

# Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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## Live Long and Prosper

### Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Time of Anticipation
- Welcome
- Opening Prayer

### Hearing God's Word

- Hymn # 109 (blue) .....I will praise the Lord
- Hymn # 546 (blue) .....Guide my feet
- Children's Story
- Hymn # 479 (blue) .....Lord of our growing years
- Milestone Ministries
- Christian Formation Blessing
- Hymn # 49 (purple) .....I will come to you in the silence
- Scripture Reading .....Psalm 34: 11-14
- Sermon

### Turning to Jesus

- Hymn # 545 (blue) .....Be thou my vision
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

### Go With the Spirit

- Hymn # 40 (purple) .....We will follow
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz                      Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
 Pianist: Bethany Ruby                      Chorister: Jeannette 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. Worship Discussion Class
5. Current Affairs Class
6. Bible Study Class

**Location**  
 Downstairs  
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 Balcony  
 Downstairs Hall  
 Sanctuary  
 Library

Coffee Juice Prep & Clean up: Fellowship Ministry Team

### Next Sunday – September 15

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman      Guest Speaker: Katie Gingerich  
 Pianist: Susan Cressman                      Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children's Story Leader:

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jesse Cressman      Clean up: Kevin R. Cressman

Our guest Katie Gingerich, is a social innovator and peace educator, and gets excited when the worlds of innovation collide. She is the founder and director of The Ripple Effect Education, a start-up initiative that develops and facilitates conflict resolution and social justice programs for youth ages 5 – 18.

### From the office:

Greg will be away next Sunday. He is participating on a MCEC Anabaptist Learning Workshop, "Cultivating Spiritual Practices while Canoe Camping" from September 13-16, in the Massasauga Provincial Park area, just south of Parry Sound. If you have need for pastoral care during this time, please contact a member of the Pastoral Ministry Team.

Financial Update:	
Budget givings to Aug 31/19	\$63,506.75
30/52 of 2019/20 Budget	\$96,461.54
Givings Shortfall	\$32,954.79

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### **Nith Valley Events:**

- Wed. Sept. 11, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS. (Childcare provided.)
- Sept. 27-29. Annual Nith Valley church retreat. Reflect, Reclaim and Reframe: Visioning a future with hope  
Our gathering and conversations will celebrate who we are as a community of faith while discovering who we are called to be as God's people for the future. Our weekend will focus around Jeremiah 29:11, *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* Friday night begins with a wiener roast & campfire, followed by activities all day Saturday, and Sunday morning worship! Please plan to participate in as much of the weekend as possible. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to confirm accommodations and meals. You can also sign-up using the following link - <https://forms.gle/Y7BwAN1uFspHEX6CA>

### **From the Fellowship Ministry Team:**

A huge thank you to Kathryn & Dan for hosting our Monday evening wiener roasts at the pond. This is a very important event to connect with our church family over the summer. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to our summer refreshments prior to the worship service over the past few months. There was lots of good food and conversation.

The Refreshment List has been updated for 2019-20 and a copy is in your mailboxes. Thank you to everyone who helps with this task throughout the year. If you are unable to assist on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone else and let Carolyn know so she can include the correct information in the bulletin.

### **From Fairview Mennonite Home & Parkwood Mennonite Home:**

#### **Director, Spiritual Care and Culture**

We are each hiring a Director, Spiritual Care and Culture. This is a newly created role in the senior leadership team that will help us realize our vision to 'Build a Community for All' for seniors and the surrounding community.

For more information, to express interest, or to apply, contact Elaine Shantz, CEO at Phone: (519) 653-5719 Ext. 4832, email [eshantz@fairviewmh.com](mailto:eshantz@fairviewmh.com) or visit <https://fairviewmh.com/employment/>.

### **Wilmot Ignited Events:**

- Tuesdays, 9:00 am. A group of committed volunteers meet together each week to weave mats out of milk bags. Another group spends the morning quilting. If you are looking for another meaningful activity, consider joining them.
- Sun. Sept. 22, 1:30 pm. Forest Church is coming to Wilmot Township! Forest Church is a casual, reflective, outdoor worship opportunity to connect with God in natural settings. We will be gathering once a month in various locations in Wilmot Township. This month, meet in the parking lot of Wilmot Mennonite Church. Contact Wendy Janzen at [wilmotforestchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wilmotforestchurch@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to our email newsletter.

### **Community Events:**

- Tues. Sept. 10. World Suicide Prevention Day. Suicide Awareness Wilmot Wellesley (S.A.W.W.) will be hosting events at the Wilmot Recreation Centre. 7:00-8:00 skating; 8:20-9:00 walk on trail.
- Mon. Sept. 23 **or** Tues. Sept. 24. Hidden Acres Seniors' Retreat, with resource person Jane Kuepfer. See bulletin board for more info.
- Thurs. Sept. 26. Wilmot Family Resource Centre's Poor Boys Luncheon. Lunch – 11:30-1:30; dinner – 5:00-7:30. Tickets are \$8.00, or \$30/family. Tickets available at the Resource Centre (175 Waterloo St., NH). Call 519-662-2731 for more info.
- Sat. Sept. 28, 8:30 am. The Mennonite Story – Celebrating 40 Years with a breakfast celebration at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. Guest speaker is John Ruth, one of the early visionaries of The Mennonite Story project. Tickets, \$30 available online at [mennonitestorybreakfast.eventbrite.ca](http://mennonitestorybreakfast.eventbrite.ca) or in person at The Mennonite Story, 1406 King St N, St. Jacobs.