

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: Gloria Richardson

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

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Prelude
 Welcome
 Time of Anticipation
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Hymn # 6Here in this place
 Children’s Story led by Doris Brubacher
 Scripture Reading John 8:2-11
 Hymn # 136From the depths of sin
 Scripture Video
 Sermon ‘A thick story of radical inclusion’
 (children ages 2 – grade 3 leave for Sunday School)
 Hymn # 145There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
 Offering
 Announcements
 Hymn # 62 (S the S)Create in my a clean heart
 Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church
 Hymn # 430God be with you
 Benediction
 Time of Reflection
 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: Ruth Cressman

Location

- Downstairs
 Balcony
 Pastors’ Office
 Sanctuary
 Library
 Downstairs Hall
 Clean Up: Lloyd Fretz

Next Sunday – September 22

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth Cressman

Clean up: Lloyd Fretz

Ushers: (volunteer needed)

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Sept. 18, 7 pm. PCRC Meeting.
- Thurs. Sept. 19, 7 pm. Pastoral Ministry Team meeting at the Isert Bender home.
- 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.
- Wed. Sept. 25, Church Council meeting.
- Sat. Sept. 28. Join the Nith Valley family for an afternoon at Birtch Farms (north of Woodstock). Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Questions? Talk to Debbie Wall or another member of the Fellowship Ministry Team.
- Fri. Oct. 4. Join with Hillcrest MC participants for a luncheon boat cruise on the Grand River from Caledonia. Transportation provided by coach bus. Cost is \$79/person. Talk to Jackie Keller if you are interested or have questions.

From Christian Education Ministry Team:

Children from ages 2 to Gr 3 will be dismissed from the worship service after the sermon. A signup sheet is posted in the foyer for parents to volunteer to help supervise this time each week and provide snack for 12-15 children. Please signup when you are able to help in this way. Thank you.

Financial Update:

32/52 of Budget	\$101,353.84
Givings to Sept 8/13	<u>\$ 76,757.39</u>
Shortfall	\$24,596.45

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, 2:30 pm. Conrad Grebel's Annual General Meeting, in the Great Hall. <http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events>
- 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.
- Tues. Oct. 1. Seniors' Retreat at Hidden Acres, with speaker Sue Steiner. Please register by September 23rd. For more information contact the camp at 519-625-8602 or visit our website at www.hiddenacres.ca

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years...

This fall 6 years ago...

Mike Wiebe, pastor of Milverton Mennonite Fellowship, participated in MCEC's first ever Transitioning into Ministry (TiM) group. Mike now says of his three-year experience: "TiM is absolutely essential to pastors new to ministry. It aided in fortifying my call to ministry; it helped me establish patterns for self-care; and it provided much needed opportunities to obtain coaching for a multitude of issues which cannot possibly be addressed in seminary."

From Conrad Grebel:

On **Saturday, October 5**, the Institute for Worship and the Arts of Conrad Grebel University College presents a morning with John Bell of the Iona Community. John will present a workshop called **"Doing Worship Differently: renewing congregational worship at the grass-roots level."** Registration 8:30-9 a.m. Workshop in the Grebel Chapel, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a refreshment break at 11 a.m. Cost \$35. Please pre-register by contacting Alison Enns at aenns@uwaterloo.ca or 519-885-0220 x24217. John will also be leading **"Singing with the Global Church"** at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Friday, October 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$10. For tickets call Knox Presbyterian Church at 519-886-4150 x225, or email terry.english032@gmail.com