

## 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: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler                      Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Guest Speaker: Derek Suderman

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 272 (blue) .....Christ is risen! Shout hosanna

Hymn # 369 (blue) .....Lord, whose love in humble service

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Children's Story .....led by Tammy Shantz

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading .....Luke 4:14-22

Hymn # 312 (blue) .....Lamp of our feet

Sermon

### Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 27 (green) .....God of the Bible

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 74 (green) .....Now go in peace

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Derek Suderman, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College.

### 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

Downstairs

Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Lorrie Koch

### Next Sunday – April 10

Worship Leader:    Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman                      Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Wayne Eckstein    Clean Up: Jeannette Cressman

Our annual meeting will be held next 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.

### Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Apr. 5, 9 am – 3 pm. Sewing Circle meets in the church library. We will be quilting and knotting comforters.
- 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

### From Interfaith Counselling Centre:

We are busy planning for our upcoming Annual Silent Auction and we are looking for some volunteers to help us with some organizing, and collection of donations. If you are interested in helping, please contact Interfaith at 519-662-3092.

### **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...”

### **Relief Sale News:**

In celebration of the Relief Sale's 50<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Calendar Dates From the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale:**

1) Sale dates: our 50th Sale is May 27th & 28th.

2) Promotion Dinner: April 25th at Bingemans (the Peter Etril Snyder print #1 of Going Once... Giving Twice... will be auctioned at the dinner).

3) Martin Family Singers: concert May 15th at Steinmann's Mennonite Church.

See our website for more details: [nhmrs.com/news](http://nhmrs.com/news)

### **Job Opportunities:**

**Nairn Mennonite Church** has two current openings for leadership in a day camp program for eight weeks during July and August. The director's position begins in June for planning and preparation and the staff position begins with a training event on July 1. The first camp opens on July 4. For further information you can visit our home page at [www.nairnmc.ca](http://www.nairnmc.ca) or to submit a resume to [nmc@isp.ca](mailto:nmc@isp.ca)

**Conrad Grebel University College** is seeking a full-time (35 hours a week) Assistant Food Services Manager to assist in the planning and management of its food services operation. The ideal candidate will have completed an accredited two-year program of the Canadian Society of Nutrition Management and have experience in menu planning, inventory control, staff supervision and commercial food preparation. For more information see [www.grebel.ca/positions](http://www.grebel.ca/positions). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but will be reviewed starting April 18, 2016. Applications should be directed to E. Paul Penner, Director of Operations, Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Road N., Waterloo ON N2L 3G6 [eppenner@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:eppenner@uwaterloo.ca)

### **Community Events:**

- 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.
- Sat. Apr. 9, 7 pm. Single or Single Again Group meets at St. Agatha MC for a progressive crokinole evening. Please bring a snack to share.
- 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).
- Wed. Apr. 20, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes presents, 'Cracked: New Light on Dementia,' at the Nithview Auditorium. (Rescheduled date.) See poster on bulletin board.
- Thurs. Apr. 28, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes presents, 'Right Size With Ease! A workshop for seniors in transition,' at the Nithview Auditorium. See poster for details.
- Sat. Apr. 30, 7:30 pm. A Capella Masterworks, featuring Menno Singers and the Pax Christie Corale at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets \$25, available at Music Plus or at the door.

### **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](mailto:karlar@mccthrift.on.ca)