

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lew Weber

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 169I to the hills will lift my eyes

Hymn # 580My life flows on

Children’s Storyled by Tammy Shantz

Scripture Reading – Psalm 32 – The Joy of Forgiveness

Hymn # 551In the stillness of the evening

Sermon ‘Groaning, limp, weighed down’

Turning to Jesus

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn # 87 (SP&W)Ashamed no more

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 139Far, far away from my loving father

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Our Budget meeting will take place today in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. Children will be supervised in the downstairs classrooms by the youth. A potluck lunch will follow.

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jackie Keller

Next Sunday – March 17

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Guest Speaker: Christa Gerber

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Christa Gerber

Coffee/Juice Prep: Donna Hartzler

Clean Up: Owen Cook

Ushers: Ken & Lorrie Koch

Questions for Further Reflection – Lent 4

Are we experiencing joy? Do we have areas in our lives that we need to confess and receive forgiveness?

“God loves us not because we are lovable but because He is love, not because God needs to receive but because He delights to give.”

- C.S. Lewis

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 11, 7:30 pm. Focus Group for Women. Wilmot Healthy Community Coalition is conducting a focus group for input on how to continue to improve the health and well-being of Wilmot Township residents.
- Wed. Mar. 13, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S. (Moms and children will gather together in the basement.)
- Mon. May 6 & Tues. May 7. Appointment dates for the new photo directory. Watch for more info soon.

Easter Week at Nith Valley:

Thurs. Mar. 28 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with communion

Sun. Mar. 31 8:30 am Easter Potluck Brunch

Sun. Mar. 31 10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship Service

Community Events:

- Wed. Mar. 13, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- Tues. Mar. 12 & Wed. Mar. 13. Conrad Grebel's March Break Open House for prospective students and their parents. See poster or go to www.grebel.ca/futurestudent
- Thurs. Mar. 14 & Fri. Mar. 15, 7:30 pm. Conrad Grebel presents The Bechtel Lectures, featuring Chris Marshall from Victoria University, New Zealand. See poster for more info.
- Sat. Mar. 16, 9 am – 3 pm. Ten Thousand Villages' Warehouse Sale. See poster for more info.
- Sat. Mar. 16, 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents, Saturday Night at the Movies, featuring 'The Last Supper.'
- Sat. Mar. 23, 8 am. MCCO Meat Canning Fundraising Breakfast at Calvary United Church (48 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs). Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your tickets.
- Sat. Mar. 23, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers present J.S. Bach's Mass in G minor and the North American premiere of Jan Dismas Zelenk'a Missa Omnium Sanctorum. Concert will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N, Kit).
- Sat. Mar. 23 & Sun. Mar. 24, Conrad Grebel presents, 'Anne of Green Gables.' See poster for more info.
- Wed. Mar. 27, 6:30-7:30 pm. Community Consultation at Trinity Hall (Interfaith Offices, 23B Church St., NH). Come give your input on how Interfaith Counselling Centre and Wilmot Family Resource Centre can better serve our community.
- Fri. Apr. 5 & Sat. Apr. 6. Interfaith presents, 'Growing Through Marriage: A Marriage Preparation Course.' Please register by March 20. Call Interfaith for more info, 519-662-3092.
- Apr. 12-13 . Inspire Justice Conference at 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
- Sat. Apr. 20, 6 pm. Shalom Counselling Services 30th Anniversary Dinner at St. George's Banquet Hall, Waterloo. Tickets are \$100. Reserve yours by calling 519-886-9690.

From MCC:

The annual Heifer Sale raised \$194 465.00. With cash donations, the total for the day was over \$205 000.00! The 121 donated heifers averaged just over \$1500.00 per head. Miscellaneous items raised another \$10 040.00. First fruit giving is certainly evident as the quality of the donated heifers was top notch. Over the past 32 years, this generosity by the farm community has raised almost \$4.5 million to support the work of MCC.

From Nithview:

Many of the programs offered at Nithview would not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers. We are currently in need of volunteers to assist as: Program or Dining Assistants; Resident Companions for Outings; Friendly Visitors, etc. Whether you can spare one hour a week or a few hours per month, we would welcome you to become part of our volunteer team! For more information, please contact Sherry Ramseyer, Director of Recreation/Volunteer Programs, Nithview Community 519-662-5140 or email to sramseyer@nithview.com

No experience is necessary. Your caring presence can make a world of difference for our seniors!