

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

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Focus Statement: When our hopes for what will bring life are shattered, we come to the tomb feeling lost, confused, disillusioned, and afraid. But it is precisely there that God meets us – revealed in the mystery of the risen Christ. God, the Author of life, empowers us to live fully and enables us to praise once again. We dance, we sing, we proclaim: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 280 (blue)Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Hymn # 91 (duotang)Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed

Hearing God's Word

Children's Storyled by Judy Rivers

Scripture ReadingPsalm 118:1-2; 14-24

Sermon 'Restore Us, O God! We live!'

Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn # 273 (blue)Low in the grave he lay

Hymn # 74 (duotang)In Christ alone

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn (screen)Build your Kingdom here

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – April 23

Worship Leader: Judie Bowlby

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Stacey Keller

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. We will enjoy a lunch of pizza and potluck salads after the meeting. A basket will be available for donations for the pizza.
- 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.
- Sat. May 6, 10:30 am. Service Project at WFRC. See below.

From the Fellowship Ministry Team:

On Sat. May 6, the children, parents & teachers will be participating in a service project at Wilmot Family Resource Centre, 175 Waterloo St, New Hamburg. We will start at 10:30 am and work for approximately one hour - children washing toys and adults doing spring cleaning. We will enjoy pizza following our work. Parking is available by the Petro station across the street.

For the House of Friendship Volunteer Team members:

Volunteer banquet will be held Thurs. May 4, 6-9 pm at the Kitchener MB Church (19 Ottawa St. N.) Please RSVP by Apr 14 to Diana Bumstead (519-742-8327 ext. 136 or dianab@houseoffriendship.org)

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.

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.

From Wilmot Mennonite Church:

On Tuesday mornings, 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.

Community Events:

- Thurs, Apr. 20, 7:30 am. MEDA breakfast at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. Cost is \$10. www.meda.org/waterloo
- Thurs. 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.