

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: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 1 What is this place

Hymn # 6 (SP&W) How Great Thou Art

Children's Story

Hymn # 336 When peace, like a river

Scripture I Chronicles 28:20; Jeremiah 18:1-6; Philippians 4:8

Video Connie's Recovery

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 555 I need thee every hour

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 421 Bless'd be the tie that binds

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Connie Radunske to our service today. In 2001, Connie suffered a severe brain injury, resulting in a decade-long journey of recovery. Connie's determination and perseverance along with her strong faith have contributed to her extraordinary success towards healing. With Connie today are her friend Rick, sister Faye & brother-in-law Ross. As a response to her healing and to give Connie's message of hope to the world, Connie's son Chadwick & nephew Jonathan made the video we will view today. We look forward to a follow-up discussion with Connie & family in our Christian Ed hour following the service.

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: Ruth Cressman

Clean Up: Kathryn Cressman

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Next Sunday – May 4

Worship Leader: Judie Bowlby

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

Ushers: Ken Battler & Diane Traendlin

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ken Koch

Clean up: Jackie Keller

Nith Valley Events:

- 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.

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:

- May 1-31. New Hamburg Thrift Centre's 26th Annual Perennial Sale. Donations of plants and related items starting Mon. Apr. 28.
- 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 10, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers presents, 'Surveying South,' at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N, Kit) Freewill offering. Follow us on twitter @MennoSingers or www.mennosingers.com
- Fri. June 20 – Sat. June 21. Hidden Acres is hosting a Men's retreat, 'Under Construction: Reframing Men's Spirituality.' More info available at www.mennonitemen.org

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 can be found at www.nhmrs.com or facebook/[nhmennonitereliefsale](https://www.facebook.com/nhmennonitereliefsale) or email johnreimer@sentex.ca

From Zion United Church:

Thank you to all the churches and ministers who participated in the Lenten Lunches. Thank you also to all participants who attended on a Wednesday noon for soup, sandwich, sermon and song. A cheque for \$1604.45 has been sent to the Canadian Bible Society.

Hillcrest's 50th Anniversary Celebrations – May 24-25

Hillcrest Mennonite Church is very excited to be celebrating 50 Years of ministry in the New Hamburg area. Many people have helped to make that a reality.

We would like to invite our community, current and previous members to join us in this celebration.

Sat. 4-9 pm - photo displays, pulled-pork meal (5 & 6 pm sittings by donation), musical program (7 pm).

Sun. 9:45 am - Worship Service with Jeff Wright, California, followed by a potluck dinner

For more information, www.hillcrestmc.ca order Sat evening meal tickets at hillcrest.tickets@gmail.com by May 14.

From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Important update about the **Navigate** program! We are extending the application deadline to **MAY 15TH**. **Participants aged 17-20:** This time in your life can be confusing, overwhelming and difficult; **Navigate** is an opportunity to clarify your direction and passion through adventure, community engagement, skill development and personal discovery.

Parents: This program will help your young adults to learn to live independently, be active members of their communities and learn the skills to help them succeed in the real world. For more information: slmc.ca/navigate, navigate@slmc.ca or **519 422 1401**.

From MC Canada:

Please continue to pray for the members and the work of the Being a Faithful Church Task Force and the Future Direction Task Force as they seek answers to questions about being a faithful community now and into the future in preparation for plenary sessions at Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2014, *Wild Hope: Faith for an unknown season*.

Mennonite Church Canada is developing entrepreneurship coaches in Burkina Faso so that growing business skills and valuable trades can help families and their churches be self-sustaining. Thank you for contributing to this effort!