

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: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Guest Speaker: Jason Martin

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 297 (blue)Jesus came – the heavens adoring

Hymn # 45 (purple)Calm me, Lord

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 301 (blue)Joys are flowing like a river

Scripture ReadingMark 4:35-41

Sermon ‘We can trust Jesus’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn (see insert)We have an anchor

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 49 (purple) I will come to you in the silence

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

We welcome Jason Martin to our service this morning. Jason comes to MC Canada having served as a Witness Worker church planting in Italy, and most recently in area church ministry in a Laotian Mennonite congregation. Jason would like to explore new partnership opportunities with passionate congregations; build relationships with and connect congregations to the mission and programs of Mennonite Church Canada.

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult & Sermon Discussion Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Lyle Cressman

Location

Downstairs

Downstairs

Balcony

Sanctuary

Upstairs Library

Clean Up: Karen Bearinger

Next Sunday – February 26

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman

Clean Up: Judie Bowlby

Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. Mar. 4, 10:00 am. Women’s Retreat at Nith Valley.
- Sat. Mar. 4, 6:45m. Youth Dinner at Mark & Stacey’s. Please RSVP to Stacey if you are able to attend.
- Wed. Mar. 8, 6:30. Women’s Bible Study, with the book ‘Jesus Calling’ by Sarah Young. This first of six weeks will be held at Hendrike’s house. Please sign up on bulletin board if you are interested in attending.
- Sun. Apr. 23, 11:00. Annual Meeting.
- Sat. June 3. Nith Valley Blue Jays bus trip to Toronto. Save the date! (Questions? Talk to Dan Cressman.)

Women's Retreat in Nith Valley church basement, Sat Mar 4, 10:00 am to approximately 5:00 pm. Elaine Cressman will be sharing highlights from her recent book and the many roles she has played in her life. Please come prepared to share the many roles you perform in your life as well. We will begin at 10:00 am, with dinner served at noon and the afternoon will be open for games, comforter knotting, etc. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for attendance and food contributions.

Community Events:

- Sat. Mar. 4, 9 am – 12 noon. Lenten Contemplative Retreat at Mannheim MC. Cost is \$20. Register by Feb. 29 by contacting Amy Kuepfer (519-301-9137) mennospiritdir@gmail.com
- Thurs. Mar. 9, 6:30 pm. Interfaith Counselling Centre's Annual General meeting. See poster for details.
- Sun. May 7, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50th Anniversary Concert at Benton St. Baptist Church, Kitchener. (Alumni are encouraged to participate by attending the rehearsal, dinner and entertainment on Sat. May 6. Email intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com if you want more info, or to register.)

From Mennonite Conference of Eastern Canada:

Announcing MCEC Regional Meetings to review *A Proposal for Revitalizing MC Canada*. MCEC is inviting you to attend a meeting in your region to better understand this new vision for being the church in our contemporary Canadian society. This is your opportunity for some advance information and dialogue prior to our MCEC Annual Church Gathering in Oakville on April 28 & 29.

The final proposal, which will be refined given feedback from the five Area Church delegate sessions, will be formally acted on at a special assembly of MC Canada being held on October 13 to 15, 2017 in Winnipeg. You can download the documents from the Future Directions: Covenant New website: <http://futuredirectionsmc.ca/>

Local Meetings:

Stratford/Wilmot Clusters

Tuesday, February 28 – 7:00 pm

Tavistock Mennonite Church, 131 Wettlaufer St, Tavistock

K-W Perimeter Cluster Meeting

Wednesday, March 29 – 7:00 pm

Waterloo North Mennonite, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo

Wellesley West/Woolwich Grey Clusters Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 pm

Wellesley Mennonite Church, 157 David St, Wellesley

From Interfaith Counselling Centre:

If you know an individual who could benefit from a rewarding volunteer experience, please have them contact our office. We are currently recruiting volunteers for office support, promotions committee, Silent Auction Committee, Ladies Night Out Committee and for members to join our valuable Board of Directors.

From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Women's Retreat - Feb 24-26. Relaxing in the sauna, enjoying a massage, reading a book by the fire, snowshoeing or skiing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food prepared by Chef Lawrence McLean. Resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

2nd Annual Winter Camp for Grownups! Mar 3-5. Do you secretly wish you could still go to camp? This choose your own adventure weekend is perfect for those looking to get out of the city for a few days and reconnect with nature and friends. Skate on the lake, cross-country ski, walk or snowshoe through the forest, race a canoe through the field or join a team for tug-of-war! Sliding scale registration fee. This retreat is intended for young adults ages 20-39...ish! For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200