

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

Guest Speaker: Tim Bryson

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 6Here in this place

Hymn # 19Open now thy gates of beauty

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Heather Cressman

Hymn # 36God of our strength

Scripture ReadingPhilippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Sermon ‘Ashamed No More’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 586Cast thy burden upon the Lord

Confession

Words of Assurance

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Benediction

Hymn # 228Our Father who art in heaven

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: Lyle Cressman

Location

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Office

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Mark Keller

Next Sunday – March 3

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Kathryn Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman Clean Up: Judie Bowlby

Ushers: (volunteer needed)

Questions for Further Reflection – Lent 2
Have we given up hope that God will answer our prayers? Are we ashamed that our prayers have not been answered yet?

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Feb. 27, 10:00 am -12:15 pm. M.O.P.S.
- Fri. Mar. 1, 7:30 pm and Sat. Mar. 2, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Nith Valley Women’s Retreat. Cost is \$25.00.
- Mon. Mar. 4, 9:00 am – noon. Rag Cutting at NH Thrift Centre. All are welcome. Scissors supplied.
- Tues. Mar. 5, 9:30-3:30. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Sun. Mar. 10. Nith Valley Budget Meeting, during the Sunday School hour.
- Mon. May 6 & Tues. May 7. Appointment dates for the new photo directory. Watch for more info soon.

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. On Mar. 3rd, 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.

From the Church Office:

A photo directory for our church family is in the works! This spring, IPC Canada will come to take photos which will be published in book form. The photo taking dates are Mon. May 6 & Tues. May 7. Mark your calendars now and watch for more info.

From Hidden Acres:

Our 31st 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!

Community Events:

- TONIGHT, 6:30 pm. Shantz MC presents the children's musical, 'Daniel's Dangerous Dilemma.' Come and enjoy!
- Mon. Feb. 25, 1-8 pm. Blood Donor Clinic at W-O.
- Wed. Feb. 27, noon. 'Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song,' at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- 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 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.dacapochamberchoir.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 Toycen 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
- Sat. Apr. 20, 9 pm. Shalom Counselling Services 30th Anniversary Dinner at St. Georges Banquet Hall, Waterloo. Tickets are \$100. Reserve yours by calling 519-886-9690.