

**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:** Susan Cressman

**Chorister:** Lois Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Hymn # 517 .....Open my eyes, that I may see
- Hymn # 143 .....Amazing grace!
- Children’s Story .....led by Heather Cressman
- Scripture Reading .....Acts 9: 1-9
- Hymn # 5 (S the J) .....Come and be light for our eyes
- Scripture Reading .....Acts 9: 10-20
- Sermon ..... ‘What now?’

**Turning to Jesus**

- Hymn # 511 .....God, who touches earth
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go With the Spirit**

- Hymn # 1 (SP&W) .....Shine, Jesus, Shine
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

**Sunday School Class**

1. Youth Class
  2. Young Adult Class
  3. Adult Bible Study Class
  4. Elective – ‘Please Pass the Faith’
  5. Discussion Class
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Doug Bowlby

**Location**

- Balcony
- Sanctuary
- Library
- Downstairs Hall
- Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

**Next Sunday – April 21**

- Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson
- Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler
- Children’s Story Leader: Carolyn O’Krafka
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephen Hoke
- Ushers: Amzie, Doris & Sage
- Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender
- Chorister: Lew Weber
- Clean Up: Susan Hartzler

Today, Lois Cressman begins 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.

A big thank for supporting our children at the Peace Project Fundraiser last Sunday, April 7. We raised \$358.56 to bring our total to date for this MCC project to \$623.56! This has well exceeded our expectations and we still have one more day to fund raise on June 2. Thank you for purchasing items at the bake sale and for the fun social time together. Great job children; the children of Bolivia will appreciate the opportunity to receive an education because of your efforts!

**Calling all plant lovers!** The NH Thrift Centre will be accepting donations of perennial plants starting April 22 (until the end of May) as a fundraiser for MCC. If you have plants to share, please drop them off during our regular business hours. We are also in need of 6”-8” plastic pots. For more info, call 519-662-2867 or visit [www.newhamburgthrift.com](http://www.newhamburgthrift.com)

**Nith Valley Annual Meeting** will be held Sun. May 5, during the Sunday School hour. All are invited to attend. Supervision will be provided for children. A potluck lunch will follow. See you there!

## Nith Valley Events:

- 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!
- Sat. May 11. Bus Trip to Niagara Region. The bus will leave the church at 10:00am. The day will include a tour of a Vineyard, a visit to the Botanical Gardens and the Falls. We will stop for dinner on the way home. A deposit of \$25 is required when signing up. The anticipated cost is approximately \$40 plus dinner. Sign up sheets are up and sign up needs to occur by April 28th. Please pay Lorrie, Jackie or Debbie your deposit.

### MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

*10 years ago in 2003...*

MCEC's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme invited us to "Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you..." (2 Tim. 2:6). A Peace Mug was given to the family of George Weber of Hanover-Chesley Mennonite Church to recognize his ministry of peace. He died on Jan. 6, 2003 as the result of an auto accident near Basra, Iraq, while on a Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation. After the presentation, MCEC delegates rose for a moment of silence and prayer.

"Vote today for your favourite youth video! MCEC Youth Video contest is currently in the voting stage with a winner to be officially announced at the MCEC Annual Church Gathering. Visit [www.mcec.ca](http://www.mcec.ca) and follow the link to the Youth Video Contest to cast your vote. Voting closes April 20, 2013. A great way to support the youth of MCEC."

**From MDS: HAYEAST:** Did you know MDS has delivered nearly 2 million lbs of hay to farmers affected by the drought in Ontario? Did you know that we are inviting FAMILIES to participate in building cabins at a church camp in Alberta this summer? Did you know MDS still needs volunteers through the summer to serve in Staten Island, New York? Call the Winnipeg office for more information 866-261-1274.

## Community Events:

- 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)
- Sat. Apr. 20, 10 am – 10 pm. Papercrafting Fundraiser Event to support MYF trip to Mennonite USA conference this summer. Learn to scrapbook or make cards. Cost is \$40 (includes 2 meals, snacks, prizes and supplies). Register by emailing [firedup@kw.igs.net](mailto:firedup@kw.igs.net) or call 519-634-8712.
- 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](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.
- Sat. May 11. Hidden Acres 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Hockey Tournament for those 18+. Cost is \$150/team. Register by May 6 by emailing [roadhockey@gmail.com](mailto:roadhockey@gmail.com). Brochures available on bulletin board.
- Sat. May 11, 8 pm. Menno Singers present, 'Gospel,' a fun evening of gospel style music with Menno Youth Singers and congregational participation. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students/children & available at MSCU.