

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:

Pianist: Bethany Ruby Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman
Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Hymn # 60 (blue)This is a day of new beginnings
Time of Anticipation
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn # 75 (duotang)Blessed be your name
Hymn # 51 (green)As tranquil streams

Hearing God's Word

Children's Storyled by Janet Cressman
Scripture ReadingIsaiah 43: 16-21
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance
Hymn # 105 (green).....Don't be afraid
Sermon 'There is a new world coming; it's already here!'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 299 (blue)New earth, heavens new
Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 87 (green).....Put peace into each other's hand
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: Chris Cressman	Clean Up: Owen Cook

Next Sunday – March 20:

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender
Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Lois Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Judy Rivers
Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephanie Wagler Clean Up: Doris Zehr

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Mar. 16, 6:30 pm. Women's Lenten Bible Study at the Isert Bender home.
- 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.
- Sat. Apr. 23. WMCEC's Spring Enrichment Day, at Rouge Valley Mennonite Church. Theme will be, 'This is my Story, This is my Song.' See Jeannette Cressman for a registration form. Register by Apr. 9. Space is limited

From MC Canada:

Area Church Annual General meetings have concluded for MCBC, MCM and MC Sask, and are scheduled for MCA and MCEC. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as area church and congregational leaders discern issues facing the church, including recommendations regarding sexuality and reorganization of national and area church structures.

From Rockway Collegiate – Job Opportunities:

We invite applicants for the position of Director of Advancement., as well as the position of Math and Computer Teacher. Visit www.rockway.ca for further information..

Community Events:

- Wed. Mar. 16, 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. 24, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Home invites you to an educational event, ‘Cracked: New Light on Dementia.’ See poster on bulletin board.
- Tues. Mar. 29. Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir invites interested parents and children to an open rehearsal at W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George St., Wloo). Children ages 6-9 come from 6:30-7:00 and children ages 10-15 come from 7:30-8:00. For more info, email imcc.conductor@rogers.com
- Thurs. Mar. 31, 7 pm. MCEC hosts a cluster meeting at Hillcrest Mennonite Church to inform pastors and congregational leaders of MC Canada’s Future Directions Task recommendations.
- 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.

Request for your considerations from our Personnel Ministry Team...

As a faith community we continue to look at ways we are already serving, or could further serve our church and community. The Personnel Ministry Team is currently meeting to review positions of Leadership for the coming year.

Have you ever wondered what certain ministry teams do? Have you wanted to be on a ministry team, but maybe have never been asked? Would you like to join a ministry team but not have a specific role, rather serving as a member at large? Consider prayerfully where God might be nudging you to be involved.

Please speak to any of the Personnel Ministry Team, being...

Pastor Matthew - Brenda - Lyle - Tricia - Terry

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. .