

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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Music Leader: Bonnie Stemmler Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

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Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

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

Hymn # 11 (blue)Sweet hour of prayer

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Hymn # 573 (blue)What a friend we have in Jesus

Scripture ReadingJames 5:13-20

Sermon ‘The Prayer of Faith’

Time of Reflection

Hymn # 32 (green)If you believe and I believe

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 421 (blue)Bless’d be the tie that binds

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Postlude

Next Sunday – August 27 at Nithview, 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Aug 21 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! (Please note: Aug. 21 will be the last campfire of the season.)
- Wed. Aug. 23, 6:30 pm. Women’s Book Club will be discussing the book ‘The Way of Letting Go’ by Wilma Derksen. We will meet at Hendrike’s house. Please bring food to share.
- 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.
- Mon. Aug 28, 7 pm. Pastoral Ministry Team meeting at the Isert Bender home.
- Tues. Aug. 29, 7 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Sun. Sept. 3, 10:00 am. Wilmot Ignited congregations will meet for a worship service at Mannheim Mennonite Church. (No service at Nith Valley.)
- 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.

From MCEC:

We pray today for Riverdale Mennonite Church. Following prayerful discernment, the Riverdale congregation, after 69 years, has made the decision to conclude its ministry in the Millbank, ON area. This Sunday, August 20, 2017, is their closing service. We long for God's presence to be with them as they celebrate, grieve and remember God's faithfulness through and at Riverdale Mennonite Church.

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

We are asking for volunteers to organize food, 5 meals in total are needed. Perhaps your family would be willing to take on this task. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Matthew or Susan.

Community Events:

- Fri. Aug. 25, 7 pm. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp final concert at Conrad Grebel (Great Hall). Free admission.
- Sat. Aug 26, 7-10 pm. SOSA (Single or Single Again) group meets for a corn and weiner roast at 307 Maurice St., New Hamburg. Bring a lawn chair and a food item to share.
- Sat. Sept. 16, 4:30-6:30 pm. St. Jacob's Mennonite Church's annual Chicken and Sausage BBQ. Adults \$18.00, children (5-12) \$10.00. Tickets available by calling 519-664-2268, emailing church@sjmc.on.ca or at the door. Advance tickets recommended.
- Sun. Sept. 17, 2:30 pm. Jim Reimer Memorial Bluegrass Concert at Conrad Grebel (Great Hall), featuring Rescue Junction and 5 on the Floor. Free admission with a donation to the Reimer Scholarship in Theological Studies.
- Tues. Sept. 26, noon. MCC presents, Refugee Sponsorship: A Lunch and Listen event. Come to hear news and stories about the sponsorship program. Bring your own lunch.

From Mennonite Central Committee:

- Please pray for MCC Ontario's Board of Directors as they diligently begin the search for an Executive Director and enter into this process of discernment.
- Please pray for the community of Pikangikum First Nation...this community known as the suicide capital of the world, has just lost 5 young people to suicide within one month. Please pray for the youth, for the families, and for the front-line workers and Crisis Teams.
- Please pray for the hearts of churches and groups to be opened and to consider sponsoring one of the over 90 refugee families who are waiting to start a new life in Canada through the Blended Visa Office Referred program.

From Mennonite Church Canada:

Special Delegate Assembly 2017 (Oct. 13-15, Wpg.): Discernment Documents are now available at www.futuredirectionsmc.ca. These documents share important background and proposals for the re-organization of our Five Area Churches and MC Canada. Register for Special Assembly by September 8 and save \$\$\$. Register online at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>.

How is your congregation adapting to changes in society? Culture shifts are opportunities for congregations to transform themselves and adjust to new realities. Download the short Covenant New Conversation Starter to stimulate your thinking: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017>

Time of Reflection

1. How have you experienced prayer? helpful, harmful, significant, insignificant. Share an example.

2. What form of prayer do you find most meaningful?