

## 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:** Tricia Cressman

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Guest Speaker:** Allan Sauder

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 283 .....Christ who left his home in glory

Hymn # 276 .....This joyful Eastertide

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Story ..... led by Tricia Cressman

Hymn # 490 .....Lord of the home

Scripture Reading

Sermon

### Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 101 (S the S) .....The risen Christ

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 322 .....For we are strangers no more

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Allan Sauder to our service this morning. Allan is President of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA). Allan and his wife, Donna, live in Waterloo, Ontario and have two adult children. They are members at Erb Street MC.

## 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: Wayne Eckstein

## Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

### Next Sunday – April 19

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephen Hoke

Clean Up: Susan Hartzler

Ushers: Wayne & Doris Zehr

### Nith Valley Events:

- Sun. Apr. 26. Annual Reports due in to the church office.
- Sun. May 3. Annual Meeting (during the Sunday School hour) and potluck lunch.

Hendrike and Matthew are celebrating and participating in the ordination service of Tanya Dyck Steinmann who is one of the pastors at East Zorra Mennonite Church today.

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

The worship ministry team would like to thank all who were part of our Lenton journey this year. This includes choristers, pianists, worship band, Reader's theatre troop & director, decorators, worship leaders, children story leaders, A-V people, worship planners and, of course, our pastors, Hendrike & Matthew. Thanks also to the Fellowship team for coordinating the annual Easter brunch! We truly work together as a church family to provide holy and meaningful experiences.

**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.

**Community Events:**

- Fri. Apr. 17, 7 pm. Menno Youth Singers Annual Coffee House Fundraiser at Waterloo North MC. Great music & food!
- 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.
- Sat. Apr. 18, 7 pm. Single or Single Again group meets for Movie Night at Wilmot MC.
- 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.
- May 2 & 3. Brussels Mennonite Fellowship is celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. See poster on bulletin board for more info, or visit [www.bmfchurch.com](http://www.bmfchurch.com)
- Sun. May 24, 1 pm. Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Annual General meeting at Stirling Ave MC.

**From Wilmot Family Resource Centre:**

The Food Bank is in urgent need of canned foods for their spring food drive. Food items especially needed are: school lunch items, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, pasta sauce, canned or powdered milk. Donations can be brought to the WFRC (175 Waterloo St, NH) or to the drop box at either No Frills or Sobeys.

**The New Hamburg Thrift Centre** has a full-time, 6 month contract (non-renewable) for adult job seekers who are unemployed or under-employed (working less than 20 hours per week.) This position is not open to students seeking summer employment. Application deadline is May 1. See job description posted on bulletin board in coat room.

**Relief Sale News:**

Get involved at the Relief Sale May 29 & 30:

**Run for Relief:** Register for the 5k Run or 2k Walk.

**Play Music:** Busking-style musicians are needed Friday evening or Saturday (contact Dan at [dan@ddajohnson.com](mailto:dan@ddajohnson.com))

**Plants:** Start plant cuttings and bulbs now, and bring them to our Plant Tent at the Sale.

Details of these opportunities to get involved can be found at our website ([www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)) or email [johnreimer@sentex.ca](mailto:johnreimer@sentex.ca).

**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 <http://csop.cmu.ca/?s=profile> . For more info, go to [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).

**From Conrad Grebel:**

Conrad Grebel will be offering an intensive Theological Studies course on "Baptism: Ecumenical Perspectives," taught by John Rempel, May 19-22, 25-29. The church of Christ can't agree whether infants can be baptized or only those who confess a personal faith. Each side has a different view of the church. The goal of this course is to enter the dynamic of recent dialogues on these issues among Mennonites, Lutherans, and Catholics, and learn from each other. Auditors are welcome. For more information, contact Birgit Moscinski, 519-885-0220 x24264, [birgit.moscinski@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:birgit.moscinski@uwaterloo.ca)

**From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:**

**Arts & Adventure Camp at Silver Lake** from July 12-25. Join skilled volunteers as they lead multi day sessions including: woodworking, construction, yoga, guitar, drama, visual arts, mountain biking, jewellery making, wilderness survival plus many more. For more information visit [www.slmc.ca/camp](http://www.slmc.ca/camp) or call 519-422-1401. Campership subsidies are available.