

## Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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**Worship Leader:** Lois Cressman

**Pianist:** Bethany Cressman

**Chorister:** Janna Lynn Cressman

**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 273 .....Low in the grave he lay

Hymn # 275 .....Lift your glad voices

Call to Worship

Invocation

### Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 277 .....I know that my Redeemer lives

Children's Story .....led by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 13 (SP&W) .....Alleluia, He is coming

Scripture Reading .....Matthew 28: 1-8

Sermon ..... 'Fear not! He has risen!'

### Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 278 .....Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

Benediction

Hymn # 280 .....Christ the Lord is risen today

Time of Reflection

Postlude

### Next Sunday – April 7

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Guest Speaker: Tim Bryson

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Ushers: Amzie, Doris & Sage

### Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Apr. 2, 9:00-3:00. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- 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.
- Sun. Apr. 21. Nith Valley Bible reading book club meeting. We will meet downstairs following Sunday School. Bring your lunch and be prepared to share successes and challenges as well as participating in a study of I Kings 12. We will aim to conclude by 2 pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome.
- 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!

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On April 7, we will be holding our 2nd Sunday School Peace fundraising project during the Sunday School hour. The two youngest Sunday School classes will be dismissed mid-service to make preparations for a fellowship time together in the basement following the service. We will not hold our regular adult Sunday School classes that day. Instead, everyone is invited to join us in the basement and purchase items to enjoy with coffee/juice or to take home. Our theme is Spring & Earth Day! Please support our children to raise money for Bolivian street children.

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### MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

20 Years Ago, in 1993... MCEC chose the theme, 'In Days to Come: A Word of Newness,' to mark our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That spring, more than 2000 people attended a Mission Festival, including worship, displays, and a sampling of the culture and cuisine of 8 ethnicities within MCEC. A photo report exclaimed, 'God has brought a richly diverse group of people together to form one conference, whose chief mandate is to make the Good News of God's Love known in our world.'

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- Tues. Apr. 2, 6:30-8:00 pm. Interfaith presents, 'Kids Have Stress Too!' Come to Baden Public School for this free workshop. Childcare provided (register at 519-662-3092)
- 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.
- Tues. Apr. 9, 6:30 pm. MSCU's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at Steinmann MC.
- Thurs. Apr. 11. Rockway Fundraising Dinner, featuring James Seyler, Foreign Service Officer with the Canadian Government and Rockway Grad, Class of '96. Tickets are \$80 and available at 519-342-0007 X 3012 or office@rockway.ca
- Fri. Apr. 12, 7:30 pm. Benjamin Eby Lecture at Conrad Grebel, featuring Leonard Enns, 'How Can I Keep from Singing.'
- Apr. 12-13 . Inspire Justice Conference at the 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)
- 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](http://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](http://mcco.ca/events)
- Fri. Apr. 26 & Sat. Apr. 27. MCEC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Annual Church Gathering at Rockway Collegiate.
- Sat. Apr. 27, 9 am – 4 pm. Interfaith's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Giant Silent Auction at the Wilmot Rec Centre. See poster for more info.
- Sat. Apr. 27, 7 pm. Leonard Enns' Finale, 'Songs For This Day,' will be performed at The Historic Sharon Temple (18974 Leslie St, Sharon, Ontario). Admission by donation.

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