

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: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Encountering

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 273Low in the grave he lay

Hymn # 280Christ the Lord is risen today

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 269Thine is the glory

Hymn # 275Lift your glad voices

Children’s Story

Witnessing

Hymn # 20Come and see

Scripture ReadingJohn 20: 1-18

Sermon’Come and See’

Hymn # 270Thine is the glory

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 274O sons and daughters, let us sing!

Benediction - Hymn # 89 (S the S)Christ is alive

Postlude

Next Sunday – April 27: The Connie Radunske Story

Join us to learn about Connie’s journey over the past 13 years.

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmer

Children’s Story Leader: Janet Cressman

Ushers: Mark & Stacy Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth Cressman

Clean up: Kathryn Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY. Annual reports due. The booklets will be in mailboxes next Sunday so everyone has the opportunity to read the reports in preparation for the Annual meeting.
- Sun. May 4. Annual Meeting during the Sunday School hour with a potluck lunch to follow.
- 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.
- Sat. June 7. Nith Valley is going to a Blue Jays Game! Bus leaves NV at 10:45 am (game time 1:00). Tickets are \$27 (adults) and \$15 (14 & under), plus bus cost of approximately \$10 per person. Please sign list in foyer if you can join us. Questions can be directed to Dan Cressman.

Financial Update:

11/52 of Budget: \$ 33,507.69

Givings to Apr 13: \$ 27,160.00

Shortfall: \$ 6,347.69

From Christian Ed. Ministry Team:

A big thank to the 17 people who participated in the MCC Field Day April 13 at 50 Kent. We learned a lot about the building, packed 200 health kits, knotted two comforters and had a great time as well.

From the Church Office:

The newest draft of the Nith Valley Contact Book is now available. A copy was placed into each mailbox. Extra copies and large print versions are available on the shelf below the mailboxes. Please help yourself.

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

Community Events:

- 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. Featuring some big ticket items including a 6X6 Argo 580. See poster for more 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- 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.

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 MC Canada:

On this Easter Sunday, pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers who are serving communities around the world. May their words and deeds exhibit the forgiving, life-giving love of Christ

Your gifts to Mennonite Church Canada multi-cultural ministries have enabled us to translate critical faith-forming resources for Mennonite congregations across Canada who worship in 18 different languages.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale - May 30 & 31

Register for the 5k Run or 2k Walk of the Run for Relief. Or if you are a musician volunteer to provide some live music on our music stage (contact dan@ddajohnson.com). We also would like to remind you to start your plant cuttings and bulbs for the Sale. Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found at our website (www.nhmrs.com), facebook site ([facebook/nhmennonitereliefsale](https://facebook.com/nhmennonitereliefsale)) or email johnreimer@sentex.ca