

# Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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## Nurturing the Family

### Gather to Worship

Prelude  
Time of Anticipation  
Welcome  
Opening Prayer

### Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 31 (purple) .....Jesus, be the center  
Hymn # 113 (purple) .....I will stand in the congregation  
Children's Story  
Hymn # 91 (green) .....Like a mother who has borne us  
Scripture Reading .....Mark 3:31-35  
Sermon ..... 'Nurturing the Family'  
Hymn # 89 (green) .....I was there to hear your borning cry

### Turning to Jesus

Offering  
Announcements  
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 57 (purple) .....Go, my friends, in grace  
Benediction  
Time of Reflection  
Postlude

Worship Leader: Glen Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Carolyn O'Krafka

### Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten
  2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)
  3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)
  4. Congregational Profile Discussion
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda & Ross Roth

### Location

Downstairs  
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Balcony  
Downstairs Hall  
Clean up: Lois Cressman

### Next Sunday – May 19 A Community of God's People

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz  
Pianist: Bethany Ruby  
Children's Story Leader: Chris/Janna Lynn Cressman  
Coffee/Juice Prep & Clean up: Fellowship Team  
Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

### Nith Valley Events:

- Sun. June 9. Join us for a Blue Jays game at the Rogers' Centre. Tickets \$26 (kids), \$52 (adults), plus \$10each for the bus. Bus will leave church after morning worship service. More details to follow. To sign up check with Dan or sign up sheet on bulletin board.
- Fri. May 17, 6-8 pm. Gym night at Bethel Church in New Dundee.
- July 5-7: Camping at Hidden Acres with St. Agatha Mennonite Church. More details to follow. Speak to Keith Zehr to reserve your spot.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Piano Concert on May 5th - playing, listening, singing, helping with refreshments, parking, recording, etc. Ten artists shared their musical talents to make the day a success. Thank you to all. Together we raised a total of \$1200 to date for Interfaith Counselling Centre. Music unites us and opens the door as we worship and listen for harmony and beauty. May we continue to immerse ourselves in song to bring glory to God.

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Holiday weekends this summer will provide opportunity for the Wilmot Ignited Churches (Mannheim, Wilmot, St. Agatha, Nith Valley) to join together for worship. Sunday, May 19, we will be hosting with refreshments following worship. Please see the sign up sheet in the lobby to volunteer to bring fruit, cookies, squares or fruit bread.

**Financial Update:**

Budget givings to May 5/19	\$32,124
14/52 of 2019/20 Budget	\$45,015
Givings Shortfall	\$12,891

**Community Events:**

- TODAY, 2:30 pm. Book Launch in the Nithview Auditorium for Glenn and Mary Ellen Zehr's memoirs, 'Partners: Pastures, Pasturing, Pastimes.'

**From PCR 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 PCR 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. Our next opportunity for group discussion will take place today, during the Sunday School hour.

In preparation, please give some consideration to the following questions and come prepared to participate as we seek to better understand who we are as God's people.

"A vision can be defined as a picture of the future you would like to create, described in the present tense as if it was happening now. A statement of 'our vision' shows where we want to go, and what we will be like when we get there." (Ken Bechtel, Leader, Winter 2018-19).

- What do you think is the vision for Nith Valley? What are the priorities that shape Nith Valley's ministry?
- What changes or trends do you envision for Nith Valley over the next five years?

If you are not able to participate or be present for this conversation, consider submitting your thoughts and responses to the church office over the next week or two. Your participation is valuable and needed to help with the future direction of our congregation! Our next conversation will take place May 26.