

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: Judie Bowlby

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lara Shantz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 34 (S the J)Loving Spirit

Hymn # 36 (S the J)Long before my journey’s start

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story led by Lois Cressman

Hymn # 45 (S the S)Calm me, Lord

Scripture ReadingGenesis 1: 26-27; Deuteronomy 32: 10-14

Sermon ‘Mothering God taught Isreal to fly’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 596And I will raise you up

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 25 (S the J)When long before time

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: Andy Kirkland

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Kevin Cressman

Next Sunday – May 17

Join together with the other Wilmot Ignited churches for a worship service at St. Agatha Mennonite Church, beginning at 10:00 am (1967 Erbs Rd.). There will be no service at Nith Valley that day.

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY. Youth rehearsal for ‘The Drum,’ during Sunday School.
- Wed. May 13, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. May 13, 7 pm. PCRC/Personnel Ministry Team meeting.
- 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.)
- Sun. May 31. Join us for the performance of the mini-musical, ‘The Drum,’ performed by our youth during the worship service.
- Sat. June 13. Save the date – Bring your families to the Brantford Zoo. More details coming soon.
- Sun. June 14. We will recognize those in our congregation who were born before 1936. It will be a morning of worship together followed by a potluck and visiting. More details to follow.

Please note: Each long weekend of the summer will feature a combined worship service for all Youth Ignited churches (May 17 – St. Agatha; June 28-Wilmot; Aug 2- Nith Valley; Sept 6-Mannheim).

Put, ‘Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well,’ on your summer reading list. We will offer a fall elective to have further conversation on the topic of death and dying. The book can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$10. A copy can also be borrowed from the church library.

Schedule for Youth Rehearsals for 'The Drum':

- Sun, May 10 – rehearsal during SS
- Sat, May 23 – rehearsal at Shantz Farm (966951 Oxford-Waterloo Rd), 6:30pm around the campfire. Families of youth are welcome!
- Sun, May 24 – Dress rehearsal during SS
- Sun, May 31 – performance during the worship service

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) - Faith 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.

It's cookie time again: Start your baking now and freeze them! It's that time again. Cookie seller sheet will be on the bulletin board on May 10th. Trays and bags will be in the foyer that day also. Happy baking everyone!

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.

From MCEC:

Mennonite Church Canada Executive Director Willard Metzger with other church leaders are participating in a Justice Tour to discuss two topics: POVERTY and CLIMATE JUSTICE. Willard is looking forward to being part of these discussions with members from Mennonite Church Canada in Kitchener-Waterloo, Sunday, May 10; Halifax, Monday, May 11; Montréal, Tuesday, May 12; Ottawa,

Wednesday, May 13. For times, locations, panelists, and other details visit <http://www.cpj.ca/justicetour2015>. All are welcome!

From May 29-June 3, many people will be gathering in Ottawa to mark the ceremonial close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. If you aren't able to attend, here are **5 Things You Can Do Anywhere In Canada** to show your commitment to reconciliation: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/638>

The 8th Annual Run for Relief will be held at the New Hamburg Relief Sale, Sat. May 30 beginning at 8:00 am. Event features a 5K run, a 2K run and a 2K walk. Poster and entry forms are on the bulletin board in the coat room.

Community Events:

- Thurs. May 21, 5:30-9:00 pm. Suicide Alertness Workshop at Steinmann MC, run by the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Space is limited, to register, call 519-884-1470 X1235 or email jmerrick@lutherwood.ca
- Sun. May 24, 1 pm. Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Annual General meeting at Stirling Ave MC.
- Sun. May 24, 7:30 pm. Fundraiser for NH Mennonite Relief Sale: The Martin Family Singers perform at Steinmann MC. Tickets available at the Credit Union.
- Sun. June 7, 2:30 pm. Detweiler Meetinghouse hosts their 9th Annual Harmonia Sacra hymn sing.
- Sat. June 13, 1 pm. Bus Trip and Annual Meeting of Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario. Meet at Rockway Collegiate (8:00 am) and travel to Essex County. See poster for details or call Sam Steiner 519-884-1040.
- 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
- Sat. June 20. MennoHomes Annual Bike-a-thon, Out-Spok'n V, starting at Elmira MC. Proceeds to new affordable housing project in Elmira. Details at www.mennohomes.com or contact Dan Driedger at 226-476-2535 or ddriedger@mennohomes.com.