

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: Lara Shantz

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 100Praise him, praise him!

Hymn # 90For the fruit of all creation

Prayer of Confession

Affirming Faith

Children’s Story

Hymn # 54 (S the J)Longing for light

ScriptureDeuteronomy 10:12-22, I John 3: 16-18

Sermon ‘You shall love the stranger’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn (see insert)When I needed a neighbour

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 377Healer of our every ill

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Our guest presenter today is Rahma Abukhousa, a grade 10 student from Eastwood Collegiate Institute in Kitchener. Rahma and her family came to Canada in 2010 as sponsored refugees. They are originally from Iraq but spent several years in Syria before coming to Canada.

Sunday School Class

Location

1. Preschool & Primary Class (ages 2–5)

Downstairs

2. Intermediate Class (ages 6-9)

Downstairs

3. Youth & Adults: Discussion with our guest

Downstairs Hall

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman

Clean Up: Stephen Hoke

Next Sunday – September 28

We will be celebrating the Parent/Child Dedication of Broden Cressman (Chris & Janna Lynn) and Simon Cressman (Dan & Kathryn).

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Worship Band

Children’s Story Leader: Diane Traendlin

Coffee/Juice Prep: Carol Cook

Clean Up: Ross Roth

Ushers: Volunteers needed (see list in foyer)

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Sept. 24, 9:15-11:15. M.O.P.S.
- Sun. Oct. 5. Join us for a beautiful hike at the Elora Gorge. Please bring a bag lunch to church. Following lunch, we will drive to Elora. This is an afternoon for everyone. You can hike or sit in a café and wait for the hikers to return.

Our Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) continues to meet regularly. Our role is to care for the relationship between our congregation and pastors. We wish to encourage and facilitate open communication, sharing both affirmations and concerns. Please feel free to approach any of the PCRC Committee members: Brenda K., Lyle C., Tricia C., Pastors Matthew/Hendrike, or Terry K.

From MC Canada:

Leaders representing Mennonite Church Canada’s Future Directions Task Force and the Being a Faithful Church Task Force will meet at the end of Sept. to continue discerning how best to serve God’s church and congregations amid the challenges of sweeping cultural and societal change. Please pray for wisdom and clarity of vision for these servants of the church.

From MCC Ontario:

Get your bikes tuned up for a fantastically fun bike-a-thon on Saturday, October 4 in several locations across Canada. The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling fundraiser that partners with churches and organizations who work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. You can join "Team MCC" in support of MCC Ontario Programs. Riders in support of MCC at the Waterloo location will have a special opportunity to meet Cindy Klassen, six-time Olympic medalist, and ride alongside her! Register or donate at rideforrefuge.org.

From Hidden Acres:

We are seeking to fill a part time year-round housekeeping staff position. This position is for approximately 10 - 15 hours/week with an October start date. Visit www.hiddenacres.ca if you would like to view the job description. If you are interested in serving with us in this way or have any questions please contact Campbell Nisbet by email at director@hiddenacres.ca or by phone 519-625-8602.

Mennonite World Conference:

MWC Assemblies are reunions of the Anabaptist family worldwide and take place every six years. Pennsylvania 2015 will be the closest geographically that MWC Assembly has been and will be for a very long time.

Consider attending one of the following information sessions to get a better idea of what happens, the costs involved as well as travel possibilities.

October 1, 6:00-8:00 pm at First Mennonite Church, Kitchener
Global Potluck (bring a plate and cutlery) and Information Session

November 18, 7:30-8:30 pm at 50 Kent Ave. Kitchener ON
Information Session
Live-Feed available for those at a distance

Registration for Pennsylvania 2015 is now open! Visit <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/> for details.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 2 pm. MSCU Centre for Peace Advancement at Conrad Grebel is hosting an all-ages community celebration. For more information, go to uwaterloo.ca/grebel/mscu-cpa
- Tues. Sept. 23, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Home Annual General Meeting at Maple View MC.
- Thurs. Sept. 25, 11:30-1:30 and 5:00-7:30. Wilmot Family Resource Centre's Poor Boy's Luncheon, at the NH Community Centre. Tickets \$8 (\$30/family).
- Wed. Oct. 1, 6:30 pm. Info meeting for those interested in hearing more about 'Pennsylvania 2015' (Mennonite World Conference, July 21-26), at First MC, Kitchener. Global potluck and information session. See poster for details.
- Oct. 3 & 4. Women of MCEC hosts the Sister Care Seminar at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre. See bulletin board for more info.
- Sat. Oct. 4, 5:50 pm. Westhills MC presents a fundraising Kenyan meal to support P.A.C.E. Ministries. Tickets are \$10 (\$25/family). For tickets, email office_westhills@rogers.com
- Sat. Oct. 11, 7:30 pm. Hillcrest MC presents an evening of classical music, featuring Ben Bolt-Martin, Brandon Leis, Daniel Lichti, Sharla Nafziger & Charlene Nafziger. Tickets are \$25. Find a link for tickets at www.hillcrestmc.ca or call the church for more info 519-662-1577.
- Sun. Oct. 19, 2:30 pm. Gospel Vespers hymn sing at Detweiler Meetinghouse, led by Bob Shantz. See poster for details.
- Mon. Oct 20 and Tues. Oct. 21, 2:30 and 7 pm. Nithview presents a live performance of, 'Cracked: New Light on Dementia.' To reserve your place at this free event, call 519-662-2707 or email nithviewplay@tcmhomes.com. See poster for more info.
- Oct. 24-26. Marriage Encounter weekend at Jericho House in Wainfleet. More info at www.marriageencounter.com
- Sat. Oct. 25, 8:45 am – 3 pm. A Ladies' Day Apart at Bethany Evangelical Missionary Church. See poster for details.