

# 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  
**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

## Encountering

Prelude  
Welcome  
Hymn # 12 .....Come. let us all unite to sing  
Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Hymn # 495 .....O let all who thirst  
Confession  
Hymn # 515 .....Jesus, Rock of ages  
Children’s Story .....led by Tricia Cressman  
Scripture Reading .....John 4: 5-15, 27-30

## Witnessing

Sermon ..... ‘From Isolation to Belonging’  
Hymn # 91 (S the J) .....Like a mother who has borne us  
Offering  
Announcements  
Hymn # 362 .....Help us to help each other  
Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church  
Hymn # 57 (S the S) .....Go, my friends, in grace  
Benediction  
Time of Reflection  
Postlude

On Sunday, April 13, we will be joined by some representatives of Teen Challenge. Teen Challenge is a one year, faith based, residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation program for men and women over 18. Please be aware that there will be an extra offering that day to support this program.

## 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

**Location**  
Downstairs  
Balcony  
Pastors’ Office  
Sanctuary  
Library  
Downstairs Hall

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephanie Wagler-Cressman  
Clean up: Janna Lynn Cressman

## Next Sunday – March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson      Guest Speaker from MDS  
Pianist: Susan Cressman      Chorister: Lois Cressman  
Children’s Story Leader: Doris Brubacher  
Ushers: Ken & Lorrie Koch  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda Roth      Clean up: Tricia Cressman

## Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Mar. 26, 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 table in lobby for registration forms.
- 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.
- 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. More info and registration forms can be found on the table by the sanctuary doors.

We are working on the next draft of Nith Valley’s Contact Book. You will find a draft copy by the mailboxes, in the coatroom and downstairs in the mail hall (each draft is in a bright orange duotang). Please have a look at your family’s entry. If any information needs correcting, you can note it right on the page or call or email the church office. Please be aware that numerous people who are now away from Nith Valley have been contacted and asked if they wish to continue being listed in this booklet. Thanks for your help!

Church Leaders Forum 2014 – Shifting Stats, Shaking the Church, with guest speakers Bruxy Cavey (Meetinghouse) and Dr. Don Moore (World Vision). MC Canada has negotiated a rate of \$20/person for this event. 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.

**From Interfaith:**

Volunteers needed for Giant Silent Auction. Please consider helping in one of the following ways:

- Canvasser – Work from home. Training provided.
- Set up on Friday, April 25 from approx. 9:30-11:30 pm.
- Greeters on Auction Day (Sat. Apr. 26) between 9 am and 2 pm.
- Bouncy Castle volunteer (9 am – 2 pm)
- Face Painters (9 am – 2 pm)
- Tear Down (2 pm – 4 pm)

If you are able to help, please contact Paula Clements, 519-662-3092.

**From Canadian Mennonite University:**

CMU is building a new **Library, Learning Commons, and Bridge**. As a CMU alumni (CMBC, MBBC, Concord, MSC, and CMU), CONNECT with CMU's mission by purchasing a floor tile on the bridge with your name or other wording on it. A donation of \$500 will create a lasting witness to your support of the CMU vision. Visit [cmu.ca/connect](http://cmu.ca/connect) for details.

**From Interfaith:**

We are looking for 15 volunteers for Baden Road Races (formerly known as the New Hamburg Classic), Saturday May 10 from 7am to 11am.

This is a fabulous opportunity for individuals and groups. For more details please contact Paula at 519-662-3092 ext 101. Or email [interfaith@golden.net](mailto:interfaith@golden.net)

**Community Events:**

- Wed. Mar. 26, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- 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. 1. Interested parents and children are invited to an open rehearsal of the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir at W-K United Mennonite Church. (Ages 6-9 from 6:30-7:00 and ages 10-15 from 7:30-8:00.)
- Sun. Apr. 6, 2:30 and 7 pm. Hillcrest presents, 'It's Cool in the Furnace.' Free admission. Donations accepted.
- Tues. Apr 8, 6:45 pm. MSCU's Annual General Meeting will take place at Rockway Collegiate.
- 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. Apr. 12, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents John Paul Lederach speaking on, 'Dispatches from the Burning Ground.'
- Mon. Apr. 28 and Tues. Apr. 29. Senior's Retreat at Hidden Acres, with Martin Buhr and John Neufeld. See bulletin board for more details.
- Sat. Apr. 26, 9 am – 2 pm. Interfaith 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Giant Silent Auction at the Wilmot Rec Centre. See poster for details.
- Sat. Apr. 26, 7:30 pm. Pax Christi Chorale presents, 'Passion and Peace,' at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N. Kitchener). See poster for details.
- 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.

**From MC Canada:**

Registration is underway for Mennonite Church Canada's Assembly 2014: Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season. It takes place July 3-6 in Winnipeg. Find more information and register at [home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014). All are welcome!

**Confession:**

Leader: When will this journey be over?  
Where is the end of all our traveling?  
How long will we wander, thirsty and hungry,  
Strangers in a strange land?  
Deliver us, Lord, from our misery.

You have said that you will give us water that flows  
from the rock;  
That you will quench our thirst,  
That never again will our souls be parched.  
But we do not listen to your voice,  
We ignore what we see around us, the evidence of your  
gift;

Asking for new signs, we demand proof of your grace.  
We harden our hearts against you;  
We draw from wells that run dry;  
We sip on that which does not satisfy.

Lord, hear our prayer. (Silence)

**Claiming our Assurance:**

All: You have met us at the well  
and offered us a spring of water gushing to eternal life.  
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