

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: Susan Entz

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 170The King of love my shepherd is

Hymn # 355Savior, like s shepherd lead us

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Janet Cressman

Hymn # 352Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Scripture ReadingJohn 10: 22-30

Hymn # 517Open my eyes, that I may see

Sermon ‘Belonging’

Turning to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 578The Lord’s my shepherd

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Hendrike and Matthew will be on Vacation from April 18-April 25, 2016. For pastoral care please contact Lois Cressman.

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: Stephen Hoke

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Susan Hartzler

Next Sunday – April 24 Camp Sunday

Next week we will welcome staff from Hidden Acres Camp who will lead us in worship.

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth Cressman

Clean Up: Kathryn Cressman

One May 1, 2016 we will be celebrating Earth Day. We encourage our NVMC family to find ways to reduce their ecological foot print for the weekend. As for our church service consider car pooling, biking or walking to church. Come dressed for some outdoor activities following our service.

Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. May 7. Join us for a bus trip to watch the Toronto Blue Jays play the LA Dodgers. Meet at church at 10:00 am. Questions? Talk to Dan Cressman.

The Fellowship Team is organizing an outing for interested people on Saturday May 14. We have planned a tour in Stratford, visiting several places of interest and having lunch together. We are planning for a full day, starting at 9:00 and ending around 3:00. Please save the date - more details to come next Sunday.

Note from Church Council:

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Community Events:

- 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. 21. 7:30 am. MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) breakfast at the Stone Crock, with speaker Kaylie Tiessen. Call 519-725-1633 for more info.
- Thurs. Apr. 21, 7 pm. 'Selling the Mennonite Brand,' an evening with Sam Steiner at the St. Jacobs School House Theatre (11 Albert St. W, St. Jacobs). Admission by donation.
- Tues. Apr. 26, 7 pm. Rockway Collegiate Information Night. More information at www.rockway.ca
- 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, 9 am – 2 pm. Interfaith Counselling's Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Wilmot Rec Complex.
- 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.
- Wed. May 18. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual Golf Tournament at Willow Valley Gold Course. Visit www.rockway.ca to register.

The Personnel Ministry Team is requesting your continued prayers in seeking God's "nudging" for anyone who has considered offering their gifts and talents to serve the church, or sensed God's calling to some form of stewardship here at Nith Valley. Your unique gifts are welcomed in what ever manner you may wish to serve.

We do currently seek to fill the following open positions on our Slate at this point...

- Christian Formation Chair (or Co-Chairs) and 2 Members

- Fellowship Ministry Team Chair (or Co-Chairs) and 1 Member

- Worship Ministry Team Member

...and we pray for God's guidance and leading of our process over these next few weeks.

If you're sensing a "nudge", please contact any one of the Personnel Ministry Team.

*Brenda - Tricia - Lyle - Mark -
Terry - Pastor Matthew*

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Update From Mennonite Disaster Service:

The Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Furniture Depot in Elmira will be closing April 30th. The demand for furniture to support the settlement of the Syrian Refugees has dropped off suddenly so the depot is no longer accepting donations. Thank you so much for your strong support in both donations and volunteers. Over 40 refugee families have been helped through this effort. The area MCC Thrift Shops will take over this role and future needs. Thank you again.

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

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

Job Opportunity:

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp seeks an Executive Director to live and lead the camp, beginning Sept 2016. If you would like to explore the opportunity to provide leadership and management expertise while fostering personal and spiritual growth in a fun, dynamic Christian camping community, please send your resume and cover letter by May 13 to: Ron Rempel, ronwempel@gmail.com. For more information, go to www.slmc.ca

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Learn how Indigenous peoples have shaped Canada politically, socially, culturally, and economically. Enrol in 'Reconciling our Future: Stories of Kanata and Canada' at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, June 20-24, 2016. This course is being taught by James Sinclair, with guest presenter John Ralston Saul. For more information, go to csop.cmu.ca or email csop@cmu.ca.

Prayer Request from MC Canada:

Gordon Janzen, Director for Asia and Europe Ministry, is visiting Witness workers and church partners in Asia from April 12-30. Pray that his visits and the ongoing ministry of Witness Workers will continue to strengthen good relationships with global church partners in the midst of Mennonite Church Canada transition and restructuring. (To receive regular prayer requests, subscribe to PrayerNet at: www.commonword.ca/go/96).

The Wilmot Ignited Refugee Planning Team invites you to be in prayer for the Reh/Meh family as they prepare to leave their home in the refugee camp in Thailand and travel to Canada. They will be leaving the camp on April 19th. It will be a day and half bus trip to Bangkok and then a couple of flights to Canada, arriving here in Canada on April 21. Pray for Ri, Reh, Play, Su, Poe, Htaw and Mi and the volunteers from our congregations who will welcome them to Canada in the days and weeks ahead.

We have received news that the Reh/Meh family will arrive on April 21, a day earlier than we expected. Plans are in place to welcome them and help them settle into their new home and community. Let's pray for safe travel and that God will help them lay aside the inevitable anxiety they will surely experience on arriving in a strange land before long.