

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Guest Speaker: Christa Gerber

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 115 (S the S)Beauty for Brokenness

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 2 (SP&W)Holy Lord

Children’s Storyled by Christa Gerber

Scripture ReadingPsalm 100

Hymn # 55 (SP&W).....I will Enter his Gates

Sermon ‘My Thrift Centre Learning Tour to Kenya’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 40 (S the S)We will follow

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 595In your sickness

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 26 (SP&W)We are marching

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: Stephanie Wagler

Location

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Office

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Lew Weber

Next Sunday – March 31 Easter Sunday

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Doris Brubacher

Ushers: Ken & Lorrie Koch

Easter Week at Nith Valley:

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

Sat. Mar. 30, 7 pm. The Worship Ministry Team invites you to prepare for Easter morning by watching the movie Patch Adams. How does this comedy/drama prepare us for the incredible surprise we experience on Easter Sunday?

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

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

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 25, 7 pm. Guideline Review Team Meeting with Church Council and Ministry Team members.
- Wed. Mar. 27, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Sat. Apr. 20, 9:30 am. WMCEC Spring Enrichment Day at Tavistock MC. Theme will be, ‘Wonderfully Made.’ Cost (including luncheon) is \$25, payable to WMCEC. Registration deadline is Apr. 5. See poster for more info.
- Mon. May 6 & Tues. May 7. Appointment dates for the new photo directory. Sign up sheets are now on the bulletin board in the foyer. Book your time soon!

Prayer Request

There were significant changes at Ten Thousand Villages announced this past week. Pray for Doris Zehr, Arlene Hoke and Susan Hartlzer whose employment ended immediately this past Monday as a part of the downsizing of national operations, as well as the 22 others who have lost their jobs this week. Please pray for the staff who remain and are adjusting to the enormous changes. Please pray for the ministry of Ten Thousand Villages over the past 60 years and in the years to come.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

25 Years Ago, in 1988... "We are a New Creation," was the theme of MCEC's 1st annual session, held at UMEI high school in Leamington. Joyce Lichtenberger, a musician from Welcome Inn Church in Hamilton, wowed the delegates with her song, 'Freedom in your Love.' Looking back, historian Sam Steiner says, 'MCEC had to happen! Three historic conferences, working more and more cooperatively, were spending too much energy trying not to duplicate each other.'

The Relief Sale Promotion Dinner will be held Mon. Apr. 22. Guest speakers are returned MCC workers Luke & Kaitlyn Jantzi who worked in Economic Development and Responding to War Trauma in South Sudan. Tickets are \$10 (tax receipts issued for contributions above the ticket price). Contact Judie Bowlby (519-662-1863) for tickets by Sun. Apr. 14.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is encouraging you to think about volunteering at Staten Island and bringing a group from your church along. We need volunteers to serve for one week and as well as longer in leadership positions such as project director, office manager, cook, crew leader and construction supervisor. There is much work to be done and many hands make the work lighter.

Join the **Mennos in Black FC!** If you enjoy **soccer** and are 18+ years of age, then you should consider joining the Mennos in Black. Co-ed games will take place on Tuesday evenings between May and September. For more info, contact Steven Reesor Rempel at mennosinblack@gmail.com or 519-588-53236. Please sign up by April 5.

Community Events:

- Wed. Mar. 27, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- 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 Toyden 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
- Fri. Apr. 19, 8 pm (and Sat. Apr. 20 at 2 pm and 8 pm.) MCCO present, 'Forgiven/Forgotten.' A stranger in need, a community in turmoil, an offender in their midst. A moving performance on restorative justice. More info at mcco.ca/forgiven
- Apr. 22-26. MCC's Elmira Meat Canner project at Elmira Produce Auction. Donations, volunteers and prayers are needed. To volunteer, contact Keith Martin at 519-664-1574. Also accepting orders for beef and pork to raise funds for the canner. See list at mcco.ca/events
- Fri. Apr. 26 & Sat. Apr. 27. MCEC's 25th Anniversary & Annual Church Gathering at Rockway Collegiate.
- Mon. Apr. 29. Hidden Acres Senior's Retreat, with Arthur Boers sharing on the theme, 'The Way is Made by Walking: Spiritual Hunger in Our World Today.' See brochures on bulletin board.
- Aug. 4-8. Join 40-50 other bikers on a five-day bicycle tour through New York State's beautiful Finger Lakes region and contribute to MCC's tree-planting work in Haiti. Learn more at eastcoast.mcc.org/bike