

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: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Amzie Brubacher

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Hymn # 39 (purple)Will you come and follow me

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Scripture ReadingJames 2: 14-26

Children's Storyled by Heather Cressman

Hymn # 106 (green)Just a closer walk with thee

Scripture ReadingPhillippians 2: 13-14

Sermon 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'

Turn to Jesus

Hymn #582 (blue)Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 546 (blue)Guide my feet

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 581 (blue)Take thou my hand, O Father

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

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!

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: Steph Cressman

Location

Downstairs

Downstairs

Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Clean Up: Doris Zehr

Next Sunday – March 26

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Gloria Richardson

Clean Up: Tricia Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Mar. 20, 7:30 pm. PMT meeting at the Isert Benders.
- Wed. Mar. 22, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. Mar. 22, 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 Kathryn Cressman's house.
- 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.

Lent 2017 – Visuals

Worship visuals help us encounter God without words—through color, shape, and design. They are a resting place for our eyes and a way to soak in the assurance and knowledge of God's presence. For this season of Lent, we have assigned a different color to each Sunday, each color representing the week's focus statement:

Week 1 – brown (We hunger)

Week 2 – purple (We wonder)

Week 3 – blue (We thirst)

Week 4 – green (We see)

Week 5 – gold (We breathe)

Week 6 – orange (We hope)

Easter – white (We live)

From Fellowship Ministry Team:

The Fellowship Team is organizing a group to go see 'The Amish Project', Apr 29 at 8:00 pm at 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

Hidden Acres Annual Bowlathon fundraiser. Thank you for your past and continued support. Please see Dan Cressman to make a pledge.

Community Events:

- Sat. Mar. 25, 8:30 am. Steinmann MC hosts a Peace and Justice Community Breakfast. Admission by donation. To register, call 519-634-8311 or email office@smchurch.ca
- Thurs. Mar. 30, 7 pm. Advanced Care Planning workshop at Hillcrest MC. All are welcome!
- 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
- Mon. Apr. 24, 6 pm. New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Fundraising Dinner at Bingemans. Call 519-745-8458 or stop by Kent St for tickets (\$10).
- 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.
- Mon. May 1 or Tues May 2. Senior's Retreat at Hidden Acres with resource people Jack and Irene Suderman. See bulletin board for more details.

From Conrad Grebel:

Grebel presents The Music Man at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts (36 King St W, Kit) on Fri. Mar. 24 (6 pm) and Sat. Mar. 25 (1 pm and 6 pm). Tickets are \$20 (\$15 student/senior) and available through the Grebel office 519-885-0220 or online at <http://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/themusicman>

From Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS):

We have moved! Our new address is 675 Queen St. S, Unit 245.

Now that we are settled there are a few things we need:

Food gift cards and bus tickets (to give in Welcome Kits)

- 4 headphone sets
- 4 office chairs
- 4 laptops
- Printer (1 or 2)

Laptops are essential for our translators, volunteers and caseworkers to work with client's- now that we have private meeting space they are the only thing missing! We currently have 2 laptops and 10+ volunteers, 2 caseworkers and 2 interns.

If you are able to donate any of the above items please let me know and we can coordinate pick up/drop off. Thank you for supporting the work of MCRS!

From MC Canada:

Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights: The lawyer in Luke 10 asks, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus recounts the story of the Good Samaritan after which the lawyer answers his own question: "The one who had mercy on him." And Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." Save the date – April 23 - May 14 – to join all or part of a 600 km pilgrimage of neighbours from Kitchener-Waterloo to Ottawa. Further details at www.pfir.ca

Future Directions: Those attending upcoming Area Church annual meetings - or in case you missed the AGM in your region –check out documents outlining the re-vitalization of Mennonite Church Canada and Area Churches that positions congregations as centres of worship and mission: futuredirectionsmc.ca/the-proposal.

From Shalom Counseling Services:

We are hiring an Executive Secretary. More information can be found at www.shalomcounselling.org