

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: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman **Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Time of Anticipation
Call to Worship
Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 26Holy Spirit, come with power
Children’s Story
Hymn # 46I sing the mighty power of God
Scripture ReadingLuke 12: 49-56
Sermon ‘Peace? No! Division.’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 23 (S the J)Slowly turning, ever turning
Offering
Announcements
Hymn # 558When the storms of life are raging
Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 425Come, come ye saints
Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Next Sunday – August 25

5:00 pm Potluck and Outdoor Service at Nith Valley

Things to bring: dishes, cups and cutlery; salads/fingerfoods or chips;
lawnchairs; warm clothes if cool out; weiner roaster
sticks; kids could bring flashlights.

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. See sign up sheet in foyer. 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.

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 week 23 years ago...

Silver Lake Mennonite camp recorded its first staff music tape at 'Silver Lake Studios' otherwise known as the dining hall. The pantry was repurposed as the sound booth. Jen McTavish recalls that they recorded from noon to midnight on a Saturday, the day off between campers. Songs ranged from House at Pooh Corner to All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. They sold 750 copies to benefit the campership fund.

Community Events:

- 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