

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

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**

May 23, 2010

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

**Gathering ~**

Linda Goerzen

**Worship in Song ~** “Jesus, Rock of ages” HWB #515

**Congregational Life**

John Tiessen

Offering ~Capital Fund

Hymn “I saw a tree by the riverside”

**Baptisms**

Candidates

Kevin Schmidt

Kurt Tiessen

Michael Ferguson

Witnesses

Jake Tissen & Ron Baergen

Linda Pankratz & Jake Driedger

John Tiessen & Jon Bradnam

Congregational Response (on powerpoint)

**Proclamation**

“Shine on Us” (choir)

**“Chosen”**

**Pastor Rudy Dirks**

(Ephesians 1:3-14, pew bible pg. 1133)

**Sending ~** Hymn HWB #418 “Move in our midst”

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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: - Udo Woelke – Gruss: Titus 3,5**

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Chorlied: “Schaff’ in mir, Gott, ein reines Herz”

Opfergaben: Capital Fund

Lied: GB# 129 “Heilger Geist, du Trost und Rat” alle Verse

Chorlied: “Geist der Wahrheit”

**Schriftwort:** Apostelgeschichte 2,1-18

**Botschaft: “Das Pfingstwunder”– Ramona Neufeld**

Lied: GB# 135 “Neig dich herab, o kehre bei mir ein” alle Verse

## **JOYS & CONCERNS:**

**Congratulations** to Nathan Kendall and Vicky Thiessen who were married in our church yesterday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. May God bless their lives richly.

**Pray for the church in Cambodia.** Recently, Pastor Meadth, one of the main church leaders that Reaksa Himm has been mentoring, died along with his son in an accident while cleaning a well. This has been discouraging for Reaksa, who is in Canada right now. As you pray for the Christians who are affected by this, pray that they will "understand the incredible greatness of [God's] power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 1:19,20

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Nursery Volunteers** ~ Dave & Martha Dizio, Anya McShane.

**Office Closed** on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day Holiday.

**Next week's** service, May 30<sup>th</sup> begins at 10:45 am. We will have more baptisms, celebrate Pentecost and Communion.

**Baptismal candidates:** May 30<sup>th</sup> – Julieanne Enns, Dan Tissen, Kevin Glass & Jim Hale. June 13<sup>th</sup> – Josh Willms & Sean Froese. All candidates are being recommended for acceptance by the Spiritual Council. May God bless each one of them, and may they each feel encouraged and welcomed in this congregation.

**MCC Relief Sale** will be taking place in New Hamburg on **Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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 .

**NOTE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Early pickup at 10:30 am on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Delegates** for the UMH Annual Meeting of June 5th are Jesse Klassen, Peter Dirks, Elvin Penner, Martha Bartel, Arno Bartel, Werner Wiens, Jake Neufeld, Marlene Fast & Werner Fast.

**Note the change - All you cyclists** are invited to join a bike ride adventure on June 27. We won't be able to tackle the Greater Niagara Circle Route this time, but we will be doing a smaller portion of that route (approx. 50 kms). We will start at Burk & Cheryl Schmidt's home after service and ride to a café for lunch, then continue riding and eventually return to the Schmidts for a BBQ/potluck supper. 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 are interested in participating, please speak to Burk or Cheryl Schmidt, or Rudy or Sharon Dirks to sign up.

**The Moms & Tots** will not be meeting now and through the summer. They will start up again in September.

**Pictures of Springfest** – if you took pictures of this year's Springfest, please share them with the church office so we can use them in the newsletter.

## “Serving Christ in Our Community”

Greater Niagara General Hospital has recently begun an after-hours on-call pastoral service to its staff and patients. This supplements the full-time pastoral care that is already offered by the chaplain. As patients and their families come to the hospital for medical care, there is often a need for spiritual and emotional care as well, especially for those families with no local church connection. The on-call service is provided by volunteer pastors who are willing to be called between the hours of 4:00pm and 7:00am on week nights, and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Doug Jones, Chaplain of Niagara Health Services, recently asked Pastor Rudy and Sharon if they would be willing to serve in this capacity. The chaplain sees this as a partnership of caring between the church and the broader community. Both Church and Spiritual Councils have given their blessing for our pastors to serve in this role. The group of pastors participating means that there is an on-call rotation of once every seven or eight weeks. Please pray for those who need this service, and for the pastors who respond.

## “The Journey of Faith”

The story of the Exodus is the central story of the Old Testament around which all the other stories, prophecies, and instructions revolve. (I encourage you to read it as it is found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Don't get bogged down in the sections on regulations and laws – you can skim through those and focus on the narrative sections.) It is a powerful story of God creating a nation of people dedicated to following Him by: delivering His people from slavery; leading them through an inhospitable desert; and establishing them in the land He promised them. This story is also the core image of our journey of faith with God as Christians.

In this series we will pick up on the key Exodus themes of; Being chosen by God, delivered from slavery into freedom, led and provided for in the wilderness pilgrimage, and finally offered rest in the Land.

This focus on Exodus is at the same time, an instruction to our newly baptized brothers and sisters as well as a reminder to the rest of us believers of the dynamic, challenging life the Christian must lead and the need to be ever vigilant to learn from the victories and mistakes of God's people who have gone before us.

May 23            “Chosen”            Ephesians 1:3-14

May 30            “Freedom”           Luke 4:18-19

June 6            “Pilgrimage”        Hebrews 3

June 13           “Rest”                Hebrews 4

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE May 23-29/2010)**

**Monday:** OFFICE CLOSED  
**Tuesday:** Young women's bible study 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Bedrock 7:30 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, May 30, 2010 - Pentecost & Communion Service**

**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"

**NO Interactive Sermon this week**

**10:45 am** Worship Service ~ message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

Nursery Volunteers **May 30:** Karl & Laurene Nickel, Izaak Reimer.

<b>Offering May 16, 2010 – \$ 13,411.00</b>			
Budget	8,520.00	Christian Witness	2,646.00
MCC General	1,215.00	Balcony	615.00
Pork on a Bun	250.00	MCC (Darfur)	20.00
Chile Earthquake Relief	30.00	MCC Africa	20.00
Springfest	75.00	Student Aid	20.00
<b>Next Week's offering (May 30):</b> Budget			
<b>Attendance May 16, 2010:</b> German Service ~ 93 ; Worship Service ~ 319			

**IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Orchard Park Bible Church** is having a giant garage sale on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the continuing relief in Haiti. If you have items to donate (please no books or clothes) you can bring them to the church any Friday before, from 7:30-9:30 pm or the morning of May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Thank you.

**The United Mennonite Home's (Vineland) Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5/10 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel/Celebration Room.** Visitors are welcome. For delegates Information Packages will be available for pick-up Sunday, May 30/10.

**United Mennonite Home Bazaar** -Saturday **June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00** at 4024 Twenty Third Street, Vineland. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of electric beds. Donations and your continued support are much appreciated.

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

MCC Ontario received positive feedback at a General Meeting this week, to its vision for a building in Kitchener that combines several MCC Thrift Shops with MCCO's Head Office and five other Anabaptist Mennonite agencies. There were concerns about parking costs, as well as location, especially for Thrift. Please visit <http://ontario.mcc.org> for more details and next steps on this exciting, good news venture.

### **MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA:**

The General Board of Mennonite Church Canada has announced the appointment of Willard Metzger to the post of General Secretary. He will succeed outgoing General Secretary Robert (Jack) Suderman, who served in the post since 2005 and will retire this summer. Please read the complete article from MC Canada about Willard Metzger in the June Inside newsletter.