

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: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman **Chorister:** Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

First Look

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Candle Lighting
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn # 280Christ the Lord is risen today
- Hymn # 273Low in the grave he lay
- Children’s Storyled by Judy Rivers
- Scripture ReadingIsaiah 25: 6-9
- Hymn # 124 (S the S)My soul cries out
- Call to Authenticity

Upside Down and Inside Out

- Call to Grace
- Sermon ‘Risen Today! How will you live today?’

Second Look

- Easter Choral Litany: A New Creation
- Hymn # 17 (S the S)Alleluia!
- Scripture ReadingIsaiah 25: 6-9
- Offering
- Announcements
- Hymn # 277I know that my Redeemer lives
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 611Soon and very soon
- Benediction - Call to Commitment
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Next Sunday – April 12

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Guest Speaker: Allan Sauder (MEDA President)

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

Ushers: Wayne & Doris Zehr

Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. Apr. 18, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Women of MCEC Spring Enrichment Day at Listowel MC with the theme, ‘Helping Vulnerable Women.’ Cost is \$30. Registration form & cheque made out to MCEC due by Apr. 5. See bulletin board for more info & registration forms.

A Jesse tree which has been growing in our foyer helps us to understand that many people lived before Jesus. These people were good, holy people and have interesting stories. Some lived long before Jesus others walked with Jesus to the cross. As you take time to look at the ornaments, which were carefully decorated by our young artists, reflect upon your journey this Lenten Season.

Your opinion matters:

Each year we donate proceeds of the Canada Day brunch to local organizations. We are presently looking for ideas of where to donate money. Interfaith Counselling's Expanding Hope campaign has been suggested. If you have any other suggestions, please submit them by April 15. You can send your ideas to Pastor Matthew or Mark Keller and they will be brought to Church council.

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. There will be open positions on various Ministry Teams, and we pray for God's leading of our process over these next few weeks. If you're sensing a "nudge", please contact any one of the Personnel Committee: Brenda, Tricia, Lyle, Mark, Terry, Pastors Matthew or Hendrike

Financial Update:

9/52 of 2015/16 Budget:	\$28,125.00
Givings to March 31/15:	\$19,772.35
Shortfall:	\$ 8,352.65

Community Events:

- Wed. Apr. 8, 7:30 pm. Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH), presents the movie, 'Do the Math,' an inspiring film that explores one way of solving the climate crisis. Free admission.
- Sat. Apr. 11, 8:30 am. Peace & Justice Community Breakfast at Steinmann MC. Admission by donation. Must register by Apr. 7 by calling 519-634-8311.
- Sat. Apr. 18, 8:30 am – 4:40 pm. NH Christian Centre (177 Jacob St, NH) is hosting a First Aid Course. Cost is \$60 (bring a lunch). Call 519-662-3234.
- Mon. Apr. 20. Relief Sale Promotion Dinner at Bingemans, with speaker Issa Sadi Embomolo (founder of MCC Peace Club in Zambia). Tickets are \$10 and available from Judie Bowlby by Apr 12.
- Wed. Apr. 22 & Thurs. Apr. 23. Join MCC's comforter knotting event at the Elmira Produce Auction (7400 Reidwoods Dr, Elmira). See poster for details.
- Thurs. Apr. 23, 7 pm. Nithview hosts Willard Metzger (MC Canada Executive Director). All are welcome to this event to hear inspirational stories and an update from the wider church family. See poster for details.
- Apr. 27 and Apr. 28. Hidden Acres Spring Senior's Retreat, with resource person Mark Diller Harder. See flyers on bulletin board in coat room or call 519-625-8602.
- May 2 & 3. Brussels Mennonite Fellowship is celebrating their 35th anniversary. See poster on bulletin board for more info, or visit www.bmfchurch.com
- Sat. May 9. Hidden Acres 20th Annual Road Hockey Tournament. See brochures on bulletin board in coat room.

Job Opportunity:

Avon Mennonite Church (www.avonmennonite.com) in Stratford, is seeking a part-time Youth and Junior Youth leader. Together with volunteers, this person will employ his/her gifts, education and experience to shepherd and encourage our youth in the development of personal faith and the discovery of their calling as disciples of Christ in the local and global community. The successful candidate will evidence a genuine relationship with Jesus, strong relational skills with youth and an appreciation of biblical truth and Anabaptist values. For job description or to submit your resume, please email avonyouth15@gmail.com

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