

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: Janna Lynn Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 651I owe the Lord a morning song

Hymn # 5 (S the J)Come and be light for our eyes

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story led by Heather Cressman

Hymn # 414God, who stretched

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12: 4-6

Panel Discussion - ‘Thank God it’s Monday: Our Vocation as a Calling’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 389Take my life

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 57 (S the S)Go, my friends, in grace

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Thank you Janet, Stacey, Andy and Chris for sharing with us this morning. You are all invited to reflect upon the same questions as the panel.

Hendrike and Matthew are preaching at the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church this morning. The congregation is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and has invited previous pastors to share in this occasion. Matthew and Hendrike were Associate pastors from 1995-1998.

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: Ruth Cressman

Clean Up: Kathryn Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Next Sunday – May 3

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Children’s Story Leader: Carolyn O’Krafka

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ken Koch

Clean Up: Jackie Keller

Ushers: The Isert Bender Family

Please note: Each long weekend of the summer will feature a combined worship service for all Youth Ignited churches (May 17 – St. Agatha; June 29-Wilmot; Aug 3-Nith Valley; Aug 31-Mannheim).

Panel Discussion Questions:

1. What do you do and how is your work part of your identity?
2. How does your work lend meaning to your life?
3. How does daily work contribute to the kind of world God intended?
4. What does it mean to have one foot in the church and one in the world?
5. People with "callings" are consistently happier than those with mere jobs or careers. In what way do you feel called?
6. What do I really want to give my world through my work?

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Apr. 27. Annual Reports due in to the church office.
- Sun. May 3. Annual Meeting (during the Sunday School hour), potluck lunch and MCC Service Project. We are aiming to complete 40 hygiene kits and knit a comforter to send to Syria. Sign up sheets on the bulletin board for items needed for the hygiene kits and a few proficient sewers needed. Items required are very specific--please talk to Jackie Keller if you need more information.
- Sun. May 17, 10 am. Join together with the other Wilmot Ignited churches for a worship service at St. Agatha MC. (No service at Nith Valley that day.)
- Sat. June 13. Save the date - Families (of any type) - more details coming soon.
- Sun. June 14. We will recognize those in our congregation who born before 1936. It will be a morning of worship together followed by a potluck and visiting. More details to follow.

The Personnel Ministry Team is requesting your continued prayers 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. Open positions at this point include... ***Council Chair (or Co Chairs) - Christian Formation Chair (or Co-Chairs) - 3 or 4 Members for our Fellowship Ministry Team - Canada Day Brunch Coordinator(s)***, 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.

Service of Baptism and Transfer of Membership will take place on Sept 27th. Two people have expressed interest in Baptism at this point if you are feeling called to consider making a public commitment of faith. Please speak with Matthew or Lois in the next week as this group will begin meeting shortly to explore what it means to be a person of Mennonite Christian faith. In addition, if you are considering transferring your membership please speak with Matthew or Hendrike.

Relief Sale News:

Plan on attending the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** May 29 and 30th. Donate & roll coins at the My Coins Count tent.

(<http://mcc.org/get-involved/my-coins-count>) Come to the Friday evening Indoors Auction featuring items for the inside of the home. And come and sample food from three new food venues!

Volunteers Needed: Setup and Cleanup volunteers are needed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday: for details contact John Reimer at johnreimer@sentex.ca.

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)

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) or email johnreimer@sentex.ca.

Community Events:

- May 2 & 3. Brussels Mennonite Fellowship is celebrating their 35th anniversary. See poster on bulletin board for more info, or visit www.bmfchurch.com
- Fri. May 8, 7:30 pm. Gospel Express Ministries at Crosshill MC, with the Penner Family, the Watchmen Quartet and the Randy Thiessen Family.
- Sat. May 9. Crosshill MC presents their Annual Benefit Auction. Breakfast at 8:00 am, Auction begins at 10:00. See poster for more info.
- Sat. May 9, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers presents, 'Songs of Spring,' at Waterloo North MC. Tickets (\$20 adults, \$5 students) available at MSCU, Music Plus or www.mennosingers.com
- Sun. May 24, 1 pm. Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Annual General meeting at Stirling Ave MC.
- Sat. June 20, 9 am. Road Hockey Challenge at Crosshill MC. Divisions for boys/girls from Novice to Bantam. Special guest – Nick Spaling (grew up in Drayton, ON, plays for the Pittsburgh Penguins). Cost \$100/team of 5 (4 playing at a time). Register by May 16. More info at www.crosshillmennonite.ca or contact Kyle Roes at kyleroes@hotmail.com