

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 2, 2010

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ *We welcome the Toronto Mass Choir
who will serve us in music & worship
this morning.*

Congregational Life

John Tiessen

Offering ~ Toronto Mass Choir

Proclamation

“Good Stewards of God’s Gifts”
(Matt. 25:14-30, pew bible pg. 961)

Rev. Hyacinth Edwards

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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: - Wilhelm Harder – Gruss: Matt. 11:28-29

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Chorlied: “Also hat Gott”

Opfergaben: Toronto Mass Choir

Lied: GB# 212 “Die Kirche steht gegruendet”

Chorlied: “Ich blicke voll Beugung”

Schriftwort: Kol.3:12-17

Botschaft: “Ein Herr, ein Glaube”– Hans H. Dau

Lied: GB# 320 “Die Sach ist dein Herr Jesu Christ”

Nursery Volunteers ~ Matt Bradnam & Michelle Farrell, Elijah Finlay.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Pray for Anneliese Belau. She has a variety of physical concerns which are causing severe weakness. She values your prayers. May God's healing presence be strongly present in her life, and may our prayers uplift her.

Pray also for Jolien Koole who has been undergoing tests for an as yet undiagnosed illness for several months now. She is currently unable to work because of her physical weakness. We know God is able to bring healing and provision and we trust Him for that.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Reminder that next weekend's service begins at **10:45 am**.

The May newsletter is online. If you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up at the Welcome Centre or by the mailboxes.

Stephen Cox will be out of the office from May 9 - 30 incl. as one of the leaders of the YELLA learning tour. Please pray that he and the young adults will remain safe and will enjoy the spiritual journey.

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 is here! One week to go to and we still need Silent Auction items. Antiques, gift baskets, artwork, collector items and gift certificates are several ideas. Please check the signup sheets in the foyer. There are still some areas that need volunteers. If you are crafty, why not make some garden ornaments, wooden plant stands or birdhouses? If you like to bake, make a batch of cookies, muffins or a cake for the bake sale. Bring in those good books, magazines and games for the book sale. See you Saturday! Come out and enjoy the great music, the wonderful barbecued food and the treats and coffee at the cafe! Please pray that Springfest 2010 will be a blessing to all who attend and to the community around us.

The fundraiser for Hannah House "**Change for Life**" begins on Mother's Day (**May 9**). Collect your change from now 'til June 13 and you'll be helping care for teenage moms and their babies. You can pick up your baby bottle in the foyer after Mother's Day service.

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.

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

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.

Some people have allergies to perfumes. Please help make our church fragrance-free. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the family that was in urgent need. Let us keep them in our prayers so that they may experience the peace & strength of God through our community.

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE May 2-8/2010</u>	
Monday:	Young women's bible study 7:00 pm Male Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Tuesday:	Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday:	German Choir Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm
Friday:	Sr. Youth 7:30 pm
Saturday:	SPRINGFEST 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday, May 9, 2010 – Mother's Day</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) 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
Nursery Volunteers May 9: Sylvia Tissen & Anita Sawatzky, Sydney Finlay.	

Offering April 25, 2010 – \$ 10,844.62			
Budget	7,312.62	Christian Witness	265.00
MCC General	1,380.00	MCC Africa	777.00
Helping Hands	50.00	MDS	70.00
Pork on a Bun	750.00	Balcony	165.00
Toronto Mass Choir	25.00	Chile Earthquake Relief	50.00
Next Week's offering (May 9): Budget			
Attendance Apr. 25, 2010: German Service ~ 87; Worship Service ~ 236			

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

The Canadian Bible Society is having its 41st Annual Walkathon **Saturday, May 15th**. Proceeds to go for earth-quake struck Haiti and Chile, plus Canadian Native Translations. Any questions may be directed to Werner Fast.

THE UNIQUE MINISTRY OF THE TORONTO MASS CHOIR

TMC is in its 22nd year of ministry and our mission statement is: "To create and perform Gospel music which will draw all men into the awesome presence of God"

Because of the popularity of Gospel music in the mainstream community, we are able to take Gospel music into places where Christian music is not always welcome, such as festivals, corporate events, citywide events and public schools. Every church that supports this ministry is helping us to continue to take the Gospel into these unique situations.

The Toronto Mass Choir also presents outreach events at no cost or low-cost to engage the community and those who are interested in Gospel music. In this way, we are not only able to educate, but to interface the general community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the past two years, during Black History Month, TMC has presented a two-hour stage production called 'The Evolution of Gospel Music' which runs for three performances including a matinee for schools. Also each February for the past 6 years, TMC offers a popular and unique gospel music workshop weekend. 'Power Up' is a three day event which is open to the public to come and learn more about Gospel music.

We are committed to offering complimentary tickets to these special events and the recipients have included students from at-risk neighbourhoods, homeless and family abuse shelters and others in need.

Toronto Mass Choir has embarked on 4 different mission trips over the past ten years including Romania and Poland. These trips were totally funded by donations from churches, individuals and support raised by our individual choir members. Fundraising efforts are ongoing as requests

for TMC to travel overseas continue. There is an open door for the choir to travel to China in 2011, which we are presently working towards.

The Toronto Mass Choir also supports a Compassion child and 3 mission/charitable organizations based in Toronto including Seeds International.

To date, we have not accepted government funding because of the policies and requirements that are often the 'strings' that are attached. We want to be able to be free to share the Gospel without restraint and to be true to our mission statement wherever we go.

The support of the places where we go to minister, that share these similar goals, is crucial to our ministry. Thank you for your support!