

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

June 13, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ “Our God Saves”
“The River ”

Congregational Life

Stephen Cox

Offering ~ Budget

Music by Katrina Teichroeb

Baptisms

Candidates

Witnesses

Josh Willms

Linda Pankratz & Mike Friesen

Sean Froese

Al Teichroeb & Jake Tissen

Congregational Response (on powerpoint)

Proclamation

“Shine on, shine on, great Savior”

“Rest”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

(Hebrews 4, pew bible pg. 1163)

Sending ~ HWB #226 “ You are salt for the Earth”

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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: - Gunnar Doerwald – Gruss: Ps 47:2,3,5

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Chorlied

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB# 36, “Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen“

Chorlied

Schriftwort: Eph 2:17-22

Botschaft: “Teilnehmer oder Zuschauer”– **Joachim Dau**

Lied: GB# 220, “So lange Jesus bleibt der Herr“

Nursery Volunteers ~ Sarah Froese & Mary Janzen, Kendra Sawatzky.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Congratulations to Matthew Kulchar & Megan Zavitz on their engagement. A late summer 2011 wedding is being planned. May God bless them and guide them during this time of preparation.

Continue to pray for Anneliese Belau who is currently staying with her brothers Hermann and Reinhard Gau. May God give her the daily strength she needs, and the healing, loving presence of Jesus.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Cheryl Schmidt will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 15th.

Pastor Rudy Dirks will be out of the office from June 15-19 incl. Please direct any pastoral concerns to Sharon Dirks or Stephen Cox.

Baby Bottles for Hannah House fundraiser are due back today. Please drop them off at the Welcome Centre.

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.

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.

All are invited to the official opening of the Bob Howse Trail which will take place on our church's front property on **June 27th at 1:30 pm**. The cyclist group will take part in that ceremony that day.

Delegates for MC Canada Assembly in Calgary, AB from June 29-July 2 are Pastor Rudy & Sharon Dirks, Stephen & Christina Cox.

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.

DVBS is **August 16-20** this summer. If you would like to volunteer for teaching, singing, drama, art and sports, please contact Lolita Hale at 905-468-8392 or lolita@mcgarrrrealty.com.

Recording of Church Services - Starting in September 2010, the worship services will no longer be recorded on cassette tapes, due to the increasing difficulty of finding replacement cassettes and the extensive maintenance required to continue this service. Both the German and English church services are and will continue to be available on DVD and the churches website. The sound committee would like to thank Mrs. Tina Sawatzky for all of her years of assisting us with the upkeep of this project.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Jr. Youth year end pool party - On **June 18th from 7-9:30 pm** at the Glasses, 1286 Line 9. Bring bathing suit, towel and running shoes. No cost.

MISSIONS & SERVICE COMMITTEE:

We've done it before and we can do it again – refugee sponsorship, of course! Join the team – no experience necessary; be prepared to learn. Please contact Kathy Rempel or Greta Wiens before June 23rd if you would like to participate in the initial planning and decision-making. There is a constant turnover of available sponsorship cases and we will begin our discussions based on samples provided by MCC Ontario's Refugee Program staff.

“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

<u>THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE June 13-19/2010</u>		
Tuesday:	Young women’s bible study	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday:	Jr Youth end of year party at the Glasses	7:00 pm
	Sr. Youth	7:30 pm
 <u>Next Sunday, June 20, 2010</u>		
10:45 am	Father’s Day Worship Service & Church Picnic ~ led by the Youth	
Nursery Volunteers June 20: Leanna Griese & Elysia Tissen, Justin Redekop. (if necessary)		

Offering June 6, 2010 – \$ 7,901.37			
Budget	5,350.37	Christian Witness	310.00
MCC General	1,165.00	MCC Africa	40.00
MCC Food	120.00	Haiti Earthquake Relief	15.00
Menn. Ctr for Ukraine	150.00	Library	100.00
Quest Church	100.00	Youth	551.00
Next Week’s offering (June 20): no offering			
Attendance June 6, 2010: German Service ~ 92; Worship Service ~ 233			

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

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.

Pleasant Manor would like to invite your family and friends to join us at our annual Farm Day, **June 26th from 10:00am – 1:00pm.** A BBQ lunch will be available for purchase. Please see bulletin board for further details.

MDS - Asks for you to remember in your prayers those impacted by the F1 Tornado that occurred on June 6, 2010. At this point local MDS CCP’s and volunteers are responding to requests for help. For more information see the full report that was made available to your congregation. Mennonite Disaster Service 1-866-261-1274.