

**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: Heather Cressman Pianist: Susan Cressman  
Guest Speaker: Laura Snider

**Gather to Worship**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation

- Hymn # 651 (blue) ..... I owe the Lord a morning song
- Hymn # 308 (blue) ..... I love thy kingdom, Lord

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Children’s Story .....led by Laura Snider
- Hymn # 113 (purple) ..... I will stand in the congregation
- Scripture
- Sermon

**Turn to Jesus**

- Hymn # 420 (blue) ..... Heart with loving heart united
- Offering
- Announcements

**Go with the Spirit**

- Hymn # 478 (blue) ..... Sent forth by God's blessing
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

We welcome Laura Snider to our service this morning. Laura is a Youth Ignited young adult who will be sharing with us about her international service experience.

**Coming Up...**

**Sunday, July 17, 9:45 am**

We will be joining the Hillcrest congregation to hear speakers Michael & Cheryl Nimz, Mennonite Church Witness workers in Birmingham, UK. They will share more about their work with Anabaptist churches and communities in England. (No service at Nith Valley.)

**Sunday, July 24**

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler Music Leader: Bethany Ruby  
Guest Speaker: Catherine Hunsberger  
Children’s Story Leader: Judy Rivers  
Catherine grew up at Blenheim Mennonite Church where her grandfather was a pastor. She is looking forward to returning and sharing with us.

We will be hosting the Wilmot Ignited churches at Nith Valley on Sunday July 31 and providing refreshments following the service. If you are able to contribute some food items, please sign up on the bulletin board or speak to Susan Cressman or Gabrielle Paff. Thank you.

**Monday Night Summer Campfires!** Join us every Monday evening of the summer, beginning July 4, at Dan & Kathryn Cressman's backyard for a church family campfire, 6-8 pm. No need to RSVP each week, just show up! Hot dogs for roasting and drinks will be provided. You may bring a snack/appetizer to share. We look forward to a summer of laid-back hospitality and sharing life together.

**Women of Nith Valley:**  
Mark the dates for our Backyard Bible study this summer. Wednesdays from July 27 - August 31/2016. Our theme this year "Women, Faith and Self-Care".

**Financial Update:**

21/52 of Budget	\$66,049.04
Budget givings to June 30/16	\$52,990.00
Shortfall	\$13,059.04

We would like to thank all our Nith Valley friends for the sympathy cards and the thoughtful emails we received following the passing of Andy's father. It is very heart warming to know that we have so many friends who care for us and took the time to express their condolences. Thanks also to those who expressed their sympathies with a phone call or other thoughtful gestures. It means so much to us and helped us get through the tough times.

- Andy & Brenda.

### **Backpacks for MCC**

During the month of July, we will continue to collect school supplies that will be given to MCC. Backpacks full of school supplies are given to newcomers when they enter school. Please bring your contributions to church and add them to the display at the front of the sanctuary.

Grades K-5: ruler, No. 2 pencils, crayons, Kleenex box, pencil box/case, markers (thicker type), glue stick, safety scissors, 3 spiral notebooks

Grades 6-12: No. 2 pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler, pens (black/blue), markers (thinner type) and/or coloured pencils, 6 pocket folders, 6 spiral notebooks, glue stick, scientific calculator, protractor

### **Community Events:**

- Sat. Sept. 17. Shalom Counselling's Fundraising Run/Walk for mental health. More information at [shalomcounselling.org](http://shalomcounselling.org) or call (519) 886-9690.

### **From Conrad Grebel University College:**

Conrad Grebel is now accepting applications for:

1) an Administrative Assistant to Theological Studies & The Anabaptist Workshop (28 hrs/week, 2 year contract with chance of renewal)

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