

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: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 55 (duotang)I will enter His gates

Hymn # 53 (duotang)Hosanna

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture ReadingLuke 19:28-40

Children’s Storyled by Judy Rivers

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn # 333 (blue)Christ who is in the form of God

Scripture ReadingPhilippians 2:5-11

Sermon ‘Have the Same Mind in You’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 106 (blue)All hail the power of Jesus’ name

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 421 (blue)Bless’d be the tie that binds

Communion

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

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: Stephanie Wagler

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Doris Zehr

Next Service – March 25 – Good Friday:

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender

Next Sunday – March 27 – Easter Sunday:

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

(Potluck Breakfast will begin at 8:30, worship service at 10:00)

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 21, 7 pm. Personnel Ministry Team meeting.
- Mon. Mar. 21, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting, at Hendrike’s house.
- Wed. Mar. 23, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. Mar. 21, 6:30 pm. Women’s Lenten Bible Study at Lois’ house (946778 Township Rd 14).
- Fri. Mar. 25, 9:45 am. Good Friday service.
- Sun. Mar. 27. Annual Reports Due.
- 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 Mennonite Disaster Service:

URGENT – WE NEED YOUR GOOD USED FURNITURE! - MDS ON continues partnering with MCC ON to help settle Syrian Refugees in the Waterloo Region by operating the MDS Furniture Depot in Elmira. Our depot is emptying fast. More box springs, dressers and chairs are urgently needed, along with other household furniture. If you have good condition furniture to donate (no junk please), it can be dropped off at the MDS Furniture Depot at 6 Arthur St. N, Elmira, Thur and Fri between 12 to 5 pm and Sat 10 am to 3 pm, or by appointment.

For more information on donating furniture call 519-669-2009
Furniture Depot Coordinator 519-502-0623

MDS Family Project at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Ontario & Camp Assiniboia, Manitoba! MDS is partnering with these two Mennonite Camps to build cabins and other small buildings. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come and learn from each other while serving others. In Ontario, food and camping sites are provided. In Manitoba food and camping sites are provided as well as some housing in the SS rooms of a local church. Cost is \$75/family unit. Contact Evelyn Peters-Rojas at epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net or 1-866-261-1274.

From MC Canada:

The Assembled News, a pre-Assembly 2016 newsletter, is now available from Mennonite Church Canada. Subscribe to regularly receive advance inspiration and information on the lead up to Assembly: www.commonword.ca/go/518.

"Wrongs to Rights" is a new conversation guide and study from Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous Relations office, featuring 40 Indigenous, Settler, Christian and Traditional authors, poets and artists, to help your congregation begin the discussion. Individual orders via www.commonword.ca/go/507; Study group orders at a discounted price (minimum 7 copies) – www.commonword.ca/go/538.

Relief Sale News:

In celebration of the Relief Sale's 50th anniversary, we are displaying quilts that were bought at the sale in the last 50 years at the 'Quilts of the World' venue of the St. Jacobs Quilt Show (May 24-27) at the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. For more information, contact Ella Brubacher at 519-664-3419 or lbrubacher1942@rogers.com

Community Events:

- Wed. Mar. 23, noon. 'Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song,' at Zion United Church (215 Peel St, NH).
- 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.

From MC Canada:

Follow Mennonite Church Canada Future Directions Task Force conversations at each Area Church gathering by visiting home.mennonitechurch.ca/FutureDirections
Churches have been summoned by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada to engage the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. How will we do that?

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

Congregational - Pastoral Review 2016 update...

Our sincerest thanks to all those who have been willing to participate in any/all of the review components. We are also very grateful for Jamie Gerber's guidance & support, being MCEC's resource person, during our review.

To date, most all of the Ministry Teams & Council have completed their Ministry Team questionnaires... the Pastors Self Review is completed... 65 attended the hot breakfast, with 48 then participating in our Focus Groups held here at the Church on February 21st, & 6 participated in the Focus Group held at Nithview Home February 17th. Our on-line (&/or paper) Survey closed on Feb. 14th with an 81.5% response rate! (Exceptional response rate!) Summary reports are being prepared (some completed already) for each segment of our review process.

With each of the information gathering segment steps completed, we believe there is more than sufficient information now available for the PCR Ministry Team to review, tabulate and prepare a final summary report to Church Council yet in March. After we complete a summary document for the Ministry Team & Council questionnaires, we will be able to prepare our final report. Once reviewed, revised as needed, and approved by Council, our final report will be provided back to the congregation. Our intentions are to have this readied for verbally presenting either at our Annual Church & Budget Meeting (Sunday April 10th), or in the weeks directly following, yet in

April. This final report, along with each of the summary documents from each segment of the review process, will be posted on Nith Valley's website for a few weeks. (in the password protected section, where council minutes are held) Paper copies will be made available if requested, & sent to those at Nithview Home who participated in the review process.

Ephesians 4:15-16... 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.

This process has hopefully celebrated where God has been at work in the past, the present and continue to positively build on that as we imagine the future. Your continued prayers are assuredly appreciated.

“We need each other... we are each other... and we're more than just ourselves because of each other...”