

## 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:** Donna Hartzler

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 2 .....In thy holy place we bow

Call to Worship

Invocation

### Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 27 (S the J) .....God of the Bible

Hymn # 304 ..... There are many gifts

Children's Story .....led by Lois Cressman

Scripture ..... Ephesians 4: 11-16

Hymn # 312 .....Lamp of our feet

Sermon ..... 'Using the Bible in helpful and unhelpful ways'

### Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 317 .....Lord, I have made thy word

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 49 (S the S) .....I will come to you in the silence

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: Stacey Keller

### Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Downstairs Office

Clean up: Karen Bearinger

### Next Sunday – February 23

Church family retreat at Camp Shalom. See announcement on insert for further details. Sign up today!

### 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.

### From Elma Bender's Family:

Thank you so much for your support and helping us celebrate Mom's life. Your welcoming community has been appreciated by all of us. Thank you for sharing stories and listening to ours - we know that Mom and Dad were loved by you and extending this to us is a blessing. Thank you!

**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:

Hendrike and Matthew will be attending the School for Ministers from February 19-21, 2014. The theme for the week is "Why we practise a common Faith". The following week February 24-26, 2014 Hendrike will be attending a retreat "Deep Growth in Winter". During this time they will not hold regular office hours, but can be reached in the evenings by phone or via email.

### **More 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 a part 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](http://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.

### **From Canadian Mennonite University:**

Check out Food, Farming and Faith: Living in God's Creation with Norman Wirzba at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 16 - 20, 2014. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for more information.

### **Community Events:**

- 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](mailto: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.
- Fri. Mar. 7, 7 pm. Menno Youth Singers Concert and Coffee House at Breslau MC.
- 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](http://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/](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/) for details or contact Tany Warkentin at [twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:twarkentin@mennonitechurch.ca).

### **MCEC Celebrates 25 Years:**

19 years ago this month.

Young adults and baby boomers outnumbered seniors at "Jubilate in Action" in Vineland, an MCEC event in which 225 persons shared how their congregations were engaged in local mission. Keynote speaker Stanley Green from Mennonite Board of Missions spoke of "the white water turbulence of this era of rapid change." He stated his conviction that "Mennonites have been gifted with a particular charism for just such a time - a charism of peace and reconciliation."