

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: Kathryn Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Encountering

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 567How firm a foundation

Hymn # 72 (S the S)We are often tossed and driv'n

Old Testament ReadingGenesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Drama

Children's Storyled by Brenda Kirkland

Confession

Witnessing

Hymn # 506I sought the Lord

Gospel ReadingMatthew 4: 1-11

Sermon

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 553I am weak and I need thy strength

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 585In your sickness

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: Debbie Wall

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Downstairs Office

Clean up: Jackie Keller

Next Sunday – March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Janet Cressman

Ushers: Ken & Lorrie Koch

Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman

Clean up: Owen Cook

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 10, 9 am – noon. Rag cutting at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. All ages welcome. Scissors supplied.
- Wed. Mar. 12, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Sat. Apr. 12, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Women of MCEC Spring Enrichment Day at St. Catherines UM Church. See poster for details.
- Sun. Apr. 13, 2:30-4:30. Join us for a tour of the new MCC facility and participate in a service project.
- Fri. May 2 to Sun. May 4. Women of WMCEC Bus Trip to the Ottawa Tulip Festival. Cost is \$250.00. Register by Mar. 31. See poster for details.

For the next week, there will be no formal church office hours. The church email account and answering machine will be checked regularly. For urgent concerns, please contact Matthew at home.

From the Christian Ed. Ministry Team:

Sun. Apr. 13, 2:00-4:30 Christian Ed has planned a day at Mennonite Central Committee's new facility at 50 Kent Ave. Kitchener. Join us for a tour of their new facility and participate in a service project, i.e. packing kits, knotting comforters, working on Thrift Store projects. Donations of items for Relief & Hygiene kits will be accepted that day - refer to flyer in your mailbox for kit details. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you will be attending.

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.

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.

From Mennonite Disaster Service:

The MDS ONTARIO UNIT continues to respond to Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island NY. We are seeking cooks, crew leaders, office managers and weekly groups for the spring and summer months.

MDS FAMILY PROJECT - This summer there will be an opportunity for families with children to get involved with MDS in Alberta! We'll be building cabins at Camp Valaqua, and we're looking for 4 families each week from July 20 - Aug 16. Families will bring their own RV or tent, and MDS will provide meals, tools and leadership. For more information contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 1-866-261-1274 or epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net

MDS HIGH RIVER - MDS is grateful for the outpouring of support for Southern Alberta recovery from the June 2013 flood. The rebuilding project is in full swing and will run all year. We're currently looking for skilled individuals or couples who would be willing to provide leadership to small crews of weekly volunteers this spring and summer. Call 1-866-261-1274 to book a spot.

Community Events:

- Wed. Mar. 12, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- Fri. Mar. 14, 7-10 pm. Single or Single Again Group meets for a game night at the Wilmot Rec Centre (main level meeting room). Cost is \$5.00.
- Sat. Mar. 15, 7 pm. Movie night at Wilmot MC, featuring 'Easter Island.'
- Tues. Mar. 18, 7-9 pm. Interfaith hosts a workshop for people supporting family and friends with mental illness. Workshop will be held in the Community Room at Tri-County Mennonite Homes. See poster for more info.
- Thurs. Mar. 20, 6:30-9:00 pm. 'Mennonites tell Stories about Food,' at the The Mennonite Story (1406 King St. N, St. Jacobs) featuring Marlene Epp and Rick Cober Bauman. Freewill offering.
- Sat. Mar. 22, 8 am. Elmira Meat Canning Fundraiser Buffet Breakfast at Calvary United Church (48 Hawkesville Rd, St. Jacobs). Tickets are \$12 (adult); \$5 (ages 6-12). Advance tickets only. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve yours.
- Sat. Mar. 22, 8:30 am. 6th Annual Community Peace and Justice Breakfast at Steinmann MC. Admission by donation. To reserve your place, call 519-634-8311.
- Sat. Mar. 22, 8 pm. Menno Singers presents, 'Exploring East,' at Waterloo North MC. Tickets are \$20 (\$5 for students).
- Wed. Mar. 26, 7- 9 pm. Interfaith's Annual General Meeting at the Wilmot Rec Centre. See poster for more details.
- Wed. Mar. 26, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents Ernie Regehr speaking on the topic, 'Limits to Force: Why Contemporary Wars are Rarely Won.' To register for this free event, call 519-885-0220.
- Tues. Apr. 8, 7-9 pm. Interfaith hosts a workshop for people supporting family and friends struggling with addictions. Workshop will be held in the Trinity Lutheran Church (Trinity Hall). See poster for more info.
- Sat. May 3. Shalom Counselling presents, 'A Bicycle Built for Two: A Playful Reflection on Marriage,' at the Conrad Centre (36 King St., Kit). See poster for more info.