

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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Music Leaders: Praise Team Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman
Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn Here I am to Worship
- Hymn Lord I need you
- Hymn I will give you rest

Hearing God’s Word

- Children’s Story
- Mother’s Day Video
- Scripture Reading John 17:20-26
- Sermon

Turning to Jesus

- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

- Hymn Song of Moses
- Hymn 10 000 Reasons
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Sunday School Class

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| 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: Andy Kirkland | Clean Up: Doris Brubacher |

Next Sunday – May 15

- Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender
Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Terry Keller
Children’s Story Leader: Doris Zehr
Coffee/Juice Prep: Glen Cressman Clean Up: Lara Shantz

On May 15, 2016 we will celebrate Parent-Child Dedication. Stephanie and Matthew Robinson and Shelley and Greg Kuepfer are dedicating their children before God and this faith community. We are committing ourselves to help support Orië, Owen and Evelyn as they grow in faith. Let us prepare ourselves this week for this important commitment.

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. May 11, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Sat. May 14, 9 am – approx. 3pm. Join us as we visit Stratford and visit several places of interest and enjoy lunch together. Please sign up on the list in the foyer today if you are able to join us.

Cookie makers, fillers, and sellers are needed for the 50th annual Mennonite Relief Sale!! Nith Valley will once again run the Cookie table on Saturday, May 29 at the Relief Sale in New Hamburg. We need volunteer bakers to prepare dozens of different cookies to sell. We need ‘fillers’ to meet at Susan Cressman’s at 6am that morning to prepare the date-filled cookies. And we need volunteer sellers to sell the cookies to happy customers! All proceeds go o MCC. Please sign up on the posted list for any or all of these roles. Or contact Lara Shantz at kiria@golden.net for more information. Thank you!

A heart felt thanks from Interfaith Counselling Centre for the generous donation Nith Valley gave to their expanding hope campaign. Pictures of the renovations and a thank you note can be found on the bb in the lobby.

We rejoice with Jesse and Steph on the birth of their son, Wilson Eli Cressman, on April 27. May God richly bless them as they raise Wilson.

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.

Community Events:

- Sat. May 14. SOSA (Single or Single Again group) will be meeting for a hike on the Huron Natural Trail. Meet at the access point (801 Trillium Dr, Kit) at 3:15.
- Wed. May 18. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual Golf Tournament at Willow Valley Gold Course. Visit www.rockway.ca to register.
- Thurs. May 19, 7:30 am. MEDA breakfast at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs, with speaker Jim Loepp Thiessen.
- Thurs. May 19, 7 pm. Shalom Counselling fundraiser at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, featuring choirs from Mennonite Collegiate Institute. Freewill offering.
- Fri. May 20, 7 pm. East Zorra hosts the choirs from Mennonite Collegiate Institute for an evening of music. Freewill offering to support Youth in Attawapiskat.
- July 18-22. Vacation Bible School at Shantz Mennonite Church. This year's theme is 'Deep Sea Discovery: God is with me Wherever I go.' For more info call 519-634-8712.

Relief Sale News:

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (www.nhmrs.com) is less than three weeks away (May 27 & 28)! Pack up your travel mugs, water bottles and your rhubarb (to donate to the Rhubarb Tent J) and take in the Indoors Auction (Fri evening) and Outdoors Auction (Sat morning).

Run for Relief! Consider competing in the 5K run or the 2K fun run/walk. See poster and registration forms on bulletin board.

Bring your yeast baking (with name and contact info) to our Yeast Baking venue. Contact Darlene at ddriedger@simplycreative.ca for more information.

Gardeners, bring your extra perennials. The Plant Tent sells houseplants, perennials, and seedlings for vegetables and herbs. Your donations are needed to support this popular venue. **Drop them off at our Drop Off Tent at the entrance to the Sale.** For questions contact Ruth Zehr at 519 662 1556 or rrzehr@netflash.net.

Martin Family Singers: Martin Family Singers with the Waterloo Chamber Players perform Haydn's The Creation at Steinmann's Mennonite Church May 15 at 7:30pm. Soloists include Sarah Dufresne – Soprano, Elaine Pearce – Mezzo Soprano, Brandon Leis – Tenor, Dylan Langan – Baritone. Proceeds raised for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. Tickets available at MCC Ontario or at the door.

See our website for more details: nhmrs.com/news

Job Opportunity:

Vineland United Mennonite Church invites applications for the half-time position of Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. We are located in a semi-rural community in the heart of Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. We are seeking a person who is willing to develop effective programming and excels in building and maintaining relationships among the Young Adults, Senior Youth and Junior Youth within a multi-generational setting. The candidate will work alongside other leaders in the congregation as part of the Ministries within the church. Start time is negotiable. More information is available at mcec.ca/ministry_opportunities.