

**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: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 12 (blue) .....Come, let us all unite to sing

Hymn # 32 (blue) .....Our Father God, thy name we praise

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story .....led by Hendrike Isert Bender

Hymn # 324 (blue) .....Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Scripture Reading .....Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Matthew 25:34-40;

James 2:14-17

Sermon ..... ‘Faith that works’

Slideshow – Year One in Canada

Wilmot Ignited Refugee Planning Team Sharing

Hymn # 142 (blue) .....Brothers and sisters of mine

**Turn to Jesus**

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

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

**Go with the Spirit**

Benediction

**Nith Valley Events:**

- July 7-9. Nith Valley Family Camping at Hidden Acres Camp. Park your trailer, pitch your tent or come for the day. Our time together will end with a joint worship Service with St. Agatha Mennonite Church on July 9th. (Sunday – potluck breakfast at 9:00, service at 10:30.) If you have questions please talk to Keith Zehr.

Matthew and Hendrike will be on holidays from July 3 – 17. If you require pastoral care during that time, please contact Lois Cressman. For office related assistance, please contact Carolyn.

**From Fellowship Ministry Team:**

Over the summer months, the services at our church will be held in the basement. The Fellowship & Worship Teams would like to offer refreshments prior to the service for these Sundays. A signup list is posted so you can help out with this, i.e. supply refreshments (muffins, cookies and/or fruit suggested), prepare drinks, kitchen cleanup. Please sign up if you are available on these specific Sundays - July 16, 23, 30, August 13 & 20.

Summer is coming which means Monday night church family campfires are back! Join us in Dan & Kathryn Cressman's backyard every Monday night starting **July 10** from **6-8pm**. Hot dogs for roasting and drinks will be provided and you are invited to bring a snack to share. No RSVP necessary, just come when it works for you!

**Nith Valley Summer Book Club.** We are inviting women to read "The Fitting Room: Putting on the Character of Christ" by Kelly Minter which will be discussed on July 26 over supper and/or "The Way of Letting Go: One woman's walk toward Forgiveness" by Wilma Derksen which will be discussed on August 23 over supper. Both books are available on Amazon and we invite people to purchase them in their own.

### Community Events:

- Sun. July 9, 2:30 pm. Detweiler Meeting House presents Folk and Gospel Songs with Mike and Diana Erb. Freewill offering.
- Sun. Sept. 10. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Erie View Mennonite Church. Service at 10:00, light lunch to follow. For more info, call 519-900-1987 or email ptwarner@gmail.com

Conrad Grebel hosts The Hymn Society's annual conference, July 16-20. This event offers a free Public Hymn Festival each day:

Sun. July 16, 7:30 pm - "Living Voices of the Gospel" - St Matthew's Lutheran Church, 54 Benton St., Kitchener, ON

Mon. July 17, 7:30 PM - "Reformation Psalms & Beyond" - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 54 Queen St. N., Kitchener

Tues. July 18, 7:30 PM - "A Day for Making Changes: Singing Reformation around the Globe" - First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo

Wed. July 19, 7:30 PM - "God of all the Many Lands" - St John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St., Waterloo

Thurs. July 20, 10:30 AM - "Singing our Journeys Together: Semper Reformanda" - Theatre of the Arts, UWaterloo, Ring Rd., Waterloo

Full Conference Details: [thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo](http://thehymnsociety.org/2017-waterloo)

### From MCC - Peace is Possible!

Wednesday mornings from July 5-Aug 23 at MCC's warehouse, 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to comforter knot? How to pack relief kits? Hear first hand stories from incredibly brave individuals about their journeys to safety and peace? Learn how comforter knotting and packing relief kits contribute to world peace? Join Peace is Possible (PIP) for an 8 week long hands-on peace program for ages 8 to 18 and be part of making peace possible! More info at [mcco.ca/pip](http://mcco.ca/pip)

### Prayer Request from MCC:

Pray for Mennonite Church Canada's Palestine and Israel Resolution Working Group as they continue to develop resources supporting the Palestine and Israel resolution passed at Assembly 2016 and nurture relationships among Palestinian and Jewish neighbours. May such efforts raise awareness and encourage action toward peace and justice today. Pray for open hearts and minds to receive new understandings of justice and peace in this conflicted land. See the congregational study, *Pathways for Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel* at [www.commonword.ca/go/1032](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1032)

### From MennoHomes:

MennoHomes would like to thank volunteers, participants, and donors for making this year's bike-a-thon, Out-Spok'n VII, a success. Your efforts have combined to contribute over \$35,000 towards new affordable housing in Elmira. [www.mennohomes.com](http://www.mennohomes.com)

ROCKWAY MENNONITE COLLEGIATE IS GROWING! Due to increased demand, Rockway has added a second section for its Grade 8 program for the 2017-2018 school year.. If you know anyone who is considering switching schools, please pass on this good news and let them know that class sizes in Grade 8 will be between 14 -18. Contact [admissions@rockway.ca](mailto:admissions@rockway.ca) for more information or to book a tour.

### From Fairview Mennonite Home:

After 30 years of leading Fairview and Parkwood Mennonite Homes, Tim Kennel has decided to retire. We thank him very much for his years of dedication. The Board of Directors has initiated a search for Tim's replacement and has contracted with The Maxwell Management Group to conduct the search. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please check their website at [www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com](http://www.maxwellmanagementgroup.com) or email Susan Farren at [sfarren@maxwellmanagementgroup.com](mailto:sfarren@maxwellmanagementgroup.com)