

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: Tammy Shantz Music Leaders: Praise Band
Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn 10 000 Reasons
- HymnMy lighthouse

Hearing God’s Word

- Scripture Reading2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15
- Children’s Storyled by Tricia Cressman
- Sermon ‘The calling of Motherhood’
- Hymn # 91 (green)Like a mother who has borne us

Turn to Jesus

- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
- Hymn By faith
- Hymn # 118 (green)Thy holy wings

Go with the Spirit

- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Sunday School Class

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| 1. Preschool & Kindergarten | Downstairs |
| 2. Primary Class | Downstairs |
| 3. Junior Class | Balcony |
| 4. Young Adult | Sanctuary |
| 5. Sermon Discussion Class | Downstairs Hall |
| 6. Adult Bible Study Class | Upstairs Library |
| Coffee/Juice Prep: Andy Kirkland | Clean Up: Doris Brubacher |

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 21 – Service at Wilmot Mennonite Church

On long weekends during the summer (beginning with the May Long weekend), we will worship once again with the Youth Ignited Churches. May 21, will be hosted by Wilmot Mennonite Church, 2995 Bleams Road. The service begins at 9:45am.

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.

From Hidden Acres:

Summer Camp Staff Needed - Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is looking to round out our summer camp staff team with people who are looking for a fun, challenging and growth-filled summer. We are accepting applications for our LIT Leader, Boys Cabin Leader, and Boys Inclusion Cabin Leader positions. For more information on the roles go to www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Chris Pot at chrispot@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

MCEC Announcements:

Sacred Trust is an MCEC publication that explores a variety of aspects related to the experience of sexual misconduct by church leaders. The church is not immune from the harm caused by inappropriate boundary crossings and it is important that together we deepen our understanding of these issues.

MCEC responded to this concern by commissioning Carol Penner, Professor of Practical Theology and former pastor, to write a series of stories to help us deepen our awareness of this subject and to better equip us to recognize and prevent boundary crossings in our faith communities. MCEC and we as your Pastors encourage you to engage with the stories and questions that Carol presents. How might we use this resource in our congregation (i.e. Sunday School)? Who might feel led to lead this?

As we follow Jesus, seeking "To love God with all our being and love others as ourselves" may we continue to foster safe space in our congregations.

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.

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale News:

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale (www.nhmrs.com) is less than three weeks away (May 26 & 27)! Pack up your travel mugs, water bottles and your rhubarb (to donate to the Rhubarb Tent ☺), register for the 2k or 5k Run (on our website), and take in the Indoors Auction (Fri evening) and Outdoors Auction (Sat morning).

We are also looking for donations of plants: perennials, succulents, house plants, native, berries, shrubs, and annuals. We would love your potted plants, labelled with name if possible and mention the colour if it has a bloom. Drop them off at our Drop Off Tent at the entrance to the Sale. Contact Marlene at callmtk@yahoo.com or 519-662-1464.

Community Events:

- Thurs. May 18, 7:30 am. MEDA breakfast at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs.
- Tues. May 23, 6-7:30 pm. Preparing for Parenthood (1st of a 6 week series), at the Baden Library. (Hosted by the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.)
- 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.
- Sat. June 3, 11:30-3:30. Rockway Collegiate hosts the Ultimate Alumni Picnic.
- 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 17. MennoHomes annual Bike-a-thon, starting at Elmira Mennonite Church. More info at www.mennohomes.com
- 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
- Fri. June 30 – Sun. July 2. Family Camping at Hidden Acres. For more info, visit www.hiddenacres.ca, call 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca