

**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:** Bonnie Stemmler

**Chorister:** Lew Weber

**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 89 .....For the beauty of the earth

Hymn # 523 .....Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Call to Worship

Invocation

**Hearing God’s Word**

Hymn # 156 .....All things bright and beautiful

Children’s Story .....led by Carolyn O’Krafka

Hymn # 22 (SP&W) .....God sees the little sparrow fall

Scripture Reading .....John 1: 1-4, John 3:16-17

Sermon ..... ‘Living More with Less’

**Turning to Jesus**

Hymn # 541 .....How clear is our vocation, Lord

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go With the Spirit**

Hymn # 10 (S the J) .....Spirit, working in creation

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: Stephen Hoke

**Location**

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Susan Hartzler

**Next Sunday – April 28**

Worship Leader: Judie Bowlby

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Sage Kelly

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth Cressman

Ushers: Amzie, Doris & Sage

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Clean Up: Kathryn Cressman

**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!

**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)

Get involved at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale this year – May 24 & 25! Register for the 5K Run or 2K Walk of the Run for Relief. Or, if you are a musician, volunteer to provide some live music on our music stage. And volunteers are still needed for setup/cleanup and supporting our environmental efforts. We also would like to remind you to start your plant cuttings and bulbs for the Sale. Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found our website [www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com) or email [johnreimer@sentex.ca](mailto:johnreimer@sentex.ca).

### **Guideline Review Team (GRT) Update:**

The GRT has been meeting since October 2012 using a process developed in consultation with two MCEC resource persons and church council. The process is based upon the identified "...need to review and update the church guidelines so that they better reflect the congregation's present/future intentions and the structure that will serve these intentions and engage the next generation of leaders and congregants."

The first step has been to update and simplify Part A: Declaration and Intentions. This has been slow and important process as our vision, mission and values are the core upon which our structure is build. Draft 1 and Draft 2 were tested with council, Draft 3 was shared at the budget meeting, tested with a small group on March 28 and has been posted at church. **Draft 4 is now posted** at church look it over and please over feedback to GRT members (Richard, Mark, Gloria, Lara and Matthew). The plan **is to adopt this** as our Declaration and Intentions at the May 5 annual meeting as it will serve as our base as we begin to reflect on our current structure.

### **Nith Valley Events:**

- TODAY. Annual Reports Deadline. Email yours to the church office or place a paper copy in Carolyn's mailbox.
- TODAY. Nith Valley Bible Reading Book Club meets following the Sunday School hour. We will begin our meeting in the lower auditorium following our lunch. If you did not bring a lunch, you may still join us as we will begin somewhere between 12:30-12:45 pm. We will aim to conclude by 2 pm.
- Wed. Apr. 24, 9:15-11:15. M.O.P.S.
- 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.

### **Community Events:**

- 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. Special Worship Service on Saturday at 2:00 pm. (Registration not necessary for those attending only the worship service.)
- Fri. Apr. 26 & Sat. Apr. 27. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Well Festival at Wilmot Rec Complex. Visit [www.wilmothealthycommunities.org](http://www.wilmothealthycommunities.org) for a complete schedule of the free events being offered for all ages.
- 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.
- Tues. Apr. 30, 3-9 pm. MWC needs volunteers to stuff envelopes at Rockway MC (32 Weber St. W, Kitchener). Come for part of all of the time. Call Kristen at 519-571-0060 or email [KristenHines@mwc-mcc.org](mailto:KristenHines@mwc-mcc.org) to reserve your place.
- Sun. May 5, 2:30-4:30 pm. Detweiler Meetinghouse presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Chorus Gospel Sing. Freewill offering.
- Sun. May 5, 4 pm. Vesper Worship Service at St. Jacobs MC. Freewill offering towards Woolwich Community Services.
- 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, 5:30 pm. Ken-ya Smell What's Cooking? Join us West Hills Fellowship at Steinmann MC for fellowship, a Kenyan meal and to hear about P.A.C.E. Ministries in Kenya. For tickets, call 519-634-4993. \$10/adults; \$25/family of 3+.
- 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.
- Tues. May 14, 7 pm. Rockway Collegiate Information Night. For more info or to RSVP, go to [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) or call 519-743-5209.