

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

April 18, 2010

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

Laury Riediger

Worship in Song ~ “The Lord is king” HWB #69

Congregational Life

Erv Willms

Offering ~ MDS

Hymn ~ “I will stand in the congregation”

Proclamation

“Spirit, Like a River”

“Guided by the Spirit”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

(Acts 15:28, pew bible pg. 1073)

Sending ~ HWB #362 “Help us to help each other”

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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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Nursery Volunteers ~ Mike & Anneliese Friesen, Matt Riediger.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Our condolences go out to the family of Anna Friesen who passed away on April 9, 2010. Her funeral was held at our church this past week on Tuesday. May God comfort her family during their time of sorrow.

Jake & Sylvia Tissen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elysia, to Jason Vis. Jason is the son of Leo & Elizabeth Vis of Smithville. A fall 2011 wedding is being planned.

Erika and Rick Froese are once again happy grandparents!! April 11 at 12:30 am Melanie and Aaron gave birth to a boy, Joel Gideon Froese. All is well. Joel is another great grandson for Helga and Henry Rahn and Gertrude and Gunnar Doerwald.

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

Thank God for Orlin Epp’s successful bypass surgery. Pray for his continued recovery while he rests at home. The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

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

Congregational Discernment Meeting, Sunday, **April 18th** after service, regarding baptismal practices. The Worship 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.

Delegates for the MCEC Annual Gathering of April 23-24th 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.

May 2nd – Two special events. In the morning at **10:45 am**, The Toronto Mass Choir will worship through Gospel Music with us in our Worship Service, with guest speaker Rev. Hyacinth Edwards (CWOP) presenting the message. The choir's mission statement is "To create and perform Gospel music which will draw all men into the awesome presence of God". To learn more about them, you can pick up a brief description about their unique ministry at the Welcome Centre. In the evening there will be a special concert to welcome the Offshore Workers program at Orchard Park Bible Church led by Newworldson & The Toronto Mass Choir. See the announcement in "In our community & beyond" for more details.

War of 1812 Bicentennial celebrations- The Church Council is discussing a request by the War of 1812 Bicentennial committee for our church family to be involved in some way with this community event. As we are "Called to be Servants in our Community", we are looking for creative ways we can be involved that are in keeping with our Anabaptist ways. Some suggestions are offering to be the cleanup crew, or have an event at our church discussing the Mennonites and their role in 1812. If you have comments, suggestion or ideas please send them to the church office so they may be forwarded to the Church Council. Our next meeting when this will be discussed is **Tuesday May, 4th**. Thank you in advance.

Springfest May 8th: 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.

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.

MCC Relief Sale will be taking place in New Hamburg on **Saturday, May 29th**. The Pork-on-a-Bun Project is once again looking for your assistance. Donations to cover the project's expenses would be appreciated in the weekly offering. Volunteers to help at the project are also needed. Please contact Peter & Erika Janzen for information or to volunteer. rainbow3@vaxxine.com or call.

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 18th**! 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. 18-24/2010

Today:	Jr. Youth – Rock Climbing – meet at church at 2:30 pm	
Monday:	Young women’s bible study	7:00 pm
	Male Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Tuesday:	Women in Mission Quilt	9:00 am
	Women in Mission Meeting	11:15 am
	Spiritual Council Meeting (at Tissens)	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday:	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
Friday:	Sr. Youth	6:00 pm

Next Sunday, April 25, 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)
10:00 am	German Service – Joachim Dau
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ John Tiessen

Nursery Volunteers **April 25:** Todd & Julie Dow, Mitchell Glass.

Offering April 11, 2010 – \$ 8,744.17			
Budget	5,030.37	Christian Witness	1,268.80
MCC General	465.00	MCC Africa	10.00
MCC Food	40.00	MDS	50.00
Chile Earthquake Relief	1,000.00	Balcony	860.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	20.00		
Next Week's offering (Apr. 25): Budget			
Attendance Apr. 11, 2010: German Service ~96; Worship Service ~ 300			

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

The Tabor Manor Ladies Auxiliary is holding their Annual Spring Tea and Bake Sale. **May 1st, 10:00am – 11:30.** All money raised go directly to the auxiliary to fund projects that help improve the quality of life of our seniors.

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 no later than **April 26th** (905-468-3313). This is a sold out event and tickets will not be available at the door. Proceeds to International Child Care Haiti. For more info please contact Jane Andres at 905-468-0408 or jandres@niagara.com.

The Canadian Mennonite University Chamber Choir will be presenting a concert at Bethany Mennonite Church on Saturday, **May 8, 7:00 p.m.** Bethany cordially invites you to come & enjoy this evening of music! Free admission. If there is anyone who would like to host a couple of students overnight May 8-9 (including drop-off at Bethany Sunday morning), please contact Renate Klaassen at 905-468-5277.

CHRISTIAN BENEFIT SHOP midyear report: thanks to your generous support and the commitment of more than 150 volunteers, as of the end of February our sales were up 51.7 % over last year at this time and we have been able to give MCC \$150,000.00. Your continued donations are much appreciated; a specific need at this time is for good used toys. We would like to encourage you to join our volunteers. We have an urgent need for additional help for Saturdays and for men, even a half day or a few hours here and there. Come visit us at the store and see what so many hands are doing for MCC.

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.** . 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.