

**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:** Judie Bowlby

**Pianist:** Bethany Ruby

**Chorister:** Terry Keller

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

**Theme: Seeking the pearl of eternal unity which is hiding in the ocean of our visible diversity**

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 117 .....Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn # 87 .....Great is the Lord

Children’s Story .....led by Tricia Cressman

Hymn # 311 (v. 1,2,4) .....The church’s one foundation

Scripture .....Isaiah 65: 17-25

Sermon

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 421 (v. 1,2,3, repeat 1) .....Bless’d be the tie that binds

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 517 .....Open my eyes, that I may see

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

**Next Sunday – May 11**

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Ushers: Ken Battler & Diane Traendlin

Coffee/Juice Prep: Andy Kirkland

Clean up: Kevin Cressman

**Nith Valley Events:**

- TODAY. Annual Meeting during the Sunday School hour with a potluck lunch to follow.
- Tues. May 6, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle in the library. We will be knotting comforters for MCC.
- 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

**This week is Children’s Mental Health Week.** One in five Canadian children have a treatable mental health issue. The stigma forces many to suffer in silence. Lutherwood has planned numerous events to help us talk about mental health and break the silence. See poster for details.

### **From Teen Challenge GTA Women's Centre:**

Thank you for welcoming us to your congregation recently and for the freewill offering that was collected that day.

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### **Community Events:**

- Sat. May 10, 1:30-3:30 pm. Join Silver Lake's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Canoe the Grand Fundraiser. More info at [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca)
- 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](http://www.mennosingers.com)
- Sun. May 11, noon. Mannheim MC hosts a Mothers' Day Brunch in support of former Youth Ignited member, Talia Matthies who will be going to Lebanon with MCC's SALT program. Suggested donation \$10/person.
- Tues. May 13, 7-9 pm. Interfaith presents, 'Lending Hands of Hope,' for those impacted by the loss of a loved one through suicide. Meeting will be held at the Wilmot Rec Centre. Pre-register by May 12 by calling 519-662-3092. See poster.
- Sat. May 17, 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents Saturday Night at the Movies, featuring, 'The Note.'
- Sun. May 18, 9:45 am. Biker Sunday at Crosshill MC. Motorcycle ride to follow the service.
- Sat. May 24, 7 pm. Junior Youth are invited to Crosshill MC to hear motivational speakers Q-Mack & JBox.
- Sat. May 24 & Sun. May 25. Hillcrest MC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Details at [www.hillcrestmc.ca](http://www.hillcrestmc.ca)
- Sun. May 25, 3 pm. Lifted Voices 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (free) concert at RiverSong Banquet Hall (632 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs).
- Sun. June 1, 2:30 pm. Detweiler Meeting House presents the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Shaped Note" sing from the *Harmonia Sacra*.
- Wed. June 4. Rockway's Annual Golf Tournament. Details at [www.rockway.ca/golf](http://www.rockway.ca/golf)
- Thurs. June 19, 6 pm. MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting at Rouge Valley MC.
- 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](http://www.mennonitemen.org)

### **Relief Sale Notes:**

COOKIE BAKING TIME AGAIN! It's time to start baking cookies again for the Relief Sale on the 31st of May. We need lots of different kinds, especially Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, Oatmeal for the date filling, lemon cookies, ginger, etc. etc. They can be made at home, keeping surfaces clean etc. and frozen. A rainy day is a perfect time to beat the rush. The date filling will be at Judie Bowlby's at 6 a.m. on the 31st. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for selling the cookies. Please also let me know if you can help with the date filling. I was wondering what peoples' opinions are on raising the price to \$4.00 a dozen. They would have to be an ample cookie for that price?? Please give me some feedback! Thanks

Setup volunteers are needed Thursday and Friday: for details contact Levi Kuepfer at [lkbk@sympatico.ca](mailto:lkbk@sympatico.ca). More details at [www.nhrms.com](http://www.nhrms.com) or at our website ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)), facebook site ([facebook/nhmennonitereliefsale](https://facebook/nhmennonitereliefsale)) or email [johnreimer@sentex.ca](mailto:johnreimer@sentex.ca).

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### **From MC Canada:**

On this Many Peoples' Sunday, thank God for each opportunity we have to grow more like the ideal body of Christ by embracing the diversity of nations, languages, colours, and cultural expressions that comprise Mennonite Church Canada.

Thank you for supporting Mennonite Church Canada's development of resource material in a number of languages to meet the needs of our growing, diverse congregations.

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### **From Canadian Mennonite University:**

Need a change from work or school? Outtatown is an opportunity to travel to one of three international locations: Guatemala, South Africa and Burkina Faso, learn about God, and make lifelong friends. Space available for Sept 2014. Learn more and apply at [Outtatown.com](http://Outtatown.com).