

**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:** Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

**Guest Speakers:** Teen Challenge

**Encountering**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 9 (S the J) .....Come, now is the time to worship

Hymn # 18 (S the J) .....Over my head

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 31 (S the S) .....Jesus, be the center

Scripture Reading .....Psalm 31

Teen Challenge

Special Music – Who am I (Casting Crowns)

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 237 .....All glory, laud, and honour

Benediction

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: Doug Bowlby

**Location**

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors’ Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

**Next Sunday – April 20 – Easter Sunday**

Worship Leaders: Worship Band Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Children’s Story Leader: Diane Traendlin

Ushers: Mark & Stacy Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephen Hoke

Clean up: Susan Hartzler

Today we welcome 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.

There will be an extra offering today 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.

From the Pastors’ Office - Greetings and **THANK YOU,**

Yesterday evening the Personnel Ministry Team met at Nith Valley charged with the responsibility to find volunteers for the new church year June 2014 - May 2015 . Today as I have sat in the office at the Church, I have experienced a wave of gratitude for all the volunteers in our midst who together make our ministry as Nith Valley Mennonite possible.

On behalf of Hendrike and I, as your pastors we simply want to say **"Thanks be to God"** for you volunteer commitment here **at** Nith Valley and as Nith Valley people **out in** our communities of residence, work and leisure.

May God continue to Bless and call each one of us as we seek "to love God with all our being and love others as ourselves."

## Community Events:

- 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, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St. NH).
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Well Festival at the Wilmot Rec Complex. See poster for 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.
- 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.
- May 3 & 4. Crosshill Mennonite Church invites you to "*Walking the Talk: Easter & Discipleship*" a series of talks by Tom Yoder Neufeld. For more information contact the church office at 519-699-5299.
- Sat. May 10. Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Hockey Tournament, Saturday. Ages 18 & up. Cost is \$150/team. Register by May 5<sup>th</sup>, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) for more details or email Jeff at [roadhockey@gmail.com](mailto:roadhockey@gmail.com).
- Sat. May 24, 7 pm. Jr. Youth event at Crosshill MC with food, worship, games and food.

## From Personnel Ministry Team:

The Personnel Committee is requesting prayer this morning in seeking God's "nudging" for anyone who has considered offering their gifts and talents to serve the church, or sensed God's calling to some form of stewardship here at Nith Valley. We pray for God's leading of the process over these next few weeks. If you're sensing a "nudge", please contact one of the Personnel Committee.

- Brenda, Tricia, Lyle, Mark, Terry, Pastors Matthew or Hendrike

## Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, 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. Apr. 18, 7 pm. Good Friday Service with Communion.
- Sun. Apr. 20, 8:30 am. Easter Potluck Breakfast.
- Sun. Apr. 20, 10:00 am. Easter Worship Service.
- 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:**

*26 years ago this spring....* Jessica Reesor was born shortly after MCEC's 1<sup>st</sup> annual session. As a child, her faith was formed within her family, at Hagerman Mennonite Church (Markham), and at Fraser Lake Camp. In university, she enjoyed Peace and Conflict Studies courses at Conrad Grebel University College, as well as a Ministry Inquiry placement at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church in Kitchener. Jess' recent experience as part of a congregation's pastoral search committee sealed her decision to go to seminary! Now a divinity student in Toronto, Jessica Reesor Rempel will be giving a LED talk at MCEC's Annual Church Gathering on youth/young adult perspectives on the future of the church.

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**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 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)

**From Hidden Acres:**

Hidden Acres has job openings for Lifeguards, Counselors and an Assistant Cook. These positions are available to youth turning 17 this year who are interested in working in a safe, fun and rewarding environment. We are also accepting applications for our Leaders In Training program for youth who are turning 16 and looking for opportunities to develop their leadership skills, grow in their faith and gain some experience working in a camp setting. For more information or for an application check out our website at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) or contact the camp at 519-625-8602 or [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca).

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**From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:**

**Interested in trying Summer Camp?** Silver Lake has 2 great programs for first time campers: #1. Mini Camp is a 3 day, 2 night camp experience for children ages 6-10 years old. High staff to camper ratio ensures campers first experience is a great one! #2. Family Camp is a great way to explore camp together as a family. Silver Lake provides all the staffing, programming and food so you can enjoy camp together as a family! Contact the camp – [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) or 519-422-1401 for more information.

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**From Fraser Lake Camp:**

Fraser Lake Camp is seeking a Head Cook and a Baker to work in the heart of the camp this summer - the kitchen! We are also looking for a friendly and organized person to work in our summer office. For more information contact Kristen Berg at [kberg@fraserlakecamp.com](mailto:kberg@fraserlakecamp.com)