

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

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Terry Keller
Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Focus Statement: God’s covenants and promises are not just for our ancestors, or for us, but also for our descendants. Although God is able to fulfil what has been promised, our human ways sometimes get in the way. What might be coming between Me (God) and You (the people), or between you and your descendants?

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn # 16 (blue)God is here among us

Hearing God’s Word

- Children’s Storyled by Tammy Shantz
- Hymn # 616 (blue)Children of the heavenly Father
- Scripture ReadingPsalm 22: 1-5; 22-31
- Sermon ‘Me and You and the Generations after You’
- Hymn # 555 (blue)I need thee every hour

Turn to Jesus

- Offering
- Announcements
- Hymn I will bless you
- Confession and Words of Assurance
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

- Hymn # 44 (green)The love of God
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten
 2. Primary Class
 3. Junior Class
 4. Sermon Discussion Class
 5. Current Affairs Class
 6. Bible Study Class
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Sam Cressman & Joyce Fyn
Clean Up: Kevin D. Cressman

Location
Downstairs
Downstairs
Balcony
Downstairs Hall
Sanctuary
Upstairs Library

Next Sunday – March 4

Worship Leaders & Speakers: Matthew & Hendrike Isert Bender
Music Leaders: Praise Team
Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz
Coffee/Juice Prep: Lyle Cressman Clean Up: Tricia Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Feb. 26, 9:00 am – noon. Rag cutting (wipes) at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. Scissors are provided and anyone is welcome to join the circle.
- Wed. Feb. 28, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Sun. Mar. 4. Our worship service will be a celebration of the time Matthew & Hendrike have been our pastors, as well as a time to say goodbye to them. Following Sunday School, there will be a potluck lunch and an open mic for sharing memories.

From Church Council:

The results of the request relating to the Canada Day brunch are in. In summary, 11 adults and a few children responded that they would be available and willing to volunteer on Canada Day. Based on these results, Church Council has decided to discontinue providing the brunch. However, Nith Valley can be proud of all the years that they did provide the brunch, and all the funds that were distributed to local agencies to further their missions. A huge thank you to ALL the volunteers that have helped out with the brunch in previous years.

From Christian Formation Ministry Team:

A Sunday School teacher, or team of teachers is needed to lead the Sermon Discussion class, beginning March 11.

Volunteer Needed:

We need a volunteer to be the Relief Sale Cookie Table Convener. Lara Shantz will pass on some supplies, and information to help the new person get oriented.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre's 36th Annual Bowlathon will be held on Saturday, March 3. This is the camp's main fundraising activity. Last year, \$34,000 was raised! This money is used for capital expenses. Please show your support by sponsoring Dan Cressman, or donating online at hiddenacres.ca/bowlathon
Thank you!

Community Events:

- Fri. Mar. 2, 7:30; Sat. Mar. 3, 2:00 & 7:30. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate presents, 'The Mouse that Roared.' Ticket info can be found at www.rockway.ca
- Sat. Mar. 10, 10:00 – 5:00 pm. Conrad Grebel's prospective student Open House. Get more info at grebel.ca/futurestudents

Update from PCRC & Church Council:

We have begun the process of a pastoral transition. Matthew and Hendrike will have their final Sunday on March 4th. This will be a Sunday of celebration to reflect on their past 17 plus years with Nith Valley! There will be a potluck following Sunday school and an open mic for sharing memories.

PCRC ministry team has submitted an application seeking an intentional interim pastor for a 24 month period beginning sometime after March 4th when a suitable candidate is made available for our church. If you have any questions about this process please see any member of PCRC: Dan, Brenda, Lyle, Janet, or Jackie.

Nith Valley Camp Sponsorship Fund:

The Christian Formation Ministry Team is committed to supporting faith formation beyond our Sunday School hour. As a Church we recognize and affirm that summer camp is one such opportunity. Camp is an important faith forming experience for many children. We believe a camp experience is unique as it allows children and youth an opportunity to explore God's creation in new ways.

The Camp Sponsorship Fund exists to encourage all children to experience at least one year of summer camp at an MCEC affiliated camp (Hidden Acres, Silver Lake, Fraser Lake, and Ontario Mennonite Music Camp.) All children between ages 6-18 can draw upon this fund once every five years. The amount given will be \$250 each time the fund is used. To enquire more about this fund speak with Andy.