

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: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Guest Speaker: Marg Smith

We Gather in God’s Presence

Prelude

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 27 (green)God of the Bible

Call to Worship

The sun struggles to warm the air, to light the sky,
to reveal colours of wonder.

**We come in joy to worship,
For the resurrected Son is our promise of life transformed.**

The soil has sipped on the melted snows of winter,
Preparing the ground for new growth.

**We come seeking new growth together,
Knowing the Spirit always leads.**

Hymn # 3 (green)Jesus calls us here to meet him

Prayer of Approach (unison)

God of grace, God of companionship,
move amongst us this day, that we may see,
in the faces of friends and of strangers, your face;
that we may feel, in the encounters with each other,
your touch. Amen.

Written by Gord Dunbar

Gathering – Lent/Easter/Pentecost 2012

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We Listen for God’s Word

First ReadingActs 2: 14a, 36-41

Children’s Storyled by Tammy Shantz

Hymn # 18 (green)Over my head

Second ReadingLuke 24: 13-35

Meditation ‘An Emmaus Experience’

Hymn # 98 (purple)On the Journey to Emmaus

We Respond to God’s Word and Love

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Prayer of the People

Spirit of Gentleness, Spirit of Calm,
be felt in all troubled places today.
Spirit of Healing and Wholeness,
be alive among troubled people today:
where hatred and anger mar the bonds of family and friendship,
where sickness restricts normal activity and brings an end to
accustomed patterns of living,
where the ache of loss and bereavement are felt,
where loved ones are sorely missed, where a job is gone,
where an ambition or dream has vanished.
Creating Spirit, be alive in this church family today,
seeking out our needs and meeting those needs, and
encouraging each of us to use our talents where needed.
Comforting Spirit, come stay with us and dwell in our hearts.
Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

Hymn # 299 (blue)New earth, heavens new

Blessing

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: Stephen Hoke

Location

- Downstairs
Downstairs
Balcony
Sanctuary
Downstairs Hall
Upstairs Library
Clean Up: Susan Hartzler

Please note: The adult Sunday School class will be viewing the video 'The Amish' beginning April 30 over the course of 4 Sundays (Apr 30, May 7, 14 & 28). This video explores the values, beliefs and culture of Amish communities and provides opportunity for discussion following the segments. This will be held in the church basement during the Christian Ed hour.

Next Sunday – May 7

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Doris Brubacher

Coffee/Juice Prep: Faith Cressman

Clean up: Jackie Keller

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. May 2, 9:00-3:00. Nith Valley Sewing Circle meets for quilting and knotting comforters. Evening group will meet in the evening, 7:00-9:00. All are welcome.
- Sat. May 6, 10:30 am. Service Project at Wilmot Family Resource Centre. We will be helping with their spring cleaning, then enjoy a pizza lunch when the work is done. Parking is available at the Petro Can station across the street.

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
10th Annual Run for Relief on Sat. May 27 at 8:00 am. (5k run and a 2k run/walk) Register online at nhmrs.com/run-for-relief.

Community Events:

- 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.
- 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

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