

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 6, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Laury Riediger

Worship in Song ~ “My soul is filled with joy”

Congregational Life

Linda Friesen

Offering ~ Youth

“Deeper than the sea” (choir)

Baby Dedication

Children

Parents

Aidan & Matthew Peters

John & Debbie Peters

Congregational Response (on powerpoint)

Acceptance into Membership

Janice Janzen

Lori Dyck

Bill & Beverley Devolin

Jim Kromlund

Congregational Response (on powerpoint)

Proclamation

“A Future with Hope” (choir)

“Pilgrimage”

(Hebrews 3, pew bible pg. 1162)

Pastor Rudy Dirks

Sending ~ HWB #580 “My life flows on”

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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.  
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German Worship Service - 10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: - Jakob Peters – Gruss: 1. Johannes 4:10

Kinderchor

Orgelspiel: Giesela Doerwald

Chorlied: “Ich hebe meine Augen auf”

Opfergaben: Jugend

Lied: GB# 375 “Mehr lieben möcht ich dich”

Chorlied: “Gott ist die Liebe”

Schriftwort: 1. Johannes 4:16–21

Botschaft: “Gottes Liebe und Gottes Gericht”– Hans J. Wiens

Lied: GB# 371 “Gottes Liebe und Gottes Gericht”

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Jake Epp had surgery to install a defibrillator and pacemaker this week. He is home and feeling well. Praise God for a successful surgery, and pray for continued healing.

Please keep in your prayers Ivan & Olga Wall, and Alex & Olga Hofmann, who left for their birth town of Rubtsovsk in Siberia, Russia this past week. They are on a mission trip to build a church over there and will be gone for 2 weeks. Let us pray that God will protect them and may they be a blessing on the people they will work with and meet.

The flowers in the front are in memory of John Koehn who passed away on June 4, 2008. He is lovingly remembered by his family.

Noah & Katie Dow are pleased to announce the arrival of their new baby brother, Riley John Dow. Riley was born on Tuesday June 1st. Proud parents are Julie & Todd Dow. Proud grandparents are John & Anne Thiessen and Erma Dow.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Nursery Volunteers ~ Esther Willms & Judy Jarrett, Victoria Tiessen.

July/August issue of the Upper Room is available at the Welcome Centre.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, June 10th. Cheryl will be attending MCEC's Administrators' Day in Cambridge.

Cheryl Schmidt will be on vacation from June 11-14th incl. Emily Fieguth will take her place in the office.

Women in Mission's Strawberry Social will be on June 8th at 2:00 pm.

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

Baby Bottles for Hannah House fundraiser are due back next week, June 13th.

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.

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**.

Sunday School Picnic - The Sunday school picnic is at Memorial Park in Niagara, where the pool is. The games for Grades 1-8 will happen on the soccer field behind the pool building at 1:00pm sharp, with our own Jon Bradnam leading the way...and the primary will be by the inflatable jumper. This will all be held on **June 20**...This will be a fun day where our church family will have fun worshipping and eating and playing together, Can't wait to see you there!!!

Note the change - All you cyclists are invited to join a bike ride adventure on June **27** (approx. 50 kms). We will start at Burk & Cheryl Schmidt's home at 12:15 pm, after lunch, and ride to the church for the trail memorial dedication and then continue on 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.

NOTE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Sunday school Department is looking for a team of people to direct the program--The team approach would alleviate the burden just resting on two people and allow people more resources and flexibility within the job--thereby drawing from more gifts and a lot more energy. We would love the congregation to pray for this process and if you at all feel a niggling please call Stephen or Kaethe.

Thank you to all of you who put your pennies in the PENNY POWER jars. We took \$ 190.00 worth of pennies to the MCC Relief Sale.

DVBS is **August 16-20** this summer. If you would like to volunteer for teaching, singing, drama, art and sports, please contact Lolita Hale.

June Newsletter correction – Items for silent auction are held at the Christian Benefit Shop and not our church's Springfest. Sorry for the confusion and any disrespect for the good hard work of the volunteers.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Jr. Youth year end pool party - On **June 25th from 7-9:30 pm** at the Glasses, 1286 Line 9. Bring bathing suit, towel and running shoes. No cost.

“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.

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| <u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE June 6-12/2010</u> |
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| Tuesday: | Women in Mission Strawberry Social | 2:00 pm |
| | Young women's bible study | 7:00 pm |
| | Education Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday: | Prayer Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| | Spring Membership Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Friday: | Sr. Youth | 7:30 pm |
| <u>Next Sunday, June 13, 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 Joachim Dau | |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service ~ message by Pastor Rudy Dirks | |
| Nursery Volunteers June 13: Sarah Froese & Mary Janzen, Kendra Sawatzky. | | |

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| Offering May 30, 2010 – \$ 7,855.37 | | | |
| Budget | 6,710.37 | Christian Witness | 170.00 |
| MCC General | 165.00 | Balcony | 200.00 |
| MCC Food | 200.00 | MCC Africa | 10.00 |
| Chile Earthquake Relief | 100.00 | Building Fund | 50.00 |
| Deacon's Fund | 30.00 | Haiti Earthquake Relief | 220.00 |
| Next Week's offering (June 13): Budget | | | |
| Attendance May 30, 2010: Worship Service ~ 323 | | | |

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Jamaican-Canadian Supper, June 6th at 6:00 pm at St. Andrews United Church (5645 Morrison St, NF), cost \$10. All welcome.

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.

Watermelon and Rollkuchen Supper at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, 335 Linwell Rd., **June 18th from 5 - 7 pm.** Cost is \$8/per adult and \$4/child (10 & under). Tickets can be paid for at the door, but please call the church office (905-935-8017) to let them know if you are attending so we can have enough food for everyone. Come and enjoy, you are very welcome!

Tabor Manor's Annual Heritage Day, Saturday, **June 19th from 10:00am – 1:00pm.** Please join us as we celebrate seniors in our community! This event is friendly for all the young and young at heart so bring the whole family! We will have a BBQ, steamed corn on the cob, live entertainment and many activities for the children.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Thank you to everyone who supported the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. The wonderful weather and high attendance helped create a festive atmosphere. We were truly blessed! Donations and purchases helped us raise approximately \$330,000 which will be forwarded to MCC -- *New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Committee*