

## 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:** Judie Bowlby

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 102 (S the S) ..... Well met, dear friends

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

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Story ..... led by Doris Zehr

Hymn # 512 ..... If all you want, Lord

Scripture Reading ... Jeremiah 17:7-8; Mark 12:28-31; I John 4: 17-21

Sermon ..... 'Open to divine imagination'

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

### Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 362 ..... Help us to help each other

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 371 ..... Let there be light, Lord God

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: Dennis Stemmler

### Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean up: Ken Koch

### Next Sunday – November 3

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman    Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Coffee/Juice Prep: Wayne Zehr

Clean Up: Doug Bowlby

Ushers: Gloria Richardson & John Ilett

**Please note:** During the month of November, we will be collecting food for the Food Bank. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to this worthy cause.

### Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Oct. 28, 7:30 pm. Fellowship Ministry team meeting at Jackie's house.
- Sat. 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 Pastors' Office:

Mental Health and Wholeness. The first three weeks of November we will focus on mental health in our worship services. It will be a time to acknowledge mental health struggles and celebrate wholeness and healing. On November 17, we will have a soup and dessert potluck following our worship service, plus Lisa Akey from Interfaith Community Counseling Center will join us at 1:30 to share about Mental Health and the variety of ways we can find support and can be of support to others.

### From MC Canada:

The Vancouver Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) event has drawn to a close. Pray for those who participated in the event as they discern the best way forward for stronger relationships between indigenous and settler communities in B.C. and Canada.

**From MCC:**

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- 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)
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- 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.
- Sun. Nov. 3, 7:30 pm. Hymn Sing at St. Agatha MC.
- 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.
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