

**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:** Lorrie Koch

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

*Focus Statement: What does it mean for us to imitate Christ each day?*

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 94 .....Come, ye thankful people

Hymn # 95 .....Praise God, the Source of life

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story

Hymn # 401 .....This little light of mine

Scripture ..... I Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Sermon ..... ‘Imitators of Christ’

**Turn to Jesus**

Hymn # 383 .....God’s, whose giving

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 45 (S the S) .....Calm me, Lord

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go with the Spirit**

Hymn # 116 (S the S) .....I saw a tree by the riverside

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

**Sunday School Class**

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

2. Intermediate Class (ages 6-9 )

3. Youth Class (ages 10-17)

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jesse Cressman

Clean Up: Wayne Eckstein

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

**Next Sunday – October 26**

Worship Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender

Speaker: Hanne Dalsgaard

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Doris Zehr

Coffee/Juice Prep: Dennis Stemmler

Clean Up: Ken Koch

Ushers: Owen & Carol Cook

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Wed. Oct. 22, 9:15-11:15. M.O.P.S.
- Wed. Oct. 22, 7:30 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team.

**Food Bank Donations**

Throughout October, we will be collecting food items for the Food Bank. Each week we will bring our donations to the Communion Table during the offering time. Foods in need currently are: spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, powdered milk and school snacks but please remember that all food donations are welcomed.

Thanks to the investments of our members in MSCU’s Church Builder GIC’s last year, we have received a donation of \$2841.81.

Since Church Builder’s GIC’s were introduced in 1998, MSCU has donated over \$350 000.00 in bonus interest to churches and church-based organizations in Ontario.

## Community Events:

- TODAY, 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.
- Mon. Oct. 20, 7 pm. Open rehearsal night for a Women's Barbershop Chorus at St. James Lutheran Church (1407 King St. N, St. Jacobs). For more info, call Sue Barg 519-662-4867.
- Fri. Oct. 24, 7:30 pm. 2014 Benjamin Eby Lecture at Conrad Grebel featuring Dr. Derek Suderman. See poster for details.
- Oct. 24-26. Marriage Encounter weekend at Jericho House in Wainfleet. More info at [www.marriageencounter.com](http://www.marriageencounter.com)
- Sat. Oct. 25, 8:45 am – 3 pm. A Ladies' Day Apart at Bethany Evangelical Missionary Church. See poster for details.
- Sat. Oct. 25, 2 pm. Fall Meeting of Mennonite Historical Society, at Conrad Grebel College. See poster for details.
- Sun. Oct. 26, 3-5 pm. MCC Ontario Thrift Shops Celebrate 40 years of thrift. All past or present staff, volunteers and board members are invited to this event at Bingeman's Conference Centre. Please RSVP to your local Thrift Shop manager.
- Oct. 30 – Nov. 2. Rockway's Connections Weekend. See posters for details on the many individual events being offered.
- Sat. Nov. 1, 10 am – 4 pm. Grebel Open House for prospective students. More info at [grebel.ca/visit](http://grebel.ca/visit)
- Sat. Nov. 8, 9 am – 3:30 pm. MCC's Fall Conference at The Meeting House (2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville).
- Sat. Nov. 8, 1 – 4 pm. 'Miss-representation,' a documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom will be shown at New Dundee Community Centre. See poster for details.
- Sun. Nov. 9, 2:30 pm. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men's Chorus and Gospel Sing at the Detweiler Meetinghouse. See poster for details.
- Mon. Nov. 10, 7 pm. Peace Quest presentation and discussion at Conrad Grebel (chapel). See poster for details.
- Thurs. Nov. 13 and Fri. Nov. 14, 7:30 pm. 2014 Bechtel Lectures at Conrad Grebel featuring Dr. Jeff Gundy. See poster for details.

## From Menno Singers:

Menno Singers with Mennonite Mass Choir presents Ein Deutsches Requiem and Nänie by Johannes Brahms on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 49 Queen St. N., Kitchener at 7:30 pm. Soloists for this concert are Stephanie Kramer, soprano and Daniel Lichti, bass-baritone. Peter Nikiforuk, conductor with the Talisker Players. Tickets available at Mennonite Savings and Credit Union, Music Plus, online at <http://mennosingers.com> or from the following choir members in our congregation: Jeannette Cressman, Susan Cressman, Arlene Hoke, Lorrie Koch, or Bonnie Stemmler. (\$30 adults, \$10 children).

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Are you living with a mental health challenge? Do anxiety and depression challenge your ability to lead the life you want to lead? Come to a Living Room peer support group supported by our local Mennonite Ministerial, where you can share your experience and hear the stories of others in a non-judgemental setting. Each meeting has a devotional, snacks, sharing time, and prayer. The first meeting is being held on Wed. November 12 at Mannheim Mennonite Church from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. You are welcomed. Contact Gord ([mmmpastor@golden.net](mailto:mmmpastor@golden.net)) or Alexa ([jaliyajuji@yahoo.ca](mailto:jaliyajuji@yahoo.ca)) for more information.