

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: Kathryn Cressman

Music Leaders: Worship Band **Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

Prelude
Hymn # 9 (S the J)Come, now is the time to worship
Hymn # 6 (SP&W)How great thou art
Welcome & Call to Worship
Prayer
HymnBless the Lord
Hymn # 21 (SP&W)Shout to the Lord
Children’s Story led by Carolyn O’Krafka
Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-45
Sermon ‘True Friends’
Hymn # 398I love to tell the story
Milestone Ministry
Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church
Hymn # 33 (S the S)Jesus, be the centre
Hymn # 49 (S the J)Rain down
Benediction
Postlude

Sunday School Class

- 1. Preschool & Primary (age 2-gr. 3)
 - 2. Intermediate (gr. 4-7)
 - 3. Youth Class
 - 4. Young Adult Class
 - 5. Adult Bible Study Class
 - 6. Discussion Class
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Ken Koch

Location

- Downstairs
- Balcony
- Pastors’ Office
- Sanctuary
- Library
- Downstairs Hall
- Clean Up: Debbie Wall

We are pleased to publish the banns of marriage for Bethany Cressman and Ross Ruby. They will be married at 3:00 pm on September 14 at Cressler Creek. We wish Bethany and Ross God’s blessing as they begin their married life together.

We rejoice with Amanda Cressman and Bryan Peters on the birth of their daughter Maisie Adeleine on September 3. May God richly bless them as they raise Maisie.

Next Sunday – September 15

Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender
Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
Children’s Story Leader: Doris Brubacher
Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth Cressman Clean up: Lloyd Fretz

Volunteers needed to usher for our worship services. Please add your name to the sign up list in the lobby if you are able to help.

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Sept. 10, 9:00-3:00 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Wed. Sept. 11, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Fri. Sept. 20, 7:00 pm. Calling all Nith Valley youth and their parents! Come out for an evening of fun and conversation as we explore together our hopes and dreams for youth at Nith Valley this coming year.

Message from the Pastors:

Again this year Matthew will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hendrike will be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays. In the office means we will be working on Nith Valley activities. However, this is not always at the physical church office. We could be away from the church, in meetings, visiting or working from home, so if you wish to meet with us please call before coming to the church.

We can always be reached at the church number or the church email address. Furthermore, you should feel free to call us at home if you need to consult or have a pastoral concern you wish to share.

May God continue to bless us all at Nith Valley as we seek to connect, nurture and grow together as followers of Jesus' way.

From the Fellowship Ministry Team:

On Saturday September 28th, we are planning a fun filled afternoon at Birtch Farms for everyone! Birtch Farms is located just north of Woodstock, Ontario in a beautiful country setting. The farm offers many experiences such as pumpkin picking in an authentic pumpkin patch, apple picking, a children's playground with pedal karts, slides, as well as a small corn maze. There is also a bakery, a winery and a Lunch Cafe on site.

There is no admission fee to the farm, but if there is enough interest for the Wagon Ride and the Adventure Playground activities, the rate per person is be \$8 each. Children under 2 are free.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board and a few maps will be posted as well. If you have internet access the website is <http://birtchfarms.com/>. If you have any questions, let Debbie Wall know or any other member of the Fellowship Ministry Team.

Sunday, September 15 will mark the end of the 'Library Awareness and Reading Challenge.' Please add up the number of books you read from the church library over the summer. Following the church service, we will celebrate with refreshments and recognition to participants. This will also be a time to check out the new location for the church library in the basement.

Sunday School refreshment lists are in your mailboxes today. Please make note of which dates you are responsible for helping with this important task. Thank-you to all the "volunteers" for the upcoming year!

From Christian Education Ministry Team:

We are trying something new for the two youngest classes (Preschool & Primary). Children ages 2 to gr. 3 will be dismissed from the worship service after the sermon. During this time they will have organized activities in the basement or outside if weather permits. One parent of the children in these classes is asked to help to supervise this time each week, along with two assigned teachers. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer for parents and volunteers to help. We hope this will provide an opportunity to have the children gather as a group and to also assist parents when children prefer to be more active. After this activity time, they will resume their regular classes for the remainder of the Sunday School time.

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.

Menno Youth Singers is looking for singers (ages 14-22) to come join us and our new director Janna Lynn Cressman for fun, friends and music! MYS is part of the Menno Singers family of choirs. We practice on Wednesdays from September to May at Stirling Ave. Get more info on our website: <http://www.mennosingers.com/mys/>

Community Events:

- Sept. 20-22. Men's Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp with resource person Chip Bender and chef Dave Lobe. Call 519-422-3200 for info or to register.
- Sat. Sept. 21, 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents the movie, 'Rust.'
- Sun. Sept. 22, 2:30-4:30 pm. Fourth Annual Contemporary Music Sing from Sing the Journey and Sing the Story at Detweiler Meetinghouse. Freewill offering.
- Tues. Sept. 24, 6 pm. FIDA Annual Fall fundraising Dinner & Concert for Haiti, featuring Michael Toby, at Floradale MC. Tickets are \$30 (adults) and \$15(12 & under). Contact Alexis at 519-886-9520 or alexis.barkman@fida-pch.org for tickets.
- Tues. Sept. 24, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes Annual General Meeting at Tavistock MC.
- Sat. Sept. 28, 11:00-1:00. C3: Connecting and Celebrating the Community of Women and Girls Brunch, with keynote message from Wanda Wagler-Martin. Tickets are \$25. More info from www.rockway.ca
- Sat. Sept. 28. 3:00-4:30 pm. Book Launch at St. Jacob's MC for Sue Steiner's 'Flowing with the River: Soundings from my Life and Ministry.'
- Sun. Sept. 29, 7 pm. Benefit concert for Benin Bible Institute's Agricultural Project at St. Jacobs MC.

From MennoHomes:

We are pleased to announce that Dan Driedger, currently the Resource Development Director with Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, will assume the role of Executive Director on October 1st. We have been truly blessed with the inspirational leadership of Martin Buhr and we are encouraged by the abilities, talents and gifts of Dan Driedger who will give leadership to the next chapter of the story of MennoHomes. Please join with us in a moment of gratitude for God's guidance and leading in these days.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years:***This week 9 years ago...***

The Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church began meeting for public worship in northwest Toronto, with a desire to expand the Christian peace witness among the large Laotian community (mostly Buddhist) there. Church member Matthew Sou has said: "I go to a Mennonite church because I want my daughters to grow up and learn the way of Jesus Christ's peace. In my home country I have experienced war and war does not work."

From Mennonite Savings and Credit Union:

MSCU is currently seeking a Database Analyst at our Head Office. For more information visit www.mscu.com or see the job posting on the church bulletin board. Interested persons should send their resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Mennonite Savings and Credit Union, 1265 Strasburg Rd., Kitchener, ON N2R 1S6 or by email: talent@mscu.com

From the New Hamburg Thrift Center:

The New Hamburg Thrift Centre is now collecting school kit items for Mennonite Central Committee. School kits are MCC's most-requested item. Notebooks and pencils become treasures to families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits are also given to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. They are frequently requested after natural disasters. MCC sends school kits to places including Iraq, Nicaragua, North Korea and to poorly funded schools in Canada and the United States. See bulletin board for more info.