

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 Music Leaders: Praise Team
Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Easter Hymn Sing (beginning at 9:45)

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn Lord, I lift your name on high

Hymn In Christ alone

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65: 17-25

Children's Story led by Brenda Kirkland

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading John 20: 1-8

Sermon 'Lingering at the Empty Tomb'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn How deep the Father's Love

Hymn Lost in wonder

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn Might to save

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman Guest Speaker: Derek Suderman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda Roth

Clean Up: Lorrie Koch

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY. Annual Reports Due.
- Sun. Apr. 10. Our Annual Meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour.
- 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

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday April 10 during the Sunday School hour. After the meeting everyone is invited to stay for lunch. Pizza will be supplied and we are asking for 10 volunteers to make a salad. If you are willing to make a salad, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. There will be a donation basket to cover the cost of the pizza.

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

From the New Hamburg Thrift Centre:

Weekend volunteer cashiers needed. Volunteers also needed for receiving donations. Friday nights and Saturdays. Students welcome! If interested, please contact the store at 519-662-2867 or karlar@mccthrift.on.ca

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Come and delve into the intersection of *Arts and Peacebuilding* with Dessa Quesada-Palm at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 20-24, 2016. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca. Apply by April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee.

Next Sunday – April 3

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

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.

Community Events:

- 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.
- Fri. Apr. 8 & Sat. Apr. 9. Annual Benefit Auction for Gospel Express Ministries at Crosshill Mennonite Church. See poster on bulletin board for details.
- Sat. Apr. 9, 7 pm (doors open at 6:30). East Zorra welcomes The Theatre of the Beat performing 'This Will Lead to Dancing' – a play about wholeness, belonging and LGBTQ inclusion. Admission by donation.
- Tues. Apr. 12, 2 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes will be holding a Strategic Planning Forum at Nithview, to receive input on their new Mission Statement and 5-year Strategic Plan. (Document posted on bulletin board.)
- Tues. Apr. 12, 6:30 pm. MSCU's Annual General Meeting at Creekside Church (660 Conservation Dr, Wloo).

From MC Canada:

Featured prayer request from the wider church (to receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/go/96). Representatives from Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Church USA, and MennoMedia meet in Nashville, Tennessee March 28-29 as the steering committee for the development of a new Mennonite song collection (hymnal). Pray for God's blessing on this project and those who are involved in it.