

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: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Focus Statement: Our human society values status, power, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, ‘Who is this?’

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 237 (blue)All glory, laud, and honor

Hymn # 238 (blue)Hosanna, loud hosanna

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture ReadingMatthew 21:1-11

Children’s Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 239 (blue)Ride on, ride on in majesty

Scripture ReadingPsalm 31: 9-16

Sermon ‘Restore us, O God! We breathe.’

Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn # 553 (blue)I am weak and I need thy strength

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 240 (blue)Go to dark Gethsemane

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult

5. Sermon Discussion Class

6. Adult Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Wayne Eckstein

Clean Up: Jeannette Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Next Service – April 14 Good Friday Service

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Next Sunday – April 16 Easter Sunday

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Band

Children’s Story Leader: Judy Rivers

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY. Annual Reports due.
- Wed. Apr. 12, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. Apr. 12, 6:30. Women’s Bible Study, with the book ‘Jesus Calling’ by Sarah Young.
- Fri. Apr. 14, 7 pm. Good Friday Service with communion.
- Sun. Apr. 15, 8:00 am. Easter Sunrise Service.
- Sun. Apr. 16, 8:30 am. Easter Potluck Breakfast. Please bring fruit, breads or eggs to share. Please invite your friends to join us for the morning.
- Sun. Apr. 16, 10:00 am. Easter Sunday Service.
- Sat. Apr. 22, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Women of MCEC Spring Meeting at St. Jacobs MC, with speaker Carol Penner. (Registration begins at 8:30.) \$30.00 registration can be sent to Karen Sauder, Box 397, 1333 King Street N., St Jacobs, ON NOB 2N0, by April 12.
- Sun. Apr. 23, 11:00. Annual Meeting.
- Sat. Apr. 29, 8:00 pm. We have now purchased a group of tickets for 'The Amish Project', a play at St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre. If you didn't have a chance to sign up, you can still go. Please speak to Susan Cressman.

Note from the Worship Ministry Team: This year we will commit to the ancient Christian practice of "Keeping Watch at the tomb" from Sat. Apr 15 at 8:00 pm to Sun Apr 16th at 8:00 am. The vigil will end with a short sunrise service for all those who have been praying and all others who wish to join around the "empty tomb." A schedule is on the bulletin board at church to sign up for a prayer slot. They are in one hour blocks and people are invited to light a candle and pray at home or at the church in the sanctuary during their time of prayer.

From Wilmot Mennonite Church:

On Tuesday morning several men at Wilmot Mennonite Church gather together to weave mats out of 4l plastic milk bags. (The bags that hold the 3 individual bags of milk.) So far this year they have made 21 matts. These matts are sent to locations in Africa where they are used in hospitals to give people a buffer between them and the floor when beds are not available. Nith Valley will collect bags in a box in the coat room.

From Aldaview Services:

Aldaview is offering a Summer Respite program for individuals with a developmental disability in grade 9 or up. Weekly sessions available, Monday – Friday, 8:30-3:00 pm from July 3 – Aug 25 at their Hamilton Rd location. See poster for more info.

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Please pray for all College and University students as they prepare for and write their final exams, and make plans for summer.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale News:

The Plant Tent is looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native plants, berries, shrubs and annuals. Looking for potted plants, labelled with name of plant, if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. More details on delivery, quantity, etc. can soon be found on our website: www.nhmrs.com

10th Annual Run for Relief on Sat. May 27 at 8:00 am. Come out for some exercise and work up an appetite before enjoying all the great food at the Relief Sale! This fun event includes a 5k run and a 2k run/walk. You can register for the race, select your t-shirt size, set up a customized page, tell your friends, and collect donations online at nhmrs.com/run-for-relief. All money raised goes to support MCC.

Community Events:

- 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. 20, 6:45 pm. Advanced screening of the movie 'Maudie,' (about Maud Lewis), at the Princess Twin Cinema (46 King St. N, Wloo), plus an after-party at the Delta hotel, featuring Maud's work and celebrating the find of an original painting at the NH Thrift Centre. Tickets are \$50. More info at mcc.ca/maud-lewis
- Sat. Apr. 22. Canadian Mennonite's Annual Fundraising Banquet. At Floradale MC. RSVP by April 15 to alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com or call 343-262-1002. Freewill offering. Receipts will be issued for donations above \$30 per person.
- Sun. Apr. 23, 1:30 pm. Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights, a 600 km walk from Kitchener to Ottawa. Opening ceremonies at Stirling Ave. For more info, email josie@stirlingmennonite.ca
- 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).
- April 24-28. MCC's Elmira Meat Canning. To donate pigs or cattle, contact Murrel Martin (519-835-1482); to volunteer, contact Keith or Diane Snyder (519-669-4084); to purchase, contact Lester Weber (519-669-0512)
- Tues. Apr. 25, 7 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate hosts a grade 7-12 Information Night. Go to www.rockway.ca
- 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.
- Sun. May 7. Homecoming Sunday at Hawkesville MC. Join us for coffee and muffins at 10:00 and stay for our worship service at 11:00.
- Sun. May 7, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50th Anniversary Concert at Benton St. Baptist Church, Kitchener. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 (ages 5-18). Alumni are encouraged to participate by attending the rehearsal, dinner and entertainment on Sat. May 6. Email intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com for more info or to register.