

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: Tammy Shantz

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Focus Statement: In our humanness, we want to know, to define, and to have concrete answers for everything. However, life is filled with uncertainty. We trust that God, the great Mystery, is always present with us in our wondering.

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 46 (blue)I sing the mighty power God

Hymn # 70 (blue)Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 18 (green)Over my head

Scripture ReadingPsalm 121

Children's Storyled by Tammy Shantz

Hymn # 594 (blue)Lord, you sometimes speak

Scripture ReadingMatthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

Turn to Jesus

Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn 338 (blue)I know not why God's wondrous

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 29 (green)You are all we have

Lenten Ritual

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult

5. Sermon Discussion Class

6. Adult Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Clean Up: Tammy Shantz

Next Sunday – March 19

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Steph Cressman

Clean Up: Doris Zehr

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Mar. 14, 7:30 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Wed. Mar. 15, 6:30. Women's Bible Study, with the book 'Jesus Calling' by Sarah Young. Please sign up on bulletin board if you are interested in attending. This week's meeting will be at Susan Cressman's house.
- Thurs. Mar. 16, 7 pm. Youth Sleepover at church. Questions? Talk to Stacey.
- Sat. Mar 25, 9-11 am. Nith Valley Men's Breakfast. Darrell Bender will share of his work at the House of Friendship with men with addictions. Come enjoy food and fellowship. Sign up on bulletin board in the foyer.
- 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.)

From Personnel Ministry Team: as our annual meeting approaches we are looking to fill a position or two on worship ministry team and Christian formation ministry team. If you are feeling a "nudge" to serve on a church ministry team and have any questions regarding certain positions or possibilities, please speak with Matthew, Hendrike, Brenda, Lyle, or Dan. As always THANK YOU to everyone that has served and is currently serving in a role on our church slate!

From Fellowship Ministry Team:

The Fellowship Team is organizing a group to go see 'The Amish Project', Apr 29, St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre. This is a fictional depiction of the Nichol Mines Schoolhouse shooting. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board and we will purchase a group of tickets. Please note this play is for adults & youth (not advised for children). For more info or to purchase tickets directly, go to mcco.ca/the-amish-project

Welcome Your Neighbour Signs

Extend the peace of Jesus Christ in your neighbourhood. We have 10 signs available at the back if you are interested to have on your private yard or at your business. MCEC ask \$10/sign (this includes the wire stand that goes into the ground) simply to cover the costs. In three different languages the sign says "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbour. If you would like sign please take one and simply sign your name on sheet on the table and whether you paid. You can give money to Matthew or Andy. (if there is interest we will pick up more signs from MCEC)

Youth Summer Opportunity - Fraser Lake Camp is providing bursaries for youth affiliated with the Mennonite church to experience our Leaders In Training program (includes a canoe trip through Algonquin Park), and our Counsellor In Training program. Come join us for an experience of a lifetime! Please contact camp director, Kristen Berg, for application details kberg@fraserlakecamp.com

From MCEC:

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: Save the date – April 23 - May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa. Further details at www.pfir.ca. You can also check out the new video invitation from Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada: <https://youtu.be/oHaTgt1k-EU>

Community Events:

- Sat. Mar. 25, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Shantz Mennonite Church presents a workshop, 'Seeking Mental Wellness.' Cost is \$20 (lunch included). Register by Mar 16 by calling 519-634-8712.
- Sat. Mar. 25, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers presents Bach's St. John Passion, at St Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St., Kit.). Tickets are \$25 (students \$5), available from singers, at the door or online www.mennosingers.com
- Apr 13-16 (Registry Theatre, Kit.) and Apr 26-30 (St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre). Come see 'The Amish Project,' a fictional depiction of the Nichol Mines Schoolhouse shooting. For info and tickets, go to mcco.ca/the-amish-project
- Sat. Apr. 29, 7:30 and Sun. Apr. 30, 3:00 pm. The Pax Christie Chorale presents the Canadian premiere of, 'The Apostles,' at Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto. See poster for details.

From MC Canada:

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions take place March 10-11. Delegates, members, and guests will gather together to celebrate the theme of Extending the Table: Enough for All. Pray that the bread and the cup will nourish everyone present, and that hope and joy will prevail as we gather in the presence of the Spirit for shared discussion and worship.

On March 17-18 MCA's Annual Assembly will take place at Trinity Mennonite Church in Calgary. Pray for leaders, delegates, and church participants as they gather to discern, connect, and worship, guided by the theme, "Sharing the Light of Jesus." Several Alberta ministry leaders will offer reflections on this topic, including Donna Entz from the North Edmonton Ministry, Jon Olfert from Camp Valaqua, and Pastor Leng Thang of the Calgary Chin Christian Church. Pray that our time may be inspiring and empowering as we seek to be God's people together.