

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

May 30, 2010

Pentecost Sunday, Baptism & Communion

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

Gathering ~

Worship in Song ~ “Hallelujah”

Laury Riediger
Praise & Worship Team
Erv Willms

Congregational Life

Offering ~ Budget

Hymn HWB# 107 “Blessed Savior, we adore thee”

Baptisms

Candidates

Julianne Enns

Kevin Glass

Jim Hale

Witnesses

Joannie Penner & Sharon Dirks

Erika Janzen & Jon Bradnam

Kaethe Tiessen & Werner Fast

Congregational Response (on powerpoint)

Proclamation

“Freedom”

(Luke 4:18-19, pew bible pg. 996)

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Congregation ~ HWB# 99 “We praise thee, O God”

Communion

“Here and Now”

“Behold the Lamb”

Praise & Worship Team

Sending ~ “When It's All Been Said and Done”

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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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JOYS & CONCERNS:

As the weather gets beautiful and warm, don't forget those in our community who are not able to enjoy it because of ill health or other difficult situations. Make a visit or phone call with an encouraging word or scripture to someone this week and pray for them.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Nursery Volunteers ~ Karl & Laurene Nickel, Izaak Reimer.

Baptismal candidates: June 13th – 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.

Graduates & Post secondary students – please inform the church office if your child has graduated from high school or post secondary, and/or if they plan to attend/continue college or university & which program, by **June 9th**.

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.

Food Drive – a local food bank has an urgent need for non-perishables. Please drop off your food donations in the bins in the foyer before **June 13th**. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

Church members interested in being part of the next refugee sponsorship team are asked to sign up with Greta Wiens or Kathy Rempel from the Missions & Service Committee. We have obtained a sampling of case histories for perusal, and our desire is to make a group decision (insofar as this is possible) on the family size, nationality, and challenges we would consider for our next sponsorship. A meeting time will be set once we have a small group together, so please don't delay. Expressing interest doesn't commit you, but gives us an idea of the level of congregational support.

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting are available at the Welcome Centre.

The June newsletter is now available at the Welcome Centre. Please feel free to pick up a copy. You could also view it online at our church website.

Springfest 2011: Saturday **May 7**, the day before Mother's Day. See you there!

“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

Agenda for Spring Membership Meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm

- 1) Welcome & Opening Devotion
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Appointment of Tellers Committee
- 4) Review and acceptance of January 30, 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes
- 5) Financial Update
- 6) Balcony Project Update
- 7) Pastoral Contract Renewal – Rudy & Sharon Dirks
 - Current 3 year term ends Dec. 31, 2010
 - Congregational decision for contract renewal will be made this fall.
- 8) Pastoral Sabbatical –
 - MCEC Policy on Pastoral Sabbaticals
 - If their contract is renewed Rudy & Sharon have indicated they would take a 4 month Sabbatical during the next term.
 - We will review Rudy & Sharon’s Sabbatical plan and open the floor to questions.
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Close

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm will be shortened to accommodate the Spring Membership meeting. All members are welcome to come earlier and attend both meetings.

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE May 30-June 5/2010</u>		
Tuesday:	Young women’s bible study	7:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday:	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
Saturday:	Sr. Youth go to Canada’s Wonderland	
 <u>Next Sunday, June 6, 2010</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”	
 Interactive Sermon ~ same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks		
10:00 am	German Service ~ message by Hans J. Wiens	
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ message by Pastor Rudy Dirks	
 Nursery Volunteers June 6: Esther Willms & Judy Jarrett, Victoria Tiessen.		

Offering May 23, 2010 – \$ 7,782.91			
Budget	3,655.00	Christian Witness	675.00
MCC General	795.00	Balcony	350.00
Pork on a Bun	600.00	MCC Africa	778.00
Springfest	1.00	Building Fund	815.91
Menn. Ctr for Ukraine	100.00	Library	10.00
Upper Room	3.00		
Next Week's offering (June 6): Youth			
Attendance May 23, 2010: German Service ~ 85; Worship Service ~ 242			

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES RUG EVENT from **May 28 to June 5** at Ten Thousand Villages Port Colborne on 7 Clarence St.

The Church Choir of the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Rd. will present their annual Spring (Fruelings) Program on **June 6th at 7:00 pm.**

Walking in Hope: Spirituality & Mental Health. Full day seminar for clergy & caregivers **9am-4pm, June 10,** at Vineland UM Church. \$30. registration, lunch included. Please register by Monday June 7. 905-562-4422 or email vumc@bellnet.ca. Open session for the public. "Spirituality & Mental Health", June 10, 7-9 pm, offering will be taken for the work of Healing Streams.

United Mennonite Home Bazaar -Saturday **June 12th 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 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.