

**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: Donna Hartzler Music Leader: Bethany Ruby  
Guest Speaker: Patricia Wagler

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 65 (duotang) .....In his time

Hymn # 614 (blue) .....In the bulb there is a flower

**Hearing God’s Word**

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

Hymn # 38 (duotang) .....Be still and know

Scripture Reading .....James 5: 7-12

Sermon ..... ‘Desire Patience’

Time of Reflection

Hymn # 584 (blue) .....They that wait upon the Lord

**Turn to Jesus**

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

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

**Go with the Spirit**

Benediction

Postlude

**Next Sunday – August 20**

Worship Leader & Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Music Leader: Bonnie Stemmler

Food Volunteer: Lois Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: (volunteer needed)

Clean Up: (volunteer needed)

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Mon. Aug 14 6-8 pm. Family Campfire at Dan & Kathryn Cressman’s (966825 Oxford Waterloo Rd, Plattsville). Hot dogs for roasting and drinks provided. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. Don’t forget a lawn chair! (This will be a weekly event. Come as often as it works for you!)
- Mon. Aug. 28, 5-8 pm. Canadian Blood Donor Clinic at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Nith Valley has been asked to provide hostesses to serve refreshments. We need 2 volunteers for the 3 hr shift. If you can help, speak to Donna.
- Tues. Aug. 29, 7 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Tues. Sept. 6, 6:00 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle will meet for a light supper, followed by comforter knotting. This is a pilot project for the months of Sept – Nov. Everyone is welcome! Questions can be directed to Donna Hartzler or Jeannette Cressman.

**Nith Valley Summer Book Club.** We are inviting women to read "The Way of Letting Go: One woman's walk toward Forgiveness" by Wilma Derksen which will be discussed on August 23 over supper. This book is available on Amazon and we invite people to purchase it on their own.

**Financial Update:**

26/52 of \$159,200 Budget	\$79,600.00
Budget givings to July 30/17	\$53,127.00
Shortfall	\$26,473.00

**Fall Retreat 2017 -- September 29 - October 1 @ Hidden Acres.**

For our Fall Retreat this year, Tamara Shantz will lead us in looking at the spiritual journey from the perspective of the Enneagram – a tool that helps increase our self-awareness. We will explore nine different journeys of the soul: how we experience disconnection from God and our deepest self, and how the Spirit is inviting each of us back home.

In preparation for the retreat, you are invited to read basic descriptions of the Nine personality types outlined by the Enneagram. You don't need to know for sure what type you are, but it may be helpful to come with 2 or 3 of the descriptions with which you most identify. A short description is digitally available for each type attached to this email and/or printed copies are available at church. If you wish to do more reading in advance of the retreat you can visit [www.enneagraminstitute.com/type-descriptions](http://www.enneagraminstitute.com/type-descriptions)

If you have any questions feel free to talk with Matthew, Kathryn or Jackie.

**Community Events:**

- 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](mailto:ptwarner@gmail.com)

**From the New Hamburg Thrift Centre:**

Calling all Students! Are you thinking of applying for a part-time job? Need something to put on your resume to impress a potential employer? Join us as a volunteer at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre! We are always looking for students (14 yrs & older) to train as volunteer cashiers, retail floor support, receivers to accept donations, and much more. Call Karla at 519-662-2867 or email [karlarichards@mccthrift.on.ca](mailto:karlarichards@mccthrift.on.ca) to explore opportunities!