

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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A Global Body

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Time of Anticipation
Welcome
Opening Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 36 (blue)God of our strength
Children's Story
ScriptureMark 2: 1-12
Hymn # 76 (blue) Je louerai l'Eternel
Hymn # 75 (blue)Heilig, heilig, heilig
Sermon 'Jesus Christ: The Hope of the World'
Hymn # 49 (green)Rain down

Turning to Jesus

Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 422 (blue)Bwana awabariki
Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tricia Cressman

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: Tammy Shantz

Location

Downstairs
Downstairs
Balcony
Downstairs Hall
Clean up: Susan Hartzler

Next Sunday – June 2 Spiritual Music

Worship Leader: Susan Cressman
Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Stacey Keller

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. May 28, 7 pm. Several ladies from our church will be presenting a music program at Nithview Home on Spiritual Songs. Everyone is welcome join us and visit with our Nithview friends that evening.
- Sun. June 2. End of Sunday school and First Sunday groups campfire lunch. All are invited! Hot dogs for roasting will be provided. Please bring finger foods/snacks to share.
- Sun. June 9, 9:30 am. Worship service. We have planned an earlier, brief service for this day, to accommodate the trip to Toronto for the Blue Jays game.
- 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. To sign up check with Dan or signup sheet on bulletin board.
- Sun. June 16. Parent-Child Dedication.
- July 5-7: Camping at Hidden Acres with St. Agatha Mennonite Church. More details to follow. Speak to Keith Zehr to reserve your spot.

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From Hidden Acres:

We are looking for an individual to fill a Housekeeping role immediately. This part-time paid position (avg. 10-18 hours per week, year-round) requires a flexible schedule. Interested? Contact Campbell Nisbet at 519-625-8602 or email:director@hiddenacres.ca

Community Events:

- Tues. June 11, 5:00-7:30. Hidden Acres Annual Chicken BBQ. Regular \$16. Small \$13. Pie auction during the evening as well. Please see Janet Cressman for tickets.
- Sat. June 22, 9:30 am (registration at 9:00). Meet at Elmira Mennonite Church for MennoHomes Inc. 9th Annual Bike-a-thon, in support of MennoHomes projects in the Waterloo Region. (Note: the 75 km ride begins in St. Jacobs at 7:00 am.) Consider joining or sponsoring 'Team Nith Valley.' Refer to the email send May 24 for a link to sponsor or join in. Talk to Greg or Dan for more info, or to make a cash donation.
- Sat. June 22, 2-4 pm and 6:30-8:00 pm. Nithview Strawberry Social. (\$5 adults; \$3 children).

Wilmot Ignited Events:

- Sat. June 8. Mannheim Mennonite Church invites us to join with them for Saturday evening activities at their Hidden Acres Retreat with Clarence Cachagee. 7:00-8:00 pm: Clarence will share his vision/plans around an Aboriginal Healing Lodge being planned at Eramosa Eden, a retreat setting on the Eramosa River just south of Guelph. 8:30-9:30 pm: Clarence will share Aboriginal stories and teachings around a campfire geared toward family and children.

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 makes your faith 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.

- What is your view of the pastor's role in the church? Are there special gifts in ministry which you hope will be fulfilled? How do you expect the pastor to be a representative of the congregation beyond the congregation?

- Church morale: Assess the spiritual and emotional health of the congregation. How would you describe relationships among members? Is there openness to new ideas and ways of doing things?

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!