

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: Stephen Hoke

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler **Chorister:** Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Hymn # 50Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
- Call to Worship
- Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

- Hymn # 407We are people of God’s peace
- Hymn # 2 (S the J)Come, walk with us
- Children’s Storyled by Tammy Shantz
- Scripture
- Hymn # 14 (S the J)Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
- Sermon ‘Between the Garden of Eden and the New Kingdom’

Turn to Jesus

- Hymn # 362Help us to help each other
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

- Hymn # 105 (S the J)Don’t be afraid
- 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
 7. Storytelling elective
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Ralph Cressman

- Location**
- Downstairs
 - Balcony
 - Pastors’ Office
 - Sanctuary
 - Library
 - Downstairs Hall
 - Downstairs Office
 - Clean up: Jesse Cressman

Next Sunday – February 16

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender
 Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
 Children’s Story Leader: Lois Cressman
 Coffee/Juice Prep: Stacey Keller Clean up: Karen Bearinger
 Ushers: (volunteers needed)

Nith Valley Events:

- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge).
- Sun. Apr. 13, 2:30-4:30. Join us for a tour of the new MCC facility and participate in a service project.

Volunteers Needed. Nith Valley is turning 40! It is time to celebrate! January 2015, we will celebrate 40 years as Nith Valley. Church Council wants to take time to celebrate our historic identity, who have become and who we are becoming. If you would be interested in planning anniversary celebrations please contact Mark Keller or Matthew Isert Bender.

From the Pastors’ Office:

Over the past few Sundays our worship services have been guided by Mennonite Church Canada material which has been developed as apart of the Being a Faithful Church process. If you would like to look at these documents check them out at <http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/QuickSearch?search=being+a+faithful+church> . Feel free to offer feedback about this process to Hendrike and I and/or send comments directly to Willard Metzger at Mennonite Church Canada. May God continue to challenge and bless us as we discern together as a family of faith across this country.

February 21-23, Nith Valley Church Retreat

Book your spot now for a valuable weekend together at Camp Shalom, of food, fellowship, discussion and worship. Sign up sheet is posted at church. We will gather early Friday evening and depart Sunday afternoon following lunch. Everyone is encouraged to attend for the whole weekend, if not come when you are able. Sunday morning worship will happen at Camp Shalom. There is no charge for the retreat if you wish to contribute designate your donations to the Church Retreat Fund. Stay tuned for more info in the following weeks.

Church Leaders Forum 2014 – Shifting Stats, Shaking the Church, with guest speakers Bruxy Cavey (Meetinghouse) and Dr. Don Moore (World Vision): Mennonite Church Canada has negotiated a discount rate of \$20/person for this event which spans 10 cities across Canada. Visit: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2269 to register for your preferred location. OUR LOCATION is Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, 1:30-4:30 pm, Tuesday April 8. Pastor Matthew is planning to attend this event and would gladly carpool with others, any questions or help with registering please talk with him.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years:

8 years ago this winter...

Interested churches explored the theme “Is the Homosexual my Neighbour?” with Tony and Peggy Campolo via tapes and a study guide circulated by MCEC. As part of a Season of Discernment, MCEC had sponsored a weekend event in October 2005 in which Tony and Peggy modeled respectful dialogue, while holding somewhat different views about what it means for the church to welcome homosexual persons. More recently, many MCEC churches are participating in the MC Canada Being the Faithful Church discernment process, which explores how we can faithfully use scripture as a guide to discerning challenging issues facing the church.

Community Events:

- Mon. Feb. 10, 6:30-8:00 pm. Interfaith’s Bereavement Support Program: an 8 week support group for those who have experienced loss. These weekly meetings will be held at Zion United Church (215 Peel St, NH). Call 519-662-3092 to register.
- Mon. Feb. 17, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Hidden Acres Family Day Open House. Come and enjoy many free indoor and outdoor activities. Bring a bag lunch or pre-order a hot lunch for \$2 per person. Reserve your place by 519-625-8602 or emailing info@hiddenacres.ca
- Thurs. Feb. 20, 6:30 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate’s Annual Fundraising Dinner. Tickets are \$80 (\$55 tax receipt). Tickets available at the school or by calling 519-342-0007 X3012 with your credit card info.
- Fri. Feb. 21. MCC Heifer Sale at Carson’s Auction. To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact Clarence Diefenbacher at 519-669-2164.
- Sat. Mar. 1, 9 am – 4 pm. Conrad Grebel Open House for prospective students. Call 519-885-0220 for more info.
- Sat. Mar. 8, 6:30 pm. MEDA Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. Reserve your place by Mar. 3 by calling 519-725-1633.
- Mon. Mar 10 or Tues. Mar. 11. Hidden Acres Grandparent & Grandchild Day. More info at www.hiddenacres.ca
- July 3-6. MC Canada’s Delegate Assembly in Winnipeg.

From MC Canada:

Africa, Asia, South America, and the Holy Land are calling you! If you can: do renovations, property maintenance, administrative work, teach English, practice hospitality, assist a pastor or librarian – or are a young adult looking for a cross-cultural adventure in a Christian context, then Mennonite Church Canada has opportunities for you – right now! Visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/ for details or contact Tany Warkentin at twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca.