

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: Donna Hartzler

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Theme: Walking with God – Stepping Forward

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 1What is this place (*North America*)

Hymn # 615Shall we gather at the River (*North America*)

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Hymn # 63 (S the S)God fill me now (*Europe*)

Highlights from Mennonite World Conference Assembly 2015

Hymn # 2 (S the J).....Come walk with us (*Africa*)

Scripture Reading Acts 18: 22-28

Sermon ‘The Church is a Beautiful Thing’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 77 (S the J)The Peace of the Earth (*Guatemala*)

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 118Praise God from Whom (*North America*)

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – Aug 9

We will gather at Lyle and Karen Cressman's (1387 Walker Rd) at 9:45am for a time of Worship. You will have the opportunity to worship at the home or to walk to the bush and experience worship outdoors. A special time is planned for both places. Please bring a snack to share.

Nith Valley Events:

- Thurs. Aug 6, 6:30 pm. Women's bible/book study at Tammy Shantz's house (48 Ann St. Plattsville)
- . Mon. Aug. 31. Blood Donor Clinic at Steinmann MC. Nith Valley is hosting this event, so we need volunteers to serve refreshments 2:00-5:30 & 5:30-8:30 (2 people for each time). Please contact Donna Hartzler if you are able to help.

Needed: Milk Bags! We are hoping to make milk bag mats which offer people without beds an invaluable, durable, and washable alternative to sleeping on the often cold and damp ground. We hope to collect 1000 bags (the outer bag, with the dairy's name on it), so tell your family and friends too.

Wide World of Scripture

Church Retreat Fall 2015! Friday October 23 to Sunday October 25, we will retreat together as a Church Family at Camp Shalom (Countryside Camp and Conference Center) with speakers Brent & Mary Anne Musser, inviting us into the Wide World of Scripture. You are strongly encouraged to **prioritize** this date in your family calendars, so you can attend.

Community Events:

- Thurs, Aug 6, 8 pm. Remembering the 70th anniversary of the atomic explosion at Hiroshima. Come to the Nith River behind the New Hamburg Library for a brief peace ceremony and to assemble Japanese lanterns to float on the river. This is a family friendly event hosted by the Steinmann Mennonite Church Peace & Justice Committee.
- Fri. Aug. 28, 7 pm. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp final concert at Conrad Grebel. All are welcome.