

**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: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Michael White

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 58 (blue) .....This is the day

Hymn # 34 (blue) .....When the morning stars together

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story .....led by Stacey Keller

Hymn # 304 (blue) ..... There are many gifts

Scripture Reading ..... Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon ..... ‘Stewardship: Palestine to Tanzania’

**Turn to Jesus**

Hymn # 383 (blue) .....God, whose giving

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go with the Spirit**

Hymn # 75 (green) .....Be still

Benediction

Time of Reflection

**TODAY**

Coffee/Juice Prep: Dennis & Bonnie Stemmler Clean up: Lorrie Koch

**Next Sunday – June 24**

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman Speaker: Joyce De Gier VanderSpek

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Carolyn O’Krafka

Coffee/Juice Prep and Clean up: Matt & Faith Cressman

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Sun. June 24, 7:30 pm. The youth invite everyone (all ages!!) to join them for a game of Ultimate Frisbee. Meet at the soccer fields in Plattsville.
- July 6-9. Camping at Hidden Acres. Sunday morning worship service will begin at 10:30 and will be followed by a potluck lunch. We have invited the St. Agatha Mennonite congregation to join us for the morning.
- Sept. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Hidden Acres. Save the date! Our retreat this year will focus on connecting with each other and having fun together. If you are interested in helping to plan this retreat, please contact Jackie or Kathryn.

Coming soon! Monday night church campfires. You are invited to Dan and Kathryn Cressman's backyard every Monday night of the summer starting on JULY 2 from 6-8pm. Come for fellowship, gardening, wiener roast and games. No need to RSVP each week; come when it suits. Bring lawn chairs and finger food to share.

Our summer services will be held in the basement and we would like to be able to serve refreshments prior to the service. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. This will involve bringing something to share, i.e. muffins, fruit, cookies, cheese; preparation of beverages and/or cleanup. This involves 6 Sundays - July 15, 22, 29, Aug 12, 19, 26. Refreshments should be ready to serve by 9:45 each week.

I would like to thank my church family for their concern, caring, prayers, cards, and emails during my recent hospital stay and recovery progress at home. I am now ready to welcome visitors!  
Love, Elaine M. Cressman

**Community Events:**

- Tues. June 19, 7 pm. House of Friendship Annual General meeting at the Tannery Event Centre (151 Charles Street W., Kit.)
- Sat. June 23, 2:00-4:00; 6:30-8:00. Nithview Community Strawberry Social. Admission: \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children.

**From the Pastoral Ministry Team:**

If you require pastoral care or support, you can contact one of our elders: Lois Cressman (519-696-2667), Doris Brubacher (519-662-2699) or Lyle Cressman (519-505-3272)

Jan Steckley and Kevin Unrau Peters (pastors at Hillcrest), have agreed to stand by for extra support, and Matthew and Hendrike are willing to lead funeral services during this time, if needed.

**From MC Canada:**

Save the date! Saturday, September 29th is the 2018 Ride for Refuge event. Mennonite Church Canada is once again inviting its congregational family to participate in this fun, nationwide bike-a-thon/walk in support of our international Witness ministry. As the Ride for Refuge website indicates: "The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that supports charities who provide refuge and hope for displaced, vulnerable and exploited people everywhere." Stay tuned for more details!