

## 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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**Pianist:** Bonnie Stemmler                      **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman  
**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 94 .....Come, ye thankful people

Hymn # 96 .....We plow the fields and scatter

### Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story ..... led by Heather Cressman

Hymn # 98 .....Sing to the Lord of harvest

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Reflections on our emerging Vision, Mission & Values .....  
Ken Cressman & Arlene Hoke

### Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 545 .....Be thou my vision

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 427 .....You shall go out with joy

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

### Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Primary (ages 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: Jesse Cressman

Clean up: Wayne Eckstein

### Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors’ Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

### Next Sunday – October 20

Worship Leader: Lara Shantz

Guest Speaker: Linda Brnjas

Music Leaders: Worship Band

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jesse Cressman

Clean up: Wayne Eckstein

Ushers: Wayne & Doris Zehr

### Nith Valley Events:

- Sun. Oct. 20, noon-2:00. Bible Study Book Club. (see below)
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat. Reserve the date and watch for more info.

The Bible study book club that met in the past will meet again on October 20th. We will meet after Sunday School in the lower level. Following lunch we will share any issues that we have had in our Bible reading--both positive and negative. We will aim to dismiss by 2 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us whether or not they have participated in previous sessions. Bring your lunch and your Bible. Our study will be based on I Corinthians 8. Who are the weak and what issues do we encounter today that would fall in to the category described in this chapter?

### From the Church Office:

The photo directory is in the works! This past week, we received a proof copy. We are looking it over and will soon be sending it back with our corrections. They estimate an 8 week wait for the finished product, which means we should receive them right around Christmas. Thank you for your patience with this big project!

### **From the Pastors' Office:**

So you know, on a typical week, Matthew is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hendrike is 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.

### **MCEC Celebrates 25 Years - *This fall 20 years ago...***

MCEC staff prepared to vacate their offices on New Dundee Road. Some moved into one of the houses MCEC purchased on King St. E.; others occupied temporary offices at Stirling Ave. or Waterloo-Kitchener UM church until renovations were finished. Ester Neufeldt, MCEC Operations Minister, "vowed I wouldn't move again!" Now, 20 years later, she looks forward to all staff settling into one space in the MCC building at 50 Kent, together with other Mennonite agencies.

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### **From MCC:**

Join us for MCC Ontario's Fall Conference at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Saturday, November 9. Please read the flyer that was in your mailbox today. Register by Nov. 5 by calling 519-745-8458 or 1-800-313-6226 or online at [mcco.ca/fallconference2013](http://mcco.ca/fallconference2013)

Open House at the new 50 Kent! Join us for a time of celebration at 50 Kent Avenue on Saturday, November 9, 3-5 pm (dedication celebration at 3:30 pm). For more info, go to [mcco.ca/openhouse](http://mcco.ca/openhouse)

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### **From CMU:**

Ancient Stones, Living Stones: The Holy Land in Perspective. Join CMU Professor Gordon Matties on his eighth study tour to the Holy Land (April 28-May 19, 2014). Register now; space is limited. For details, see [cmu.ca/studytour](http://cmu.ca/studytour)

### **Community Events:**

- Thurs. Oct. 17, 7:30-8:30 am. Join MEDA at the Stone Crock with speaker Betty Pries. <http://www.meda.org/waterloo>
- Fri. Oct. 18, 6 pm. House of Friendship's Fundraising Dinner at Steinmann MC. See poster for more info.
- Sat. Oct. 19, 1 pm. Mennonite Historical Society's Fall Meeting at Rouge Valley. MC, featuring George Reesor 10 Bus leaving from Kitchener at 10:00 am. Tickets are \$25. Reserve your place by contacting Roy Scheerer: 226-660-0606 or [rws42@rogers.com](mailto:rws42@rogers.com)
- Sat. Oct. 19, 5-8 pm. Crosshill MC's Annual Beef BBQ. Reserve your place by calling 519-699-5299.
- Sat. Oct. 19, 5 pm or 7 pm. MCC presents, 'Empty Bowls for Haiti,' at Steinmann MC. For tickets, call 519-696-2484 or 519-662-2066.
- Sat. Oct. 19 **or** Sat. Oct. 26, 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents the movie, 'The Confession' (based on the book by Beverley Lewis). Please call to reserve your space for the date of your choice 519-584-7089 or 519-634-8963.
- Tues. Oct. 22, 5:30-7:30 pm. Spaghetti Supper Bolivian Mission Trip Fundraiser at Living Water Fellowship. Advance tickets (adults \$10, children \$5) from Mary & Bryan Pfaff 519-662-4444.
- Wed. Oct. 23, 2-4 pm. Interfaith presents, 'Caregiver Support Workshop,' at the Active Living Centre at the Wilmot Rec Centre. See poster for more info,.
- Sat. Oct. 26, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers present, 'Wandering West,' with guest saxophonist Willem Moolenbeek at St. Jacobs MC. Tickets available at MSCU.
- Wed. Oct. 30, 7:30 pm. MennoHomes presents Jim & Jean Strathee in Concert at Calvary United Church (48 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs). Admission by donation. See poster.
- Sat. Nov. 2, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Conrad Grebel Open House for Prospective Students. For more info, go to [grebel.ca/futurestudent](http://grebel.ca/futurestudent)
- Mon. Nov. 4, 6:30 pm. Fairview & Parkwood Mennonite Homes Anniversary Celebration at Bingeman's. Tickets are \$150 (\$100 tax receipt). For tickets, call 519-653-5719 or 519-885-4810.