

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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Music Leaders: Worship Band **Worship Leader:** Lara Shantz
Guest Speaker: Linda Brnjas

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

HymnPraise the Lord with the Sound of trumpet

Hymn # 109 (S the S)Blessing and honor

Hymn # 116 (S the S)I saw a tree by the riverside

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Matthew Isert Bender

Scripture ReadingMatthew 5: 1-16

Sermon ‘Connecting, Nurturing & Growing
with God, the church and the larger Community’

Reflections on our emerging Vision, Mission & Values ...Lara Shantz
(children ages 2 – grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 10 (SP&W)Lord, I life your name on high

Hymn 10 000 Reasons

Hymn # 1 (SP&W)Shine, Jesus, Shine

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Linday Brnjas to Nith Valley this morning. Linda is still quite new in the role of MCEC Regional Minister, having started Nov 1st, 2013. Before that, she was a pastor at Bethel Mennonite Church in Elora for 9 years, the first 6 years co-pastoring with her husband, Steve. Steve and Linda live in Waterloo and have 8 children ranging in age from 10 to 28, only five of whom still live at home. They have two wonderful daughters-in-law and three perfect grandchildren.

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 27

Worship Leader: Judie Bowlby

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Doris Zehr

Coffee/Juice Prep: Dennis Stemmler

Clean up: Ken Koch

Ushers: Wayne & Doris Zehr

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, noon-2:00. Bible Study Book Club. The Bible study book club will meet today immediately following the Sunday School hour. We will meet downstairs for lunch followed by our time of study on I Corinthians 8. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you did not bring lunch and must go home (or see what Mr. Horton has to provide) we will begin our study part about 12:45 p.m.
- Sun. Nov. 9, 9-11 am. Men’s Breakfast. Murray Brownridge will share of his involvements with Share Agriculture Foundation. Please sign up on bulletin board in foyer.
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge). Reserve the date and watch for more info.

From the Pastoral Ministry Team:

We as elders and Pastors continue to care for the well being of our congregation as a whole, families and as individuals. We value connecting with our church family in times of crisis (accident, physical and relational illness, surgery, etc.) and in moments of joy and celebration (graduation, wedding, new born baby, etc.). In addition, together with a visitation team we follow a schedule to ensure that our senior members who are no longer able to attend worship regularly receive visits from their Nith Valley church family throughout the year. **Please do not hesitate to call** one of the Elders or the Pastors: **(1)** When a moment arises that you would like a visit or you are aware of someone else who could benefit from a visit; **(2)** When you would like to share a life event and request prayer through the e-prayer chain.

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

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

Community Events:

- 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.
- Sun. Oct. 27, 7 pm. Learn about MEDA's agricultural project in Ghana, at Steinmann MC.
- 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.
- Fri. Nov. 1, 5-7 pm. Rockway Spaghetti Dinner. More info at www.rockway.ca
- Sat. Nov. 2, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Conrad Grebel Open House for Prospective Students. For more info, go to grebel.ca/futurestudent
- Sat. Nov. 2. Rockway Auction Extravaganza. (Preview at 4 pm, live & silent auctions begin at 6 pm.) More info at www.rockway.ca
- Sat. Nov. 2, 7 pm. MDS presents, 'Celebrating God's Goodness on Staten Island,' at 50 Kent St., Kitchener. Freewill offering. See poster for more info.
- 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.
- Sat. Nov. 9, 7 pm. Single or Single Again Group meets for mini golf at Gus Maue's (across from St. Jacob's Farmer's Market). Meet at Steinmann's at 6:30 if you want to car pool.
- Sat. Nov. 30, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The Christian Centre (177 Jacob St., NH) will be hosting a First Aid Course. Cost is \$65. To register, call 519-662-3234 before Nov. 24.