

# 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:** Bethany Ruby

**Chorister:** Lois Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

## First Look

Prelude  
Welcome  
Candle Lighting  
Time of Anticipation  
Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Hymn # 472 .....I am the bread of life  
Hymn # 545 .....Be thou my vision  
Children’s Story .....led by Carolyn O’Krafka  
Scripture Reading .....Mark 8: 31-38  
Hymn # 71 (S the J) .....Alleluia, the Great Storm is over  
Call to Authenticity

## Upside Down and Inside Out

Call to Grace  
Sermon ..... ‘Beyond Imagination’  
Hymn # 124 (S the S) .....My soul cries out

## Second Look

Reader’s Theatre  
Scripture Reading .....Mark 8: 31-38  
Offering  
Announcements  
Hymn # 63 (S the S) .....God, fill me now  
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church  
Hymn # 39 (S the S) .....Will you come and follow me  
Benediction (Call to Commitment)  
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: Janet Cressman

## Location

Downstairs  
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Balcony  
Sanctuary  
Library  
Downstairs Hall  
Clean Up: Judie Bowlby

## Next Sunday – March 8

Please note: Next Sunday, our budget meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour, followed by a potluck lunch.

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender  
Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman  
Children’s Story Leader: Janet Cressman  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Debbie Wall Clean Up: Jackie Keller

## Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Mar. 3, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Sun. Mar. 8. Budget meeting (during the Sunday School hour) and a potluck lunch.
- Mon. Mar. 9, 9 am – noon. Rag cutting at the NH Thrift Centre. All are welcome, scissors provided.

Please remember and pray for Avery Hall. This coming week we will be celebrating a 10 year old pizza party with her on Fri. Mar. 6.

As a faith community we will begin to look at ways we are already or could serve our church and/or community as the Personnel committee will meet to fill positions of Leadership for the coming year. Have you ever wondered what certain ministry teams do? Have you wanted to be on a ministry team, but maybe have never been asked? Would you like to join a team but not have a specific role, but rather sit and be a member at large? Please speak to a member on the PCRC Ministry Team. Consider prayerfully where God might be nudging you to be involved.

**From the church office:**

Larry & Karen Bearinger's phone number is: 226-444-8144. Please update your contact books.

Is now the time for you to publically say "I am a follower of way of Jesus." "I want to pattern myself after the life of Jesus." "I want to publically say I am a part of the Nith Valley Mennonite church family."

On Sunday May 24, Pentecost Sunday, we will have a service of Baptism and transfer of membership. If you have been considering baptism or transferring your membership please speak with Matthew or Hendrike over the next few weeks. As well encourage those around you to consider this step in their faith walk.

From Steinmann MC:

Men's Basketball (18+) at Steinmann MC

every Monday night. Please email Dan if you are interested - danvandermolten1@gmail.com

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From Canadian Mennonite University:

Wondering if the Canadian School of Peacebuilding is for you? If you are interested in peace and are between the ages of 21 and 90+, the CSOP is for you. Check out our participant profiles on our website to learn a little about some of the many diverse people who participate in the CSOP. Apply by April 1 for a \$50 early bird discount! For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca

**Community Events:**

- Tues. Mar. 3, 9:30-10:30 am. MCC welcomes Bishop Selwanos Boutros Alnemeah from the Syrian Orthodox Church. Join us in the Community Room at 50 Kent. (A recording of this event will be available later that day at [www.mcccanada.ca](http://www.mcccanada.ca))
- 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](mailto:office@smchurch.ca)
- Sat. Mar. 14, 10 am – 4 pm. Grebel's Prospective Student Open House
- Mar. 16 or 17. Hidden Acres Grandparent-Grandchild Day. Registration forms are on bulletin board in coat room.
- Sat. Mar. 21, 7:30pm. Menno Singers presents the Poulenc Stabat Mater and works of Brahms, Copland and others at Waterloo North MC. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$5 students) are available at Mennonite Savings and Credit Union, Music Plus or online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)
- Sun. Mar. 22, 3 pm. Ted & Co's presentation of, 'Laughter is Sacred Space,' at Tavistock MC.
- Sat. Mar. 28, 2 pm. Book Launch for Sam Steiner's new book, 'In Search of Promised Lands,' in the Grebel Great Hall.
- Sat. Mar. 28, 6:30 pm. MEDA Waterloo Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. Reserve your place by calling 519-725-1633 X100 or emailing [nagbonaye@meda.org](mailto:nagbonaye@meda.org) by Mar. 23.
- Tues. Mar. 31. The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir invites parents and children to W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George St, Wloo) for an open rehearsal to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the choir. Children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30—7:00 and children ages 10-15 are welcome from 7:30-8:00. For more information: [imcc.conductor@rogers.com](mailto:imcc.conductor@rogers.com)