

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

People who love God with all our being and love others as ourselves!

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Lent 2019: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Easter Sunday: Christ is risen, indeed!

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Time of Anticipation
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 280Christ the Lord is risen today
Hymn # 273 (blue)Low in the grave he lay
Children's Story
Scripture ReadingIsaiah 65: 17-25
Hymn # 89 (purple)Christ is alive
Theme Song # 92 (duotang)Speak, O Lord
Scripture ReadingLuke 24: 1-12
Sermon 'Loved Into New Life'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 283 (blue)Christ who left his home in glory
Hymn # 275 (blue)Lift your glad voices
OfferingBecause He Lives
Announcements
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
Hymn # 345 (blue)God sent his son

Go With the Spirit

Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

Quartet: Jeannette Cressman, Jackie Keller, Terry Keller, Greg Yantzi

Piano duet: Susan Cressman & Bonnie Stemmler

Next Sunday – April 28 Celebrating God's Work Among Us

Worship Leader: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

We rejoice with Shelley, Greg, Addison, Evelyn Kuepfer and their entire extended family on the birth of healthy baby girl, Meredith Brooke, born on April 14. May their family continue to experience the fullness of God's love and mercy as they grow together in body, mind and spirit.

Nith Valley Events:

- Fri. Apr. 26, 6-8 pm. Gym night at Bethel Church in New Dundee.
- Sun. Apr. 28. Annual Meeting during the second hour, followed by a soup lunch. Everyone is asked to please bring cut-up vegetables, pasta or cooked meat ready to add to our soup pot. Please bring your contribution to the kitchen prior to the worship service, so the Fellowship Team can cook the soup in the morning to serve for our noon lunch. Dessert items are also welcome. All teachers are encouraged to attend the meeting as childcare will be provided.
- Sun. May 5. First Sunday groups meet.
- Sun. June 9. Join us for a Blue Jays game at the Rogers' Centre. Tickets \$26 (kids), \$52 (adults), plus \$10 each for the bus. Bus will leave church after morning worship service. More details to follow. To sign up check with Dan or signup sheet on bulletin board in lobby.

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Community Events:

- Fri. Apr. 26, 7 pm. Come to Steinmann Mennonite Church, to hear April Yamasaki from BC, speak about, 'Deepening Our Relationship With God. Our relationship with God is the most important relationship in the life of a Christian. How can we strengthen this relationship and care for our spiritual needs? April is the keynote speaker at the MCEC Annual Church Gathering. This is an open public session. All are invited. No registration or fee.
- Sat. Apr. 27, 9:00-2:00 pm. Interfaith Annual Giant Silent Auction, at the Wilmot Rec Complex. New this year: breakfast will be available from 9:00-11:00, with proceeds going to Interfaith's school-based programs.
- Sat. May 4, 8:30-11:00 am. Shalom Counselling Services Spring Breakfast, at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Tickets \$30.00. See poster for more details.
- Sat. May 4, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers, Menno Youth and Mennonite Mass Choir present, 'Mendelssohn's famous Symphony-Cantata, Hymn of Praise,' at St Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St N, Kitchener). Tickets are \$30 adult, \$5 students/child available at www.mennosingers.com
- Sat. May 11, 2 pm. AGM and Canoe the Grand Fundraiser for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Please join us on the river or support a paddling team! To register or donate visit www.slmc.ca. The AGM will take place at Kiwanis Park (Kitchener) at 2pm. For more information visit www.slmc.ca

Wilmot Ignited Ministries and Events:

- Tues. Apr. 30, 12:00-2:00 pm. The Kitchen Table: light lunch, conversation, and friendship, at Wilmot Mennonite Church. This month's topic: Lens on Life: Travel Portraits by Julia Maier. Suggested donation of \$10 accepted.
- Sun. May 5, 2:30 pm. Piano Concert by Susan Cressman & friends at Nith Valley in celebration of 50 years as church pianist. Donations will be accepted at the door to support Interfaith Counselling Centre. Refreshments to follow in the church basement.

From PCRC Ministry Team:

Greg Yantzi (interim pastor) has begun meeting with family units. Please select a date & time through the google document or by speaking to Carolyn or Greg directly. Here are some questions to ponder or take notes on in preparation for this:

- *When do you feel closest to God; when are you at peace in your life?
- *What helps your faith to feel real?
- *What is one thing you love about Nith Valley currently?
- *What is one thing you would like to see in the future that is different?
- *What does the physical building and meeting place mean to you and your family?
- *What do you think is God's Vision for Nith Valley 5 years or 10 years from now?
- *Or, if we were just starting Nith Valley as a church, what would it look like? Where would we meet? What would worship services look like? What programs/activities would there be?

Please speak to anyone on the PCRC ministry team (Greg, Jackie, Janet, Brenda, Lyle & Dan) with your questions/comments or suggestions.

From PCRC Ministry Team:

One of the preparation tasks for a pastoral search process is to update a congregational profile which helps describe who we are as a community of faith. One section of this profile asks questions that have to do with items like our vision and mission for ministry, how we view a pastor's role, our theological understandings and commitment to Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith.

The PCRC Ministry Team invites you to participate in group discussions around these items during the Sunday School hour on the following Sundays: May 12; May 26

Please take note of these dates. Your participation is valuable and needed to help with the future direction of our congregation!