

## 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: Judie Bowlby

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

**Focus Statement: Enough in world for our need but not our greed.**

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 1 .....What is this place

Hymn # 89 .....For the beauty of the earth

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading - The Wonderful Name of the Lord (Psalm 8)

Children's Story .....led by Stacey Keller

Hymn # 390 .....God of the fertile fields

Scripture Reading ..... Genesis 9: 8-17; Isaiah 11: 6-9

Sermon

Hymn # 90 .....For the fruit of all creation

### Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 154 .....This is my Father's world

### 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: Ruth Cressman

Clean Up: Kathryn Cressman

### Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

### Next Sunday – April 30

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Guest Speaker: Marg Smith

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stephen Hoke

Clean up: Susan Hartzler

### Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, 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.
- Mon. Apr. 24, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting.
- Wed. Apr. 26, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Wed. Apr. 26, 7 pm. Wilmot Ignited Refugee Planning mtg.
- Wed. Apr. 26, 7 pm. Worship Ministry Team 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.
- 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)

### **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale News:**

Plan on attending the **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** May 26th & 27th. There is fun for the whole family including: donate & roll coins at the Penny Power tent; kids can have fun in the Children's Activities; or visit the Craft Tent or Ten Thousand Villages tent to find a perfect gift. Also remember to bring your rhubarb to the Rhubarb Tent for resale. More details at [www.nhrms.com](http://www.nhrms.com)  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Relief on Sat. May 27 at 8:00 am. (5k run and a 2k run/walk) Register online at [nhms.com/run-for-relief](http://nhms.com/run-for-relief).

### **Community Events:**

- TODAY, 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](mailto:josie@stirlingmennonite.ca)
- 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](http://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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com) for more info or to register.
- Sat. June 24. Road Hockey Challenge at Crosshill Mennonite Church. Divisions from novice to bantam. Cost - \$100/team. All proceeds to Habitat for Humanity. More info available at [www.crosshillmennonite.ca](http://www.crosshillmennonite.ca)

### **From MC Canada:**

The Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights begins today (April 23). To follow their progress, check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/](http://www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/). Thank you for your prayers and support.

Read about Mennonite Women Canada's new President and Secretary-Treasurer, as well as updates about their projects and what women across Canada are involved in. All this and more in Mennonite Women Canada's latest newsletter now available on CommonWord: [www.commonword.ca/go/1168](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1168)

Future Directions: Check out a progress report and a link to a survey about international Witness ministry at <http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca> All are welcome to participate in the survey!

### **Prayer Request from MCEC:**

Delegates will be gathering at The Meeting House in Oakville, ON for MCEC's Annual Church Gathering on April 28-29. The theme is "The Great ReCommission." Please pray for a re-energizing of our commitment to each other as together we explore the new realities of being church in a secular neighbourhood, a deepening of our willingness to be shaped and formed by the movement of the Spirit among us, and wisdom and vision as we respond to the Future Directions proposal.

### **From Hidden Acres:**

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre is seeking an inspirational and committed person or couple for the newly created position of **Facilities and Environmental Stewardship Director**. The FES Director will live on site and bring practical maintenance and organizational skills and a broad vision for creation care to camp life and operations beginning in Fall 2017. The successful applicant(s) will demonstrate a willingness to work hard, a desire to be active in Christian community, a genuine interest in working with young people, a love for nature and the outdoors, and a proven capacity to improvise, adapt and overcome. For more information and a job description visit: <http://hiddenacres.ca/site/opportunities/employment>. Please forward your resume or any questions to Campbell Nisbet at [director@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:director@hiddenacres.ca)