

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: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Guest Speaker: Karla Richards

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 98 (blue) v.1,2&4Sing to the Lord of harvest

Hymn # 156 (blue)All things bright and beautiful

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story led by Christa Gerber

Hymn # 46 (blue)I sing the mighty power of God

Scripture ReadingGenesis 1: 36-31

Sermon ‘When is Enough, Enough?’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 299New earth, heavens new

Offering

Announcements

Special Music – Seek Only Thy Perfect Way

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 6 (duotang)How great thou art

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Karla Richards and Christa Gerber to Nith Valley this morning. They are the management team at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre.

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class (ages 3-SK)

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Susan Hartzler

Location

Downstairs

Downstairs

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Bonnie Stemmler

Next Sunday – January 24

This month we have looked at some of the ministries we support outside of our own NVMC. We give thanks for the work of Mennonite Church Canada, MCC and Mennonite World Conference. Next Sunday we welcome Len Rempel to our congregation. Len works for Mennonite World Conference and will share in our service.

Worship Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender Guest Speaker: Len Rempel

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender

Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda Roth Clean Up: Brenda Kirkland

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Jan. 18, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting at Susan Cressman’s home.
- Wed. Jan. 20, 7 pm. Worship Ministry Team meeting.
- Sat. Jan. 23, 9:00-11:00 am. Men’s Breakfast. Darrell Bender will raise our awareness of social issues in our region as he shares about his work at the Working Center. Please sign up on the Bulletin board at the back. \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/student.
- Sun. Jan. 24. Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner! Please sign up as host or guest on the bulletin board today if you plan to participate.

Financial Update:

100% of 2015/16 Budget	\$162,500.00
Givings to Jan 10/16	\$146,784.87
Shortfall	\$15,715.13

Reminder: Our year end is January 31/16 and this shortfall needs to be covered by then.

Our Pastor-Congregation Relations Ministry Team (PCR) continues to meet regularly. Our role is to care for the relationship between our congregation and pastors. We wish to encourage and facilitate open communication, sharing both affirmations and concerns.

Please feel free to approach any of the PCR Ministry Team...

Brenda K.; Lyle C.; Tricia C.; Pastors Matthew/Hendrike, or Terry K. .

Community Events:

- Tues. Jan. 19, 7-8:30 pm. Interfaith Counselling Centre is holding a Let's Talk Mental Health Workshop on Depression, for persons who are supporting others. To register, call 519-662-3092 X101.
- Thurs. Jan. 21, 7:30 am. MEDA Breakfast at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs.
- Sun. Jan. 24, 7 pm. Three Choir Hymn Sing (Menno Singers, Menno Youth, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir) at Erb St. Mennonite Church.
- Sat. Jan. 31, 9-11 am. 'Sowing Seeds of Hope' – A Hearty Breakfast Fundraising Event for the Sierra Leone. Location is Steinmann MC. Admission by donation.
- Sat. Feb. 13. Mennonite Women of Wilmot Cluster Breakfast at Steinmann MC. Registration at 8:15 am, breakfast at 8:30 am. Omas Siskona of KW: collaborating with African Grandmothers. Special Music: Tracy, Natalie and Cecelia Weber. See Poster on bulletin board for more info and sign-up sheet. Sign up by Monday, February 8.
- July 29-31. Skylight Festival in Paris, Ontario, featuring speakers, artists and musicians. Early bird price of \$119 until Jan. 15. More info at www.skylightfestival.ca

Nith Valley Mennonite Church Congregational and Pastoral Review

"Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of His body, the Church. Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:15-16

Church Council has asked the PCR Ministry Team to lead the process of a congregational/pastoral review in 2016, and MCEC has provided Jamie Gerber from Wellesley as a resource person. The purpose of a congregational/pastoral review is to affirm and strengthen our pastors and congregation in our relationship and ministry. The goal of the evaluation is to find ways to seek growth in personal, professional, and congregational relationships. Our process is being planned to include the following components... i) Pastors self review ii) Our Ministry Teams will receive a questionnaire and be asked to submit collective responses iii) Focus groups discussions, most likely to be held 1 Sunday during the Sunday School hour iv) an on-line (and/or paper) survey for congregants and adherents of Nith Valley... and more details to follow in the coming weeks.

Blessings all, as we invite your participation in the process and uphold this task to prayer and thoughtful consideration. "We need each other... we are each other... and we're more than just ourselves because of each other..."