

**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: Dan Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 37 (blue) .....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 87 (blue) .....Great is the Lord

**Hearing God’s Word**

Scripture Reading

Children’s Story .....led by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 362 (blue) .....Help us to help each other

Scripture Reading .....John 10:1-10 and Acts 2:42-47

Sermon

Hymn # 23 (green) .....Slowly turning, ever turning

**Turn to Jesus**

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 49 (green) .....Rain down

**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: Faith Cressman

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Clean Up: Jackie Keller

Please note: The adult Sunday School class will continue viewing the video 'The Amish'. 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 14**

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Band

Children’s Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Andy Kirkland

Clean up: Doris Brubacher

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Wed. May 10, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Thurs. May 11, 7 pm. PCR/Personnel Ministry Team meeting.

**From Fellowship Ministry Team:**

The Fellowship Team is heading up a team to do some church cleaning, Saturday June 24. Depending on how many people come to assist, we will start in the kitchen, hopefully steam clean the upholstered chairs in the basement, assist with Sunday School room cleanup and storage rooms. There will be a variety of jobs to do. A signup list is posted on the bulletin board so that we can plan our activities. Also, we have displayed Lost & Found items from the kitchen in the back foyer. If any of your items are there, please feel free to take them home.

**Thank you note:**

Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy offered on the recent death of my Mother. It is wonderful to belong to such a caring community.  
- Lois Cressman

## MCEC Announcements:

### **MCEC in Ministry, Spring 2017** (in mailboxes)

Through the stories and information contained in this booklet, we trust you will catch a glimpse of our ministry as a community of congregations. You will find stories of how congregations are extending the peace of Christ in their neighbourhoods.

"Thank you for your congregation's partnership, participation, and support as together we work at extending the peace of Jesus Christ, making disciples, growing congregations, and forming leaders." David T. Martin, Executive Minister.

**Each congregation has been gifted 3 books.** 'Common Witness' by David Yoder Neufeld, 'Emmanuel God with us' by Robert Witmer, and 'Annabaptist Essentials' by Palmer Becker. These books can be viewed this week and next in the foyer, and then will be added to our library.

### **MCEC Annual General Meeting follow up:**

A video about ReLearning Community can be found at <https://mcec.ca/story/relearning-community-video>

The video of the meetings themselves are still available at <https://mcec.ca/annual-church-gathering-livestreaming>

### **Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights update:**

Today, the group started the day at Through the Roof Ministry Centre, Flinton, ON. To follow their progress, check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/](http://www.facebook.com/pfirCanada/)  
Less than one week to go until the pilgrimage reaches Ottawa! Thank you for your prayers and support.

## **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 [nhmrs.com/run-for-relief](http://nhmrs.com/run-for-relief).

## **Community Events:**

- TODAY, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at **St. Matthews Lutheran Church**, (54 Benton St. Kit.). Tickets are \$10 and \$5 (ages 5-18).
- Sun. May 28, 2:30 pm. Community Memorial Service at the Detweiler Meeting House. After the service, there will be an informal cemetery walk. Freewill offering.
- Sun. June 4, 2:30 pm. Stiff Family Singers will perform at the Detweiler Meeting House. Freewill offering.
- Fri. June 16, 7:30 pm. Theatre of the Beat presents, 'Yellow Bellies,' at Steinmann Mennonite Church. This is a historical drama about Conscientious Objectors during WWII. Free.
- 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)
- Fri. June 30 – Sun. July 2. Family Camping at Hidden Acres. For more info, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca), call 519-625-8602 or email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)