



June 4th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Waldo Pauls

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise
for all your gifts.

***All: We worship you – our Creator, Redeemer,
and Sustainer***

Hymn *Come, thou Almighty King* HWB #41

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People Waldo Pauls

Women's Chorus *As the Wind Song through the Trees*

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16-20 [NT p.34]

Grace Singers *Praise Canon*

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a HWB #806

Meditation "What to do about the Trinity?" Mac Plunkett

Hymn of Response *Eternal Light, shine in my heart* HWB #518

Benediction (Congregation please stand)

Mac Plunkett

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

Postlude

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

[Offering plate available on table at back of sanctuary]

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday May 28th, 2023 ~ Attendance – 52

Budget offering during month of May was \$10,120.00.

Sunday, June 4th – Speaker: Jim Pankratz

Most recently Jim served at Conrad Grebel University College

Scripture Texts (Focus texts highlighted): **Genesis 11:31 – 12:6;**

Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 5:1-8; **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Coffee Time following the service

♥ Pastoral Care Team (Grace Friends)

This week your Community Chaplain brought six bears and six blankets/shawls to people in long term care homes who don't get a lot of visitors. Mary K makes the scarves and embroiders the person's name on them. She also makes up the label that says "Wrapped In love – Grace Friends." Ester has made many blankets and shawls and I thank Debbie for helping too. The teddy bears come from the MCC Thrift Store and they get a good scrubbing before being placed. The folks visited also get a "You are Beary Sweet" card and a bear-paw cookie if diet permits. You can see what our "kit" looks like in the foyer after church. Jan Steven, 289-9990-4839, janscats@gmail.com

Please hold the family of Alice (Lepp – Kopp) Thomson in your prayers. Alice died Wednesday morning. The funeral will be at Grace on Tuesday, June 6th at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be Monday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Tallman Funeral Home, Vineland.

Prayer Concerns

Please hold Theo & Francine Illunga
in your prayers.

Church Council ~ Monday, June 5th, 2:00 p.m.

♪ **Women's Chorus** ~ Thursday, June 8th, 9:30 a.m.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



From Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC)

*Each week we pray for a faith community within the MCEC of congregations. This week we pray for **17 Exploring Churches/Church Plants** who are in conversation with MCEC through the mission office. Pray for Norm Dyck, Fanosie Legesse and Michel Monette as they develop these relationships.

Days for Girls – Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Days for Girls Team is a group of people who have been sewing and distributing hygiene kits that go to women around the World. In the last year alone, they have sewn and distributed 325 complete kits plus 1200 individual components.

On Friday June 16th, they are hosting their first dinner fundraiser and silent auction. Their goal is to raise \$3,000. To help them you can donate an item for the silent auction or buy tickets and attend the dinner. **Contact Pam Pauls for more details**, to donate a silent auction item or to purchase tickets. Tickets for dinner are, Adults (age 13+) \$15, Child (age 3 to 12) \$10, Children under 3 are free.

Join author Erwin J. Wiens who will speak about his novel, *To Antoine*, an epic story about Mennonites ranging from the early Soviet era, the Nazi occupation and the Great Trek to Berlin, then Paraguay and finally, southern Manitoba.

Saturday, June 10th, 2:00 p.m.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre, Simpson Room
14 Anderson Ln, Niagara-on-the-Lake

E.J. Wiens was raised in Niagara and lives in Ottawa. Books will be available for sale at the event.

Please contact Jonathan Seiling (289-783-1762) if you are interested in a role as a reader.

Also including a 'readers theatre' performance of scenes from the novel.



A Moment for MCC – As the church and MCC work together, peace grows in Kikwit

Ever since survivors of brutal fighting in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo fled to the city of Kikwit in 2017, the Mennonite Brethren Church has been ministering to them with faith and action. The survivors came with burns, wounds from machetes and babies about to be born. They were exhausted from walking for weeks or months from various regions of neighbouring Kasai Province without much food or water. They carried emotional wounds from watching their family members and neighbours massacred in front of them.

The Communauté des Eglises de Frères Mennonites au Congo (CEFMC; Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo), which is based in Kikwit, saw their need. Individuals responded by taking people into their homes and giving clothing and food.

The CEFMC hospital staff provided medical care, and their churches became temporary shelters. But the needs were greater than CEFMC could meet alone. MCC, with the initial support of donations from global Anabaptist organizations, followed by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and MCC donors, is walking with CEFMC. Together, the local committee of CEFMC members are empowering displaced people to establish new lives in Kikwit.



Another fantastic New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (NHMRS) is over, and what a sale it was!

Over \$330,000 was raised to support relief, development, and peace around the world and here in Ontario.

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