

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 13Blessed Jesus, at your word

Children's Story

Hymn # 332Blessed assurance

Scripture ReadingLuke 12: 32-40

Sermon 'Is your lamp lit?'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 324Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 353Lord, listen to your children

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 433Go, my children

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – August 18

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Aug. 12, 7:30 pm. Worship Ministry Team meeting.
- Mon. Aug. 26. Blood Donor Clinic at WO. We are hosting this event and will need volunteers at noon & evening for set up and take down, as well as help to serve refreshments during the afternoon and evening. Sign up sheet will be posted Aug 11. Questions can be directed to Donna H.

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.

The Personnel Committee is requesting prayer support in seeking God's “nudging” for anyone who might consider offering their gifts and talents to serve our church, as a Member on the Christian Education Ministry Team. If you sense God's calling to serve the church in this manner, please contact either Terry Keller (Personnel Ministry Team) or Susan Cressman (Christian Education Ministry Team).

Additionally, if anyone is feeling God's call to serve in areas “not” specifically named on our current slate, we of course most certainly will welcome your sharing of gifts and talents at Nith Valley. Simply speak to any of the Personnel Ministry Team. (Pastors Matthew & Hendrike - Tricia C. - Brenda K. - Lyle C. - Mark K. - Terry K.)

It's that time of year to think about our Christian Ed teaching schedule for the fall. Please speak with Hendrike or Susan Cressman if you can contribute by teaching any of the classes - children, youth, adult. For those that have already agreed to teach in the upcoming year, thank you. You don't need to be an experienced teacher to participate in this way - anyone that volunteers will be assigned a rewarding role in our Sunday School program. Thank you for considering this important task in our church.

We have been invited to join Hillcrest Mennonite Church on Friday, October 4 for a luncheon boat cruise on the Grand River from Caledonia. Transportation will be provided by coach bus. Cost is \$70/person. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jackie Keller.

Elaine B. Cressman has moved to Nithview. Her new contact information is: 200 Boullee St. New Hamburg, ON N3A 2K4 519-662-5232. Please update your directories.

Do you have old/used greeting cards - (Christmas, Birthday or Anniversary) that you would like to recycle because they are so pretty. Joanna Ropp has a place where she gives them - minus written words for sale at a Thrift Shop for Scrap-booking. Please bring them to church and a box/basket will be in lobby to receive any that you have. Questions speak to Donna H.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

This month 19 years ago... Sunday School teachers across MCEC received the much-anticipated Jubilee children's curriculum in preparation for its use in September. Jubilee featured a lovely box of wooden story figures to enliven the telling of Bible stories. Gather Round replaced Jubilee in 2006. Next year, a new Anabaptist curriculum - Shine: Living in God's light - will be launched.

Community Events:

- Fri. Aug. 16, 7:00 p.m. SOSA Group meets for Cruise Night. Meet at Tim Horton's to car pool downtown.
 - Sat. Aug. 24, 9:30-3:30 pm. 5th annual All Day Sacred Harp Singing at the Detweiler Meetinghouse, featuring the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp*. Loaner books are available. Bring food to share (no warming facilities available). For more info, contact Gillian Inksetter at gillian@inksetter.com
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From Mennonite Disaster Services:

Staten Island, NY. Thank to the incredible efforts of MDS Ontario, rebuilding on Staten Island is moving along very well. We are grateful that 262 Canadian volunteers have served on this project since it began in March. If you are interested in volunteering in NY in the fall, please call 1-866-261-1274.