

## 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

**Pianist:** Bethany Cressman

**Chorister:** Lois Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 37 .....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 113 .....I will stand in the congregation

Call to Worship

Invocation

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading .....Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Children's Story

Hymn # 19 (S the J) .....I will call upon the Lord

Scripture Presentation – The Temptations of Jesus.....Luke 4:1-13

Sermon ..... ‘Ashamed no more’

### Turning to Jesus

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn (see insert) .....Ashamed no more

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 92 (S the J) .....Just as I am, without one plea

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 29 (SP&W) .....Shout to the North

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

### Sunday School Class

1. Youth Class

2. Young Adult Class

3. Adult Bible Study Class

4. Storytelling Elective

5. Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jackie Keller

### Location

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Office

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Karen Bearinger

### Next Sunday – February 24

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Guest Speaker: Tim Bryson

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Lyle Cressman

Clean Up: Mark Keller

Ushers: Ryan & Amber Kroetch & family

Please note: Volunteers are needed to usher in March. Please sign up on list in foyer if you can help.

### Questions for Further Reflection – Lent 1

We enter this Lenten season needing, salvation from the disgrace we suffer and the need to have our honour restored.' What are the disgraces you suffer? How do you want God to restore you?

### Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. Feb. 23, 9:00-11:00 am. Men's Breakfast with speaker Bruce Nicholson sharing his personal story, 'The modern day prodigal son.' Cost is \$10, \$5 for students.
- Sun. Feb. 24, 2:30-4:30 pm. Sunday School Field Trip to MCC (61 Kent St., Kit.) All children, youth and interested adults are invited. We will take along our Relief Kit donations, pack the kits, tour the warehouse and older students/adults can help with comforter knotting. Please confirm with Susan Cressman if you are able to attend this event so we can carpool.
- Fri. Mar. 1 & Sat. Mar. 2. Nith Valley Women's Retreat.

### From Pastor-Congregational Relations Committee (PCRC):

The PCRC is asking that everyone give thought in the coming weeks to both Affirmations and Opportunities regarding our Pastors, Matthew & Hendrike. Then, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we as PCRC will be taking 20 minutes of your classroom time to receive your feedback and one of the Pastors will record all Affirmations and Opportunities shared. This is intended to be a positive and non-stressful experience, yet deliberate and intentional in hopes of being supportive for both our Pastors and us as a congregation.

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the success of the Sunday School peace fundraiser Feb. 3. We raised **\$265!** We'll hold our second fundraiser on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Request from MCEC:**

We rejoice with Scotty Zehr (Youth Ignited Youth Minister), and his wife Jodie, as they welcomed their 4<sup>th</sup> child – a baby girl - on Jan. 28: Kanadie Mercy Raine Zehr.

**From MCC Ontario:**

The New Hamburg Thrift Centre is accepting applications for a Relief Manager position. The successful candidate will work 1-2 days per week, including Saturdays, with more hours in the summer months. Application deadline is Feb. 25. Full job description available at [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org)

**From MDS:**

MDS Ontario is partnering with MDS New York in the rebuilding phase on Staten Island, NY, as a result of Hurricane Sandy. We need short term volunteers (1-2 wks) as well as long term leaders. For more info, contact Jason Ecker at 519-562-8551 or [jasonecker@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonecker@hotmail.com). Check out the MDS Sandy Report video at <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>

**From Hidden Acres:**

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraising Bowlathon will be held on Sat. Mar. 2. This is the camp's main annual fundraising activity. The money raised will be used for Capital Projects. Please show your support for this ministry by sponsoring Dan Cressman. (Pledge sheet on bulletin board in foyer.) Thank you!

**From MCEC:**

MCEC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – April 26 and 27 at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. More info to follow.

Hey youth, guess what? It's MCEC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and that means it's time to celebrate! One of the ways that we are celebrating this special occasion is through a youth video contest. As individuals or as a group, youth from all MCEC congregations are invited to submit a 90 second video based on the theme of the celebration, 'Scattered and Sown: In every seed, a promise' (from the parable of the sower, Mark 4:1-20). Videos must be submitted by Mar. 24. Voting will take place online. Top videos will be shown at MCEC's Anniversary Weekend (Apr 26-27).

**Community Events:**

- TONIGHT, 7:30 pm. Oxford County Men of Praise concert at Peace United Church, Plattsville. Tickets \$10.
- Mon. Feb. 18, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Come for indoor and outdoor activities, including a light lunch at noon. Reserve your place by 6 pm today, [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or 519-625-8602.
- Mon. Feb. 18, noon – 4 pm. Interfaith Family Fun Fest at the NH Community Centre. (\$5 per person; \$20 per family).
- Thurs. Feb. 21, 7 pm. MCEC invites you to a free public lecture by Gordon Matties from CMU on the book of Joshua.
- Sat. Feb. 23, 6 pm. Goshen College Chamber Choir's Dinner & Concert at Steinmann MC. Dinner (MYF fundraiser) at 6:00, concert at 7:00. Reserve your place by calling 519-634-8311.
- Sun. Feb. 24, 6:30 pm. Shantz MC presents the children's musical, 'Daniel's Dangerous Dilemma.' Come and enjoy!
- Sat. Mar. 2, 6 pm. MEDA Waterloo Chapter Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. Speaker is Fait Patrick, MEDA Country Manager in Tanzania. \$35 per person. Reserve your place by Feb. 25 online at [www.meda.org/waterloo](http://www.meda.org/waterloo) or call Corina at 519-725-1633 X540.
- Sun. Mar. 2, 8 pm. DaCapo Chamber Choir presents, 'Path of Miracles,' by Joby Talbot, a musical version of the great medieval pilgrimages to the Cathedral of St. James at Santiago. Concert will be at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. Call 519-725-7459 or visit [www.dacapochoir.ca](http://www.dacapochoir.ca) (Concert will be repeated Sun. Mar. 3, 3pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo.)
- Mon. Mar. 11 **or** Tues. Mar. 12, 9:30 am – 2:45 pm. Hidden Acres Grandparent & Grandchild Days. Flyers available on coming events board.
- Apr. 12-13. Inspire Justice Conference at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly in Cambridge. Hear speakers Tony Campolo, Shane Claiborne, Dave Toyce and others as they explore ways to learn to do good, seek justice and help the oppressed. For more info on the MCEC endorsed event, visit their website [www.inspirejustice.ca](http://www.inspirejustice.ca)
- Sat. Apr. 20, 9 pm. Shalom Counselling Services 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at St. Georges Banquet Hall, Waterloo. Tickets are \$100. Reserve yours by calling 519-886-9690.