

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

August 15, 2010

Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Laury Willms

Worship in Song ~ “God loves all his many People” HWB # 397
“My Life Flows On” HWB # 580”
“Heart of Worship”

Congregational Life

Stephen Cox

Offering ~ Budget

Special Music – “Lo How a Rose Er Blooming”

Proclamation

HWB # 395 “Here I Am”

“Giving it Everything”

Pastor Rudy Dirks

(Colossians 1:24-2:5, pew bible pg. 1143)

Sending ~ HWB # 420 “Heart with Loving Heart United”

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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 - 9:00 am

Andachtsleiter: - Udo Woelke – Gruss: Matthäus 13:17

Orgelspiel: Laury Willms

Musik: “Es Ist Ein Ros' entsprungen“

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB# 307 “O Gott, mein Gott! So wie ich dich”

Musik: “Heart of Worship”

Schriftwort: Lukas 18: 9-14, Lukas 14: 7-11

Botschaft: “ Wie hören wir die Predigt?” ~ Hans J. Wiens

Lied: GB# 312 “ Ich brauch die allezeit” V. 1-3
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Special Music for this mornings services by Erv and Becca Willms accompanied by Laury Willms

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS:**

**Please pray** for Irma Loewen who is undergoing surgery for cancer on Monday, August 16 in St. Catharines. We pray for God's healing and a sense of His love and protection.

**Continue to remember** Anneliese Belau as she continues to be cared for at home by her brothers. Pray for God's perfect peace and healing comfort.

**MEALS:** We as a church can be supportive to each other in many ways. One of the ways is to bring a meal to a family experiencing a difficult time to help ease the burden. If you are able to help when these situations arise, please call the church office and talk to Sharon or Cheryl, so we can make a list of people interested in participating in this ministry as needed.

**As you think of others** who need the tangible expression of Christ this week, make a call, or a visit - maybe even bringing a meal or a meaningful reading or scripture. You are his messengers of love and grace to each other.

## **WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:**

**Pastors Rudy & Sharon** will be out of town from August 15<sup>th</sup> (after service) until August 18<sup>th</sup> incl. Please direct any pastoral concerns to Stephen Cox.

**Peach season is here**, and we're ready to peel, slice and freeze some juicy Niagara peaches for next year's MCC Relief Sale pies. In order to accomplish this annual task, we need the help of many happy volunteers. The great Peach Event will take place on Saturday, **August 21** between **8:00 a.m. and 12 noon** at the Niagara U. M. Church kitchen and auditorium. If possible, please bring along a large bowl and a small sharp knife. For further details, please call Kathy Rempel. The more help we get, the sooner we're done!

**The Rotary Club** will be using our church parking lot on Saturday, **August 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9am-7pm for an event they are hosting at Mori Gardens as well, Friends of NDSS from 7:30pm – midnight. This has been approved by church council.

**Food Pantry** – Our pantry shelves are empty. Donations of pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned stew, hearty soup, breakfast cereal, granola bars or any other non perishable food items would greatly be appreciated. Donation baskets are at the bottom of the foyer stairs.

**Toy Drive** Our nursery is in need of some toys. If you have donations of gently loved toys please bring them to the nursery.

**AL-ANON Family Group meeting.** Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Then AL-ANON is for you. Meeting held in the Youth Room every Thursday 8:00-9:00 p.m.. Note: AL-ANON is an anonymous fellowship.

**Choir Social-** Ok all you **Choir members Praise and Worship members Easter or Christmas joiners** get ready to have a rip snorting time sending and blessing John and Kathy Rempel onto their next stage in life. No sad sacks, they have served God and our church well and are not leaving us. Be prepared to have a sharing time (or roast) as we celebrate around our fellowship table. Join us on **Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm** in the church gym. R.S.V.P. before September 5<sup>th</sup> to any of the following Martha Bartel, Sue Fast, Lani Gade or Bev Devolin.

**The 2nd Annual Men's Canoe Weekend** in Haliburton will take place on **Sept 24 to 27**. We have room for 16 people so please register with John Thiessen or Joachim Dau as soon as possible. (We will need a \$20.00 deposit to cover reservation costs)

### **JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**We are looking forward to the fall.** We have a very active primary and elementary department. The children are an absolute delight to be around. If you want to be in on the grassroots end of the church, plug into this very rewarding ministry. We are still looking for some teachers and assistants. Please contact Stephen Cox if you feel a calling to this ministry.

#### **Contract Renewal Vote –**

Pastors Rudy & Sharon Dirks' contracts with our congregation expire on December 31, 2010. We will be holding a membership vote after the church service on September 19, 2010 on whether to offer them a third term.

Rudy & Sharon have indicated that if we offer them another contract they will be taking a four month sabbatical during this next term. This has been reviewed by both Church & Spiritual Councils who support their sabbatical plan and have prepared an information package for church members.

The information package includes material that was presented at the Spring Membership Meeting and is available at the Welcome Centre, the mail area and on the church web site under the "News" tab.



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| <b>Offering will be reported next week</b>                                    |  |
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| <b>Next Week's offering (Aug. 22):</b> Missions (MC Canada Witness)           |  |
| <b>Attendance August 8, 2010:</b> German Service ~ 87 : Worship Service ~ 165 |  |

**IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:**

**Friesen Family Band in concert:** Two nights—Friday, **Aug 20, 7 pm**, Vineland United Mennonite Church, 3327 Menno St., Vineland; and Saturday, **Aug 21, 7 pm**, Scott Street Mennonite Brethren Church, 339 Scott St., St Catharines. Free admission; an offering will be taken.

**A group** of very talented youth are hosting the “Unite 4 Life Awareness BBQ and Concert” to benefit Niagara Life Centre on **Aug. 28, 6-10 pm** at 3315-9th St. Louth, St. Catharines. RSVP via Facebook Events-Unite 4 Life or email at [unite4life@hotmail.com](mailto:unite4life@hotmail.com).

**United Mennonite Home is in need of volunteers** to feed during meal times. Duties include: assisting staff to feed those not capable of eating independently and socializing to make the dining experience pleasurable. Interested candidates at least 16 years of age are encouraged to contact Angela Power, Volunteer Coordinator at (905) 562-7385 ext. 5008 or [volunteerumh@cogeco.net](mailto:volunteerumh@cogeco.net). Training will be available.

**Saturday, September 11, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m. – “A Musical Soirée”** to be held at the Vineland United Mennonite Church. Tickets \$25. Come and enjoy an evening of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Baroque Music with scrumptious desserts to follow. This fundraiser supports the Ministry of Healing Streams. A Ministry working with people in the DR of Congo, who are struggling to recover from many years of war. Tickets are limited- get yours now. Tickets are available from Rita Boldt.