balcony	115.00
Menn. Ctr for Ukraine	240.00	Deacon's Fund	310.00
<b>Next Week's offering (Apr. 18): MDS</b>			
<b>Attendance Apr. 2 &amp; 4, 2010:</b> Good Friday ~ 308; Easter ~ 442			

### **IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Please take note** that an Annual and Special meeting of Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Inc. is scheduled for **3:00 PM** on Sunday, **April 11**, at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, Waterloo Ontario.

**Newworldson & Toronto Mass Choir** will be welcoming our offshore workers with a concert on Sunday, **May 2nd at 7:30 pm** at Orchard Park Church (Hunter Rd, NOTL). We are invited to attend to support our workers. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at our church office (905-468-3313). Proceeds to International Child Care Haiti. For more info please call 905-468-0408.

### **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 24th**. . 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.

### **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 mark 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.

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

Haiti Update - MCC anticipates the dollar value of it's response to the earthquake will exceed \$21.5 million over the next 3-5 years. The focus will continue to be on housing, economic development, food security, heath, and trauma healing. While there is not currently a plan calling for Canadian volunteers for Haiti, our prayers are welcomed. Thank you for being "good neighbours" to our sisters and brothers in Haiti.