

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 Leaders: Worship Band **Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

Encountering

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Hymn # 50Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
- Hymn # 327Great is thy faithfulness
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Children’s Story
- Hymn # 89 (S the J)I was there to hear your borning cry
- Hymn # 90 (S the J)Lord, we bring to you our children
- Parent and Child Dedication
- Transfer of Membership
- Scripture ReadingEzekiel 37: 1-14
- Confession and Words of Assurance

Witnessing

- Sermon
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 21 (SP&W)Shout to the Lord
- Hymn # 131 (S the S)Nothing is lost on the breath of God
- 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
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Wayne Eckstein

Location

- Downstairs
- Balcony
- Pastors’ Office
- Sanctuary
- Library
- Downstairs Hall
- Clean Up: Dennis Stemmler

Next Sunday – April 13 – 6th Sunday of Lent

- Worship Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender
- Guest Speaker: Teen Challenge
- Pianist: Susan Cressman
- Chorister: Terry Keller
- Children’s Story Leader: Doris Zehr
- Ushers: Mark & Stacy Keller
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Doug Bowlby
- Clean up: Jesse Cressman

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!

Confession

Leader: Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord.
People: Lord, hear our voice.
Leader: If you were to count our transgressions and number our sins, Lord, how could we stand before you?
People: Lord, open your ears to our cries.
Leader: We are nothing but bone and sinew and skin; our souls are empty.
People: Breath, come to us on the four winds.
Leader: We set our minds on the things of the body; we delight in the flesh.
People: Spirit, dwell within us and make us whole.
Leader: Our soul waits for you, more than those who watch for the morning.
People: More than those who watch for the morning, our soul waits for you.
All: Lord, hear our prayer. (Silence)

Words of Assurance

Leader: Our soul waits for you.
People: In your Word, we hope for you.
Leader: For in the Lord, there is steadfast love.
People: For in the Spirit, there is eternal life.
All: And it is the Lord who will redeem us from our wrongdoing.

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. Everyone is invited to participate in a Field Trip to Mennonite Central Committee's new facility at 50 Kent Ave. Kitchener. In the flyer distributed previously, we were instructed to park by the 'Thrift Store' doors. This has now changed - **please park by the back loading doors where donations are accepted.** Donations for Relief & Hygiene kits will be accepted that day. We will work on comforter knotting, packing kits and pricing for the Thrift Store. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending. A light snack will be provided at the end of the afternoon.
- 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.
- Sat. May 10. Fellowship Ministry Team is planning a fun filled trip to Niagara Falls and area. We plan to go to the Botanical Gardens, tour a local winery, see the falls and stop for a dinner on the way home. Anticipated cost for the day is \$40-50 + dinner. Sign up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years!

4 years ago this month

The Vanier Rink Rats completed their first winter of setting up and maintaining a community ice rink in this historic intercultural district of Ottawa. The Rink Rats are led by Stefan Cherry, pastor of The Village International Mennonite Church, along with a friend from the neighbourhood. The Village has been a presence in Vanier since 2008, when Stefan, his wife Pascale and young son Elijah moved there. The church describes itself as “an intercultural community of Jesus followers seeking to join what God is already doing in the Vanier neighbourhood.” They invite our prayers as they move their worship this spring to the community centre where the rink is located.

Community Events:

- 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.
- Wed. Apr. 9, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH)
- 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.
- Fri. Apr. 25 & Sat. Apr. 26. MCEC Annual Church Gathering at Niagara College.
- Fri. Apr. 25 & Sat. Apr. 26. Wilmot's 7th Annual Living Well Festival at the Wilmot 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.
- 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.
Mon. Apr. 28. New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner at Bingemans. Tickets are \$10, tax receipts issued for contributions above ticket price. Tickets are available from Judie Bowlby 519-662-1863 until Apr. 20.
- 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.
- Sat. May 10. Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp- 19th Annual Road Hockey Tournament, Saturday. Ages 18 & up. Cost is

\$150/team. Register by May 5th, visit www.hiddenacres.ca for more details or email Jeff at roadhockey@gmail.com.

- Sat. May 24, 7 pm. Jr. Youth event at Crosshill MC with food, worship, games and food.
- Mon. July 28 – Fri. Aug. 1. Conrad Grebel presents Peace Day Camp for children who have finished grades 6-8. Cost is \$185. Go to <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/campers/peace-camp>

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, Sat., Apr. 26. 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 Mennonite Savings & Credit Union:

MSCU is hiring a Member Services Representative (Casual). See poster for more info or go to <https://www.msucu.com/AboutUs/Careers/MemberServiceRepresentativeCasual/index.jsp>