



May 5th, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude Annie Schulz

Welcome Robert Dell

Call to Worship (Psalm 30)

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.
God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

**People: Where there was no way,
God leads us in a new way.**

Leader: Where there was no mercy,
God surprises us with fresh mercy.

**People: Where there was weeping,
God invites us to step into a new dance.**

Prayer

*Hymn *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing* HWB 278

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Offering/Offertory/Prayer Annie & Ester

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-6 [NT p. 127]

Song *Amazing Grace* Diana Lantin

Prayers of the People Pastor Doug

Scripture Reading John 21:1-14 [NT p. 115] Diana Lantin

*Hymn *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* (On Screen)

Sermon "AN UNLIKELY BREAKFAST GUEST" Pastor David

*Hymn of Response *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*
HWB 229 v.1,3,4

Benediction

*Sending Hymn *May the grace of Christ our Savior* HWB 423

It is good to be together in worship this morning!

The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.
Please stay for coffee fellowship after the service.

OFFERING FOR SUNDAY April 28, 2019

Income – \$4,090.00 Attendance – 57

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR May 12, 2019

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 23

John 10:22-30

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY 6:30 pm Women's Chorus

SUNDAY 9:30 am Doug Schulz, Speaker

♪ **Women's Chorus Practices**

Thursday May 9, 6:30 pm ~ *Tea & Cookies following in FR*

Bring a memory item (thought or object)

from / about your mother

Sunday May 12, 9:00 am

Sunday May 19, 9:00 am

Sunday May 26, 11:00 am

Pastor David's scheduled week off will be May 6 – 10. Two days will be spent interviewing candidates for AMBS president.

All women are invited to join the Grace Women's group as we take a tour of the Laura Secord Homestead, on the Niagara Parkway and have lunch at the Whirlpool Golf Course.

The date is Monday, May 13. Please be at the church at 9:30 am for carpooling. We need at least 4 drivers to take everyone. Check our bulletin board for more details and sign up sheet.

New Telephone number for Lyn & Ken Beckett



In your mailboxes ~ *MCEC in Ministry, Spring 2019,*

a report to MCEC congregations of our collective ministry.

Greetings Grace Family! I offer – as part of your People Care Team – friendly visits (cheerful chatting) or pastoral support (you talk, I listen and encourage.) Would you like One? Email janscats@gmail.com or phone 289-990-4839 and leave a message. Best times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Jan Steven



MCC News – Make Coins Count: The annual MCC New Hamburg Relief Sale is now in sight on our calendars at the end of this month and our coin collection will be delivered to the site as in the past. Our coin jug has again been cleared and counted. Our year-to-date count now stands at \$186.15. My calculator tells me that we need only \$13.85 to reach that nice round number of \$200. Grace can do it! p.s.: An anonymous donor has agreed to match \$13.85 if we can otherwise raise \$13.85.

Round Table Reading ~ *Christian Peacemaker Teams* Jan-Mar 2019 publication that includes Team Reports.



Intergenerational Gardening - Joanne Janzen, who runs the Preschool here at Grace invites Grace folks to interact with the children in a gardening event on May 28th at 10:00 am.

OUTREACH & INSIGHT

Saturday May 11, 7:30 pm The Theatre of the Beat, a theatre company from Kitchener Waterloo, is coming to First Mennonite, Vineland, to perform their production entitled, “Yellowbellies”. It is a drama that details the struggles of conscientious objectors during WW II. This is a relevant topic for us as Historic Peace churches. Cost of tickets is \$15, and tickets are available from Pastor Doug or Ester in the Grace Mennonite office.

Better Late Than Never – Whatever our views on “global warming”, the fact is that “climate refugees” are being created by weather pattern problems all over the world. Environmental experts predict everything from local displacement to global extinction! In April, the Unitarian Congregation of Niagara (also a participant in Bridge of Hope) took a decision to be more directly involved in challenging people (individual citizens right up to multinational corporations) to address these concerns. They will be starting a practical planning team soon, with invitation to any community group to participate. If you are interested, contact Doug Schulz. A Brainstorming Session will take place on Thursday, May 9, 7 pm at The Unitarian Congregation of Niagara (UCN), 223 Church Street, St. Catharines

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Anabaptist Heritage Concert: Sunday May 26, at 7 pm, SCUMC
Rehearsals: Tuesday May 7, 14, 21 at 7:30 pm, SCUMC

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp - Our 10th Annual Paddle the Grand fundraiser will take place next Saturday on May 11th. There will be a record 20 fundraising teams, represented by 8 different churches, paddling down the Grand River to raise funds for SLMC! Can you sponsor one of these enthusiastic teams and help them reach their goals? To donate, visit www.slmc.ca and follow the links. Your support is very much appreciated!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

... those facing health challenges and those experiencing recent and continued grief.

... each week MCEC staff pray for the faith communities within our MCEC community of congregations. Join MCEC in praying for **Kingsville-Clinton** who worship Sundays in homes in Clinton, ON.

... new MCEC Mission Minister appointment Norm Dyck beginning in 2020.

... the three Mennonite churches in Angola as they face the challenge of needing trained leaders, and the ongoing threat of being shut down for their size and for not being in line with the requirements of the government.

...Tom and Christine Poovong, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Thailand, as they ask God to show them the families with which they will live and minister at the new church plant. The Poovongs and their team will teach these disciples of Jesus to go out and preach the gospel to their villages.

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