

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: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Guest Speaker: Len Rempel

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 397 (blue).....God loves all his many people

Hymn # 76 (blue)Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Hearing God's Word

Celebrating World Fellowship Sunday 2016

Children's Storyled by Hendrike Isert Bender

Hymn # 63 (purple)God, fill me now

Scripture ReadingPsalm 23; Luke 24: 13-35; Phillippians 2:3-4

Sermon

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 585 (blue)In your sickness

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 2 (green) Come, walk with us

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Len Rempel to Nith Valley this morning. Len works for Mennonite World Conference. Len and his family live in New Hamburg and attend East Zorra Mennonite Church.

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: Glenda Roth

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Brenda Kirkland

Next Sunday – January 31

Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Children's Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Carol Cook

Clean Up: Lloyd Fretz

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Jan. 27, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Wed. Jan. 27, 7 pm. Christian Formation Ministry Team mtg.
- Sat. Feb. 27. Nith Valley Women's Retreat. Save the date!

Financial Update:

100% of 2015/16 Budget \$162,500.00

Givings to Jan 17/16 \$148,399.87

Shortfall \$14,100.13

Reminder: Next Sunday, January 31, is the last Sunday for 2015/16 budget givings.

From the church office:

The Nith Valley website is a great resource. You can find weekly bulletins and recordings of the services; the monthly celebrations page, the worship schedule, church council minutes, and more! Some parts of the website are password protected. If you would like the password, contact Carolyn. Check it out at: www.nithvalleymennonite.com

From Rockway Mennite Collegiate:

Rockway prepares students to be responsible, globally-minded, compassionate, and reflective learners. Applications are now being accepted for 2016-2017. Check out the application process at www.rockway.ca or call the school at 519-743-5209 to arrange for a tour'n talk!

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..."

From Canadian Mennonite University:

For people of peace in a world with much violence, the Canadian School of Peacebuilding is a great place to learn peacebuilding skills, to connect with other peacebuilders and to hear inspiring stories. Come join our wildly diverse community for a 5-day session, June 13-17 or 20-24, 2016. More information is available at csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca

From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Women's Retreat: Feb 26-28. Theme: Travel Lightly. Resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Community Events:

- TODAY, 7 pm. Three Choir Hymn Sing (Menno Singers, Menno Youth, Inter-Mennonite Children) at Erb St. MC
- Sat. Jan. 30, 9-11 am. 'Sowing Seeds of Hope' – A Hearty Breakfast Fundraising Event for the Sierra Leone. Location is Steinmann MC. Admission by donation. Please register by calling 519-535-0668.
Thurs. Feb. 4, 6:30 pm. Conrad Grebel presents the Bechtel Lecture Dinner, featuring Janneken Smucker speaking about Amish quilt makers. Tickets are \$75. Call Alison Enns at (519) 885-0220 x24217 to reserve yours.
- Tues. Feb. 9, 5-7 pm. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the Wilmot Rec Complex, hosted by Zion United and St. George Anglican churches. Call 519-662-9372 to reserve your tickets (adult \$9, children \$5). Limited number of tickets at the door.
- 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 Mon, Feb 8.
- Mon. Feb. 15, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Lots of free indoor and outdoor activities. Lunch available for \$3.00. Reserve your spot by calling 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale:

In honour of the 50th Annual Mennonite Relief Sale in May of 2016, we would like to hear your memories and stories from Relief Sales past. Send stories, memories and special moments from Relief Sales past that you wish to share to reliefsalestories@gmail.com. We will compile these stories and post them on the Relief Sale website (www.nhmrs.com) starting in February. This is a great way of sharing stories before they are lost. They can be short or long, funny or serious. Our hope is we remind ourselves and others why the Sale has continued on for 50 years and why it should continue on for another 50!

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is looking for a canvasser for the New Hamburg and Baden area. Responsibilities are to approach businesses in the area and ask if they would like to donate items for the Indoors and Outdoors Auctions. For further information contact John Reimer at john.b.reimer@outlook.com or call 519-662-4315.

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Services during Lent:

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Join us for an evening of eating, studying and sharing together. Sign Up sheet on back bulletin board.

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