

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

“Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves”

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Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 27 (S the J)God of the Bible

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 49 (S the S)I will come to you in the silence

Hymn # 341Jesus loves me

Children’s Timeled by Brenda Kirkland

HymnAncient Words

Scripture Reading2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Sermon ‘The ongoing task of Christian Formation’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 594Lord, you sometime speak

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 481O God, your constant care

Milestone Presentations

Prayer of Dedication for Teachers and Learners

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Week – Sept. 16

Worship Leader: Stephen Hoke

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ralph Cressman

Clean Up: Lew Weber

Financial Update:

30/52 of 2012/13 Budget: \$ 93 980.77

Budget givings to Aug 31/12: \$ 64 630.89

Shortfall: \$ 29 349.88

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Sept. 11, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Wed. Sept. 12, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Wed. Sept. 12, 7 pm. Worship Ministry Team meeting.
- Thurs. Sept. 13, 7 pm. PCRC/Personnel Ministry Team meeting.

From Christian Ed Ministry Team:

The Sunday School is supporting MCC’s relief kits for the first quarter (Sept. – Nov.). If you wish to contribute to this much needed project, monetary donations can be made through our regular offerings. Thank you.

From the Church Office:

The first draft of our next contact book has been posted (in the foyer and downstairs). Please check the entries for you and your family members and note any changes that are needed.

Interesting News:

Nith Valley has been rented next weekend for the wedding of Daniel Curwin and Elizabeth Sunrise. The service will be Saturday afternoon but there are also using the church Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. It is interesting to note that Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Gordon & Lillian Bean.

From the Wilmot Family Resource Centre:

The Food Bank has an immediate need for donations. We have run out of many of the basic food items that go into the food hampers (cereal, peanut butter, salmon, tuna, rice, Kraft Dinner). We would also be grateful for fresh produce from your gardens or a donation of money.

Dedication Prayer

Community Events:

- Sat. Sept. 15, 8-10 pm. SOSA Group (Singles ages 40s, 50s & 60s) will meet for bowling at Riverside Lanes, NH.
- Sun. Sept. 16, 7 pm. Worship Celebration for IPM 2012 at Community Christian Reformed Church (1275 Bleams Rd, Kit.)
- Sat. Sept. 22, 7 pm. Wilmot MC hosts a night at the movies, featuring 'The Gospel Road' by Johnny Cash.
- Mon. Sept. 24, 9:15 am – 4:00 pm. Hidden Acres Seniors Retreat. Cost is \$37. Pre-register by Sept. 17 by mailing your payment to the camp (1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5).
- Tues. Sept. 25, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes Annual meeting at Crosshill MC (2537 Hutchison Rd, Millbank).
- Thurs. Sept. 27, 11:30-1:30 and 5-7:30. Wilmot Family Resource Centre's Poor Boys' Luncheon at the NH Community Centre. Cost is \$8 (or \$30 for a family).
- Sat. Sept. 29, 2:30 pm. Conrad Grebel University College's Annual General meeting.
- Dec. 8. Menno Singers and Mennonite Mass Choir will present Handel's Messiah, with soloists Bethany Horst, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Chris Enns and Adrian Kramer. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 10 at First Mennonite Church. For more information, go to www.mennosingers.com

From Hidden Acres Camp:

We are looking to fill a part time, year-round housekeeping staff position. This position is for approximately 10 hours/week with an immediate start date. For more information, please contact Amanda Pot at Amanda@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

From Fairview Mennonite Home:

Our craft program is looking for 'barn boards' for various craft projects. If you would be willing to donate some, please contact Judy Bergey at 519-653-5719 X 239 or jbergey@fairviewmh.com

Prayer for Teachers and Learners

Adapted by Elsie Rempel from Carol Penner's blog

God, our Great Teacher:

At the beginning of this new school year,
hear our prayer for teachers and learners!

Give teachers compassion
to treat each learner with dignity and respect,
remembering that everyone has a story to tell.

Give teachers wisdom to be role models,
remembering that children learn more from who we are
than from what we say.

Give teachers your love that reaches out to people on the margins,
remembering that we see Jesus
in the face of the poor, the challenged, the rejected.

Give teachers strength to carry heavy loads
with patience and good-humour,
remembering that Jesus walked an extra mile
and salted his lessons with humour.

Give teachers the grace to be learners,
Remembering remembering that we journey together
and can learn most when we teach.

Give learners settled spirits
so that they find themselves embraced by your Story
Remembering our place in your Story story as well.

Give learners imagination to see your presence
in the struggles and triumphs of your people ... then and now.

Finally, give learners passion to become part of your reign,
on earth as it is in heaven. As a community we lift up our teachers and
learners to You, O Lord, knowing that You plan every divine lesson
and use every teachable moment. Amen

Sermon Notes:

The need to be a biblically-grounded people is not new, but it is important to re-ignite our commitment and our capacity to be a people of God's Word. Specifically, this means that:

1) We covenant with each other to study the Bible together and explore the biblical teachings.

2) We covenant with each other to mutually bear the burden of remaining in loving dialogue with each other in the body of Christ. We are all sinners in need of God's grace and we know that the Holy Spirit can lead us to further truth and to repentance where needed.

3) We covenant compassion and prayer for each other. (Action recommended by General Board, Mennonite Church Canada; July, 2011)

4) We covenant to take part in the ongoing search for discernment and for openness to each other.

5) We covenant with God that as we discern his will for our lives and our fellowship we will seek to obey it, through his grace and strength.