

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman **Chorister:** Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 97 (S the J)The Lord is my light

Hymn # 176Comfort, comfort, O my people

Children’s Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 389Take my life

Scripture ReadingLuke 7: 36-50

Sermon ‘Forgiveness opens up the future’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 63 (S the S)God, fill my now

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 433Go, my children

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: Janet Cressman

Location

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Nursery

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Lyle Cressman

Next Sunday – June 23

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Ushers: Kevin & Janet Cressman and family

Coffee/Juice Prep: Owen Cook

Clean Up: Ken Koch

Next Sunday, we will be holding closing celebrations for our Christian Education year. As part of this day, we will be holding a **BBQ** for the noon lunch. Hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream bars will be provided. Please bring **potluck salads** to add to the festivities. Hope to see you there.

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. June 19, 7 pm. Church Council.
- Wed. June 19, 9 pm. Nith Valley Jays vs East Zorra Expos at Tavistock (Queens).
- Sun. June 23. End of Year BBQ will follow Sunday School.

Matthew and Hendrike will be on holidays with their family in Germany leaving on June 28 and returning on July 26. During this time, please contact Lois for care concerns and Carolyn for administration questions. Doug Synder will be on call for pastoral support (crisis or funeral) to support the elders the first week (June 29-July 5) and Gord Alton the second to fourth weeks (July 6 – July 26). We are grateful for their willingness to support us if a need arises.

This summer Nith Valley will be holding a “Library Awareness and Reading Challenge.” The ultimate goal is to encourage increased awareness and use of the library by all members, young and not so young. For the months of July and August everyone is encouraged to visit the library and peruse its literary offerings and hopefully take out and read at least one and hopefully multiple books. Recognition will be provided to all participants, including the acknowledgement of exceptionally well-read individuals. For more details, please speak to Stephanie Wagler or Susan Cressman.

From Property and Finance Ministry Team:

Summer is coming and so are a variety of worship experiences. There will be some Sundays when offerings will not be collected at Nith Valley. Please consider giving post-dated cheques, mailing your offering directly to Andy or setting up a direct deposit. Any questions relating to offerings can be directed to Andy. Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared ministries.

Community Events:

- Thurs. June 20, 6 pm. MCC's Annual General Meeting at Living Faith Community Church (530 Victoria Ave, Chatham). Find more info online at www.mcco.ca/agm
- Sat. June 22, 9 am. Out-Spok'n III Bike-a-thon to support MennoHomes Inc. Plan to ride 5,7,10,14, 21 or 28 km. Starting point is Elmira MC. See poster for more info.
- Sat. June 22, 1:30-3:30 pm. MennoHomes Open House at 11 Ratz St., Elmira.
- Sat. June 22, 2-4 and 6:30-8:00 pm. Nithview Community Strawberry Social in the Auditorium.
- Sun. June 23, 2:30-4:30 pm. Detweiler Meetinghouse presents, "Leaving Eden: An Afternoon of Poetry and Music." The event will feature poetry by Cheryl Denise, as well as music by the band No Discernible Key. A freewill offering will be received.
- Tues. June 25, 5:30-7:30 pm. Pork BBQ Dinner Mission Trip Fundraiser at Living Water Fellowship. Adults \$12, children \$8. For more info or to reserve tickets, call 519-662-3300.
- Fri. June 28 – Sun. June 30. Hidden Acres Family Camping weekend. Pitch a tent, park a trailer or book a cabin. Brochures available on bulletin board in coat room. Reserve your space by calling 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca
- Sat. June 29-Sun. June 30. Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing and special music. Sunday, 10:45 Anniversary Service, with former pastor, Karen James Abra, as speaker and special music. Fellowship meal and sharing of memories following. Please pass the message to any interested people. Contact if you plan to come for meal or for more information: 519-232-4425 e-mail: nmc@isp.ca www.nairn.on.ca.mennonite.net
- Wed. July 3. WO Youth Unlimited Golf Tournament at Foxwood. Cost is \$150. For more info or to register, contact Dustin 519-662-1830, dustin_VanVouwelingen@wrdsb.on.ca