

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 Band

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender and Youth

Theme: The ‘Other’ is not my Enemy

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

HymnBlessed by your name

HymnMy lighthouse

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

ScriptureMatthew 5: 43-48

Sermon ‘Overcoming Hatred, Loving Enemies’

Eight Ways to Make PeacePrimary Class

Video ‘Let there be peace on Earth’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 49 (green)Rain down

Hymn # 18 (green)Over my head

OfferingPeace be with you

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 16 (purple)Peace before us

Benediction

Postlude

Love, not hatred: an initial step toward Peace.

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ralph Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Upstairs Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Ken Koch

Next Sunday – November 13

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Ball (from Conrad Grebel University College)

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janna Lynn Cressman Clean Up: John Ilett

Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. Nov. 19, 9 am. Men’s Breakfast. Men, come out for a time of eating and sharing together at Nith Valley. Bring a friend, bring your sons. Merv Roth will share some of his life story with us. At approximately 10:30 we will drive to Merv’s home and explore his room of collectables - yardsticks, milk bottles, etc. etc, etc,. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the back.
- Fri. Nov. 25, 6:45 pm. Youth Event: Helping at Operation Christmas Child. Please speak to Stacey Keller if you are interested for more info and to sign the required forms.
- Sat. Nov. 26, 5:00 pm. Potluck Advent supper. Instead of our usual harvest menu, we encourage your family to come and contribute to an ethnic potluck. To celebrate our theme of hospitality, we request you bring a family favourite or something new you would like to try reflecting foods from around the world. We have special musical entertainment planned following the meal. Eduard & Christine Klassen from Stratford play Paraguayan harp & piano, and will provide an enjoyable evening. For more information on their music, please check out their website, www.eduardklassen.com

Financial Update:

39/52 of Budget	\$122,662.50
Budget givings to Oct 31/16	\$87,350.85
Shortfall	\$35,311.65

Thank you messages from Rebecca (Hoke) Berry:**Thank-you for the ALS walk donations**

Steve and I want to thank you all so much for your generous donations to the Walk for ALS. We were blown away by the support received, it means so much to the both of us and we certainly feel blessed. It was a great day for the walk, the weather was cool and sunny, and a number of our family and friends came out to walk on Steve's behalf. With your help Steve was able to exceed his personal goal of raising \$5000, and Team Berry together raised over \$12,000. In total, London exceeded it's goal for the walk and raised over \$260,000. We couldn't have done this without your help, thank-you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Many thanks, Rebecca and Steve

Thank-you for the baby gift

Thank-you so much for sending the generous baby gift last week. Steve and I were thrilled to receive our baby's first onesies and bibs, we look forward to using them once the baby arrives! We plan on putting the generous gift of money towards purchasing a crib and dresser for the baby. Thank-you so much for your thoughtfulness, we feel so blessed and grateful to have such a supportive church-family.

With gratitude, Rebecca and Steve

From Mennonite Disaster Service:

Volunteers Needed! MDS Response to the Windsor, ON Sept Flooding: MDS is starting to rebuild basements that were flooded from the late Sept flooding, where vulnerable families need their basement and do not have insurance. The cleanup took place in Oct. Volunteers are needed in particular for hanging and finishing drywall, and some carpentry. Related skills are desirable but not required. Please consider volunteering by calling: Martin Durksen 905-736-1060 or Lindy Fazekas 519-817-4357.

From MCEC:

Today, Len Rempel is being installed today as pastor at St. Agatha Mennonite Church. Please keep Len, his family and the congregation in your prayers as they begin their ministry together.

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Registration is now open for the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding**, June 12-16 and 19-23, 2017. Go to csop.cmu.ca or e-mail csop@cmu.ca for more information and to apply for your choice of five-day courses on topics such as journalism and peacebuilding, trauma healing, refugee challenges, human rights and indigenous law, transforming the peacebuilder, agro-ecological peacebuilding, Muslim-Christian dialogue, and gender, violence and peacebuilding.

CMU Study Tour to the Middle East (Jordan and

Israel/Palestine): April 26-May 15, 2017. Join Gerald Gerbrandt, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Associate Professor of New Testament on a journey in time to the land of the Bible. Meet people working for peace and reconciliation today. For more information visit cmu.ca/met2017 or call 204-487-3300.

Community Events:

- Sun. Nov. 13, 7 pm. Hymn Sing at St. Agatha Mennonite Church. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.
- Sun. Nov. 27, 2:30 pm. Detweiler Meetinghouse presents, 'Welcoming Advent.' Freewill offering.
- Sun. Dec. 4, 7 pm. Mennonite World Conference hosts an International Song Fest at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Freewill offering.
- Sat. Dec. 10, 7:30 pm. Mennonite Mass Choir presents Handel's Messiah. Tickets available at the Centre in the Square Box Office or online (www.centreinthesquare.com)