

**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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**Pianist:** Bonnie Stemmler **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman  
**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn # 1 ..... What is this place
- Hymn # 25 ..... Jesus, stand among us

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Children’s Story
- Hymn # 34 (S the J) ..... Loving spirit
- Scripture Reading ..... Acts 2: 1-21
- Sermon

**Turning to Jesus**

- Hymn # 46 (S the J) ..... O Breathe on me, O breath of God
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

**Go With the Spirit**

- Hymn # 433 (vs. 1 & 4) ..... Go, my children
- 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: Wayne Zehr

**Location**

- Downstairs
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- Balcony
- Sanctuary
- Library
- Downstairs Hall
- Clean Up: Bethany Ruby

**Next Sunday – May 31**

Join us for a worship service featuring the mini-musical, ‘The Drum,’ which will be performed by our youth.  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Stacey Keller Clean up: Terry Keller  
Ushers: The Isert Bender family

**Nith Valley Events:**

- TODAY. Youth dress rehearsal for ‘The Drum,’ during Sunday School.
- Wed. May 27, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. May 27, 7 pm. Pastoral Ministry Team meeting.
- 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. Trip to Brantford Zoo. Meet at the zoo at 10:30 (84 Langford Church Rd., Brantford), bring a picnic lunch. Discount prices are \$11.00/adult and \$7.50/child age 2 and up--simply state that you are with Nith Valley when you arrive to get the discount rates. In the event of extreme bad weather, an email will be sent out that morning by 9:00 to cancel the event. Please sign up on the bulletin board.
- 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.

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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.

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!

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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.

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The 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Hidden Acres Camp will host its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Barbecue and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Auction on Tues. June 9, 5:30-8:00 pm. All proceeds support the Hidden Acres ministry to children, families and individuals. Take-out available. Regular meal \$15, Small meal \$11. Advance tickets only. Tickets are available from Lara Shantz or emailing [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)

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Pies needed – We need 10 volunteers to bake and donate a delicious pie to the Hidden Acre Pie Auction for Tuesday, June 9. All profits support the Hidden Acres Camp ministry. Please let Lara know if you can donate a pie. Thank you!

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Love to sing? The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir offers a chance for children ages 6-14 to have an excellent music education experience while singing with their friends. Learn music from varying eras, proper voice techniques, and grow in self-confidence and performance skills. The IMCC has been training young singers for almost 50 years, and is currently accepting new choristers for Fall 2015. Vocal interviews will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. The registration link is available at [www.mennosingers.com/imcc](http://www.mennosingers.com/imcc) (under Join the Choir) or email [imcc.conductor@rogers.com](mailto:imcc.conductor@rogers.com) for more info.

## Community Events:

- TONIGHT, 7:30 pm. Fundraiser for NH Mennonite Relief Sale: The Martin Family Singers perform at Steinmann MC. Tickets available at the Credit Union.
- May 29 & 30. NH Mennonite Relief Sale. Remember the plant tent will accept donations of houseplants, perennials and seedlings. The rhubarb table (under grandstand) will also be glad for your donations.
- Sun. June 7, 2:30 pm. Detweiler Meetinghouse hosts their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Harmonia Sacra hymn sing.
- June 9, 5:30-8:00. Hidden Acres Annual Chicken BBQ & Pie Auction. Tickets \$15 and \$11. Advance tickets only.
- Thurs. June 11, 6:30-9:30 pm. Interfaith presents Ladies Night Out at Steinmann MC. Tickets \$20. See poster for details.
- Sat. June 13, 8:30-4:30. NH Christian Centre hosts a Red Cross Emergency First Aid Course. Cost is \$60. Bring your own lunch. To register, call 519-662-3234 by June 5. See poster for details.
- 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](http://www.crosshillmennonite.ca) or contact Kyle Roes at [kyleroes@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.mennohomes.com) or contact Dan Driedger at 226-476-2535 or [ddriedger@mennohomes.com](mailto:ddriedger@mennohomes.com).