

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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Music Leaders: Praise Team Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman
Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Song # 21 (duotang)Shout to the Lord
Song # 62 (duotang)Step by step
Call to Worship
Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Song (on screen)All who are thirsty
Scripture ReadingPsalm 63: 1-8
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
Children's Storyled by Tricia Cressman
Scripture ReadingLuke 13: 1-9
Sermon

Turning to Jesus

Song # 398 (blue)I love to tell the story
Song # 585 (blue)In your sickness
Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Song # 86 (green)Taste and see
Communion
Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Sunday School Class

	Location
1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class (ages 3-SK)	Downstairs
2. Primary Class	Downstairs
3. Junior Class	Balcony
4. Young Adult Class	Sanctuary
5. Adult Bible Study Class	Library
6. Sermon Discussion Class	Downstairs Hall
Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman	Clean Up: Judie Bowlby

Next Sunday – March 6:

Worship Leader: Stephen Hoke Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender
Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Doris Zehr
Coffee/Juice Prep: Jackie Keller Clean Up: Debbie Wall

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, 2-4 pm. Open House at the house rented for the refugee family (290 Huron St. NH). Feel free to drop by to see where our family will be living. (No snacks will be served.)
- Tues. Mar. 1, 9:00-3:00. Sewing Circle.
- Tues. Mar. 1, 6:30 pm. Women's Lenten Bible Study. This week's meeting will be at Susan Cressman's house.
- Wed. Mar. 2, 7:00. Church Council meeting.
- Fri. Mar. 4, Nith Valley Youth Event – going to see “Back to the 80's Musical” at WO, featuring our very own Brandon Wall and Kogan Shantz! Please contact Stacey Keller for details.
- Fri. Mar. 25, 9:45 am. Good Friday service
- Sun. Mar. 27. Easter Sunday. Join us for a potluck Easter Breakfast at 8:30, followed by our Easter worship service at 10:00.

From Hidden Acres:

Our 34th Annual Fundraising Bowlathon will be held on Sat. Mar. 5. This is the camp's main annual fundraising activity. Last year \$28,913 was raised! This money will be used for Capital expenses. Please show your support by sponsoring Dan Cressman. Thank you!

Community Events:

- Mon. Feb. 29, 6:30 pm. Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Special General Meeting at Creekside Church (660 Conservation Dr, Waterloo).
- Wed. Mar. 2, noon. 'Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song,' at Zion United Church (215 Peel St, NH).
- Sat. Mar. 19, 9 am – noon. Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada Lenten Contemplative Retreat, led by Gord Alton at Mannheim MC. Cost is \$20. Register at mennospiritdir@gmail.com
- Sat. Mar. 12, 6:30 pm. MEDA Annual Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. See poster for details.
- Mar. 14 or Mar. 15. Hidden Acres Grandparent – Grandchild (gr. 1-6) Days. For more info, email info@hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602.
- Thurs. Mar. 31, 7:30 pm. Conrad Grebel presents the Benjamin Eby Lecture, 'The Bottle, the Dagger and the Ring: Church Discipline and Dutch Mennonite Identity in the Seventeenth Century,' given by Professor Troy Osborne in the Grebel Chapel.

From MCC:

The New Hamburg Thrift Centre is currently recruiting for a full-time staff position Assistant Manager, Household Goods. A full description can be found at www.newhamburgthrift.com. Applications accepted until March 4.

Finding God in My Neighbourhood Photo Showcase

Dust off your camera or cell phones! You are invited to submit photos for the *MCEC Finding God in My Neighbourhood Photo Showcase*. We ask you to focus on finding God in your neighbourhoods in ordinary and surprising ways. What does that look like? Where do you discover God? This showcase will be part of the MCEC Annual Church Gathering with Stuart Murray on April 29 & 30, 2016 at UMEI Christian High School in Leamington, ON. Send your jpgs to photos@mcec.ca

From Mennonite Disaster Service:

MDS ON Family Project at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

Last 2 weeks in July and first 2 weeks in Aug 2016

- Enjoy the outdoors with your family and experience an MDS project for a week in a camp setting
- Multi-generational families encouraged to participate
- Various building projects planned to benefit Silver Lake Mennonite Camp
- Volunteers required to provide own sleeping accommodations, limited on site cabin space. Registration fee \$75/family To register or for info call Evelyn 1-866-261-1274.

Prayer Request from MC Canada:

PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/go/96. Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada's Director, Indigenous Relations is editing a special edition of Intotemak focused on UNDRIP—The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has called all Churches and social justice organizations to share how they will comply with UNDRIP by March 31st 2016. Pray for Steve and others as they work toward this goal.

From Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support:

MCRS is a charitable organization with a mission to welcome and support refugee claimants in Waterloo Region. MCRS is seeking an Interim Director who will provide exceptional leadership and steadfast support to the organization in this transitional role.

Please visit www.mcrs.ca/get-involved/employment/ for the full job description. Cover letters and resumes can be sent to sarahmartin.consulting@gmail.com until Thursday March 3, 2016.

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Voices of Harmony and Dissent: How Peacebuilders are Transforming Their Worlds, a book of peacebuilding tools, stories and wisdom authored by instructors of the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, is now available for FREE download in e-book format. Go to csop.cmu.ca and click on the Free E Book slider for information about how to download your copy.