

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: Gloria Richardson

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Guest Speaker: Martin Durksen

Encountering

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn # 226You are salt for the earth

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 94 (S the J)Blest are they

Hymn # 35 (SPW)They'll know we are Christians

Children's Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Scripture ReadingMatthew 5

Witnessing

Sermon ‘Blessed are the Peacemakers...Children of God’

Hymn # 405Where cross the crowded ways

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 56 (S the J)Make me a channel of your peace

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 16 (S the S)Peace before us

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Martin Durksen to our service the morning. Martin is the Ontario Mennonite Disaster Service Chairperson. Welcome!

We rejoice with Chris & Janna Lynn Cressman on the birth of their son Broden William on March 27. May God richly bless them as they raise Broden.

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: Glenda Roth

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Tricia Cressman

Next Sunday – April 6 Lent # 5 & Parent/Child Dedication

Worship Leaders: Worship Band Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Ushers: Mark & Stacy Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep: Wayne Eckstein Clean up: Dennis Stemmler

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. In order for this program to be made available to those who need it most, students in the Teen Challenge Program pay nothing for this training aside from a small entrance fee! The goal of Teen Challenge is to return these young women to society, equipping them to make solid contributions in their homes, churches and communities. Your investment in these lives is an integral part of the continued success.

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!

From MCEC:
We have launched our new website! Check us out at www.mcec.ca and read inspiring stories and see information about upcoming events. Follow the links to register for the Annual Church Gathering – April 25 & 26 at Niagara College.

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 31, 7 pm. Pastoral Ministry Team meeting at the Isert Bender home.
- Tues. Apr. 1, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Tues. Apr. 1, 7 pm. GRT meeting.
- Wed. Apr. 9, 7 pm. Personnel Ministry Team meeting.
- 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.

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

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.

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 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. All are welcome!

Community Events:

- Wed. Apr. 2, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH).
- 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.'
- Tues. Apr. 15, 6:30-9:00 pm. MennoHomes Inc hosts a Retirement Celebration for Martin Buhr at Gale Presbyterian Church (10 Barnswallow Dr, Elmira).
- Wed. Apr. 16 & Thurs. Apr. 17, 7:30 pm. Gospel Express Ministries at the Milverton Rec Complex. See poster for details.
- Sat. Apr. 26, 9 am – 2 pm. Interfaith 27th 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