

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: Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Come to the River

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 21 (S the J)Lamb of God

Hymn # 81 (S the J)Take, O take me as I am

Drink Deeply

Litany of Wondering and Invitation

Old Testament Scripture ReadingPsalm 1: 1-3

Children's Story

Hymn # 247Jesus, remember me

New Testament Scripture ReadingJohn 15: 1-8

Sermon 'Streams of Living Water: Contemplation'

Flowing out to the World

Hymn # 298Veni Sancte Spiritus

Time of Quiet Reflection

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 144Kyrie eleison

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 429Go now in peace

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: Ralph Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

Next Sunday – February 15

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stacey Keller

Clean Up: Karen Bearinger

Ushers: (volunteer needed)

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Feb. 10, 9-3. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Wed. Feb. 11. 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Sat. Feb. 14, 8:15 am. Mennonite Women of Wilmot Cluster Winter Breakfast at Nith Valley. Cost is \$8 + items for the food bank. See sign up list on bulletin board in foyer.
- Sat. Feb. 21, 9-11 am. Men's Breakfast – Faith and Sports. Come for food and conversation. Greg Yantzi will share some reflections on faith and sports, from his experiences as a athlete, parent, pastor and leader of the Faith, sport, leadership initiative for MCEC. He is presently attending Cassel Mennonite church and we have invited the men from Cassel to attend as well. Please sign up on sheet or email Matthew so we know what numbers to expect for food. Cost is \$10 (adults) or \$5 (students).
- Sat. Feb. 28, all day. Women of Nith Valley, mark your calendars for the next women's retreat. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

From Tricia Cressman:

The church family is invited to join us today, between 2 pm - 4 pm at Nithview Home in the community room to celebrate Alice Snyder's 90th birthday. Best Wishes only.

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! As flyers arrive in our mailbox, they will be put in the literature stand in the main foyer. Check it out or seek out your camp of choice online.

Adults Needed! Youth from our congregation are considering going to MWC youth assembly (July 20-26), would you be open to travel with them? We are looking for 1 or 2 sponsors. If you are all intrigued by this possibility, please talk with Matthew, ASAP. By the end of February we need to be registering.

Community Events:

- Sat. Feb. 14, 6:30 pm. SOSA (Single or Single Again) Groups meets at My Place Restaurant (96 Huron St., NH) for dinner. To reserve your spot, please email Christian_singles@live.ca by Feb. 10.
- Mon. Feb. 16, 10:00-3:30. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Lots of indoor and outdoor activities for all! Lunch available for \$2. Contact the camp 519-625-8602 or info@hiddenacres.ca to reserve your place.
- Fri. Feb. 20. MCC Ontario's Heifer Sale at Carson's Auction. To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact Clarence Diefenbacher at 519-745-8458.
- Wed. Feb. 25, 7-9 pm. Songs of the Heart: Hymns, Blues and Beyond at the Mennonite Story (1406 King St. N. St. Jacobs).
- Fri. Feb. 27. Rockway Collegiate's Annual Fundraising Dinner. More info at <http://rockway.ca/2015/01/15/annual-fundraising-dinner-2/>
- Sat. Mar. 7, 5:30 pm. Chin Christian Church fundraising dinner at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Enjoy Chin cuisine (spicy and non spicy) with music (choir, solo, duet) and program to follow. All donations will help our Chin sisters and brothers with the building they purchased recently in Kitchener. Dinner by reservation only (so the cooks know how many to prepare for). Contact 519 634-8311 or office@smchurch.ca
- Mar 16 or 17. Hidden Acres Grandparent-Grandchild Day. Registration forms are on bulletin board in coat room.

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to you, LORD God,
because you promise peace
to those

who are faithful
and no longer foolish.

⁹ You are ready to rescue
everyone who worships you,
so that you will live with us
in all of your glory.

¹⁰ Love and loyalty
will come together;
goodness and peace
will unite.

¹¹ Loyalty will sprout
from the ground;
justice will look down
from the sky above.

¹² Our LORD, you will bless us;
our land will produce
wonderful crops.

Read again and again.

What do I hear? What is God speaking into my life? What keeps me from listening to the voice of God?

O God, you constantly try to get my attention. You stir and call in the most unlikely places of my life - people and situations that I dismiss as not being able to contain your presence. You beckon me to those corners of my inner being where I have yet to discover you. Open my eyes that I will not miss your presence today. Help me to learn how to "be" and to let go of my need to be swallowed in activity. (Joyce Rupp)