

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: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Singers: Congregation

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymns

Hymn # 118 (blue).....Praise God from whom

Hymn # 1 (duotang)Shine Jesus Shine

Hymn # 89 (duotang)10 000 Reasons

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song

People: We come with songs in our hearts and lips. Songs of joy,
songs of sorrow. Songs of celebration, songs of lament.

All: God delights in our music, and rejoices over us with singing.

Invocation

Scripture ReadingPsalm 96

Our Story: Let music ring on our Hearts

Heart Songs

Hymn # 6 (duotang).....How great thou art

Hymn # 79 (green)As I went down to the river to pray

Children’s Storyled by Tammy Shantz

Confession and Assurance:

All: Composer of creation, we confess the times we remained
silent when you called us to sing; and we confess the times we
sang when we first should have listened. Help us to learn the
song of our neighbours, close at hand and far away, so that we
may sing together with all your people. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Hymn # 144 (blue)Kyrie eleison

All: God is in our midst, a mighty one who will save, God will
rejoice over us with gladness; God will quiet us with love;
God will exult us with singing. (based on Zaphaniah 3:17)

Hymn # 273 (blue)Low in the grave he lay

Hymn # 580 (blue)My life flows on

Hymn # 546 (blue)Guide my feet

Offering

Hymn # 383 (blue)God, whose giving

Announcements

Hymn # 49 (purple)I will come to you in the silence

Sharing and Prayer of the Church

Benediction:

Leader: Have you heard the voice of God? (silence)

People: God rejoices over us with singing.

Leader: Go, with a melody in your hearts and on your lips, with
rhythm and harmony in your very bones.

All: Sing a new song to the Lord, all the earth!

Hymn (insert)As you go out from here

Postlude

Sunday School Class

Location

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

Downstairs

2. Primary Class

Downstairs

3. Junior Class

Balcony

4. Current Affairs Class

Sanctuary

5. Sermon Discussion Class

Downstairs Hall

6. Bible Study Class

Upstairs Library

Coffee/Juice Prep: Susan Entz

Clean Up: Keith & Candice Zehr

Next Sunday - October 29

Guest Speaker: Stephen Larson

Worship Leader & Children’s Story Leader: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth & Glen Cressman

Clean Up: Dennis & Bonnie Stemmler

From Worship Ministry Team:

The year 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant
Reformation. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther posted his 95 theses
starting thereby the chain of events that gave birth to the Reformation.

We want to take Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 19 as a time to reflect on the
history of the Reformation, heal from the divisiveness it brought and
renew our commitment to continually grow as a diverse body of
Christ. Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Stephen Larson, recently
retired minister at Trinity Lutheran who will preach here.

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Oct. 23, 7 pm. Personnel/PCR Ministry Team meeting.
- Wed. Oct. 25, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.

Financial Update:

36/52 of \$159,200 Budget	\$110,215.38
Budget givings to Oct 8/17	\$81,340.17
Shortfall	\$28,875.21

Please note: we are also still accepting donations to the retreat fund.

Kindred Credit Union is accepting applications to the Kindred Charitable Fund for project grants from churches and charities that help inspire Peaceful, Just, and Prosperous communities. Deadline for submission is Oct. 31. More info at www.kindredcu.com

Job Opportunity:

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre is seeking to fill a part time year-round Administrative Assistant position. Job description available at www.hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602.

Community Events:

- Thurs. Oct. 26, 7 pm. MCC Ontario presents, 'Six Miles Deep: Indigenous and Settler History and along the Grand River,' in the Community Room at 50 Kent St., Kitchener.
- Sat. Oct. 28. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Homecoming. For more info, go to www.rockway.ca
- Sat. Oct. 28, 7 pm. Brubacher House Museum presents musicals guests Arnie Naiman & Hannah Shira Naiman. Tickets \$20 (cash only). To reserve your space, contact Laura Enns 519-886-3855 or bhouse@uwaterloo.ca
- Sun. Oct. 29, 2 pm. Conrad Grebel celebrates the installation of their 8th President, Marcus Shantz. Ceremony at the Humanities Theatre, reception to follow at Conrad Grebel.
- Sat. Nov. 4, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers presents, 'Come Evening's Rest – Evening, Eternity & Time,' at Rockway Mennonite Church. Tickets \$20 (\$5 for students), available from choristers, at the door or at www.mennosingers.com

From MC Canada:

Delegates voted 94% in favour of restructuring most of Mennonite Church Canada's programs and ministries at a Special Assembly in Winnipeg held from Oct. 13-15.

In the future, Regional Churches will share the responsibility of nationwide agenda. Congregations will now channel funding for nationwide priorities through their regional churches, which will forward agreed upon amounts to Mennonite Church Canada.

The favourable vote means that congregations will no longer be members of a national body, but will speak to national agenda and programming through their membership in Regional Church bodies at regular regional gatherings.

The new structures make room for periodic national study conferences with direct congregational involvement. A new Joint Council replaces the General Board. It will be comprised of Regional Church moderators and other representatives appointed by Regional Churches. A Covenant and Operating Agreement among the five Regional Churches was signed on Sunday, Oct. 15.

In addition, a proposal for Mennonite Church Canada's international ministry program was affirmed in principle by delegates. The proposal shifts to a blended model of funding. This model will include some form of relational funding – where congregations and individuals pledge to financially support a ministry or worker, with workers participating directly in fundraising. All workers will be fully funded until June, 2018. Work will begin immediately to help transition Witness work/ministries towards the relational funding model.

Mennonite Church Canada will continue to staff Indigenous Relations, International Witness, Finance, Pension and Benefits. Partnership funding agreements are also in place to support in part the activities of CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre, and The Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives.