

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Guest Speaker: Tim Bryson

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Scripture VignetteJohn 20: 11-18

Time of Anticipation – Hymn # 25Jesus, stand among us

Scripture VignetteJohn 19: 19-23

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 14 (SP&W)There is a Redeemer

(Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church in the basement.)

Scripture VignetteJohn 20: 24-31

Sermon ‘What now?’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 74 (SP&W).....In Christ Alone

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 101 (S the S)The Risen Christ

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 570We walk by faith

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – April 14

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Doug Bowlby

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

Ushers: Amzie, Doris & Sage

Next Sunday Lois Cressman will begin a new Sunday School Elective, ‘Please Pass the Faith - the Art of spiritual Grandparenting’. This is an elective for all who are interested in nurturing the faith of children and youth whether you are a biological grandparent or a surrogate grandparent. If you have questions, please speak to Lois.

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. Annual Reports Deadline. Email yours to the church office or place a paper copy in Carolyn’s mailbox.
- 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!

TODAY, 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 today. 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.

From Pastor-Congregational Relations Committee (PCRC):

Our committee continues to meet regularly. Our role is to care for the relationship between our congregation and pastors. We wish to encourage and facilitate open communication, sharing both affirmations and concerns. Please feel free to approach any of the PCRC members: Brenda Kirkland, Lois Cressman, Tricia Cressman, Pastor Matthew, Pastor Hendrike or Terry Keller.

Financial Update:

9/52 of budge	\$28,505.77
Givings to Mar 31/13:	<u>\$18,780.00</u>
Shortfall:	\$ 9,725.77

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

15 years ago in 1998...

MCEC celebrated our 10th anniversary on Palm Sunday weekend at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. Over 1000 persons were baptized in MCEC congregations during our first decade. According to Mary Burkholder, MCEC executive secretary from 1992-97, "MCEC is us, the people – individuals, congregations, clusters. We are the core, the beating heart and life-blood of MCEC."

Community Events:

- Tues. Apr. 9, 6:30 pm. MSCU's 49th 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

- Fri. Apr. 19, 7 pm. SOSA (Single or Single Again) will meet at Tim Horton's in Baden for a Car Rally. Bring a flashlight, digital camera or camera phone. Tickets to Fiddler on the Roof will be available that evening, or at Steinmann's.
- 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
- Sat. Apr. 20. 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents the movie, 'Lost and Found Family.' See poster for more info.
- 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.
- Sat. Apr. 27, 9 am – 4 pm. Interfaith's 26th 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.
- 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