

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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The baptism of Jesus

Gathering in Hope

Prelude

Time of Anticipation

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn # 514 (blue).....Lord, I am fondly, earnestly

Hymn # 445 (blue)Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Hymn # 79 (green)As I went down to the river

Scripture ReadingMatthew 3: 13-17

Sermon

Hymn # 502 (blue)Spirit of God! descend

Turning to Jesus

Offering

Living, Loving, and Praying as Community

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 82 (green).....Water has held us

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

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

Coffee/Juice prep: Bethany & Ross Ruby

Clean up: Jeannette Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Downstairs Hall

Sanctuary

Library

Next Sunday – February 23 Temptation in the Wilderness

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Sam Cressman & Joyce Fyn

Clean Up: Kevin D. Cressman

Has your faith journey challenged you to consider the varying ways in which live as disciples of Christ? How does this get lived out in our daily lives? What does it mean to follow Jesus from an Anabaptist perspective? If you're interested in exploring these questions and considering how baptism could be one way for you to express your faith, talk to Greg.

If you are interested in joining an Easter music group at Nith Valley, please contact Janna Lynn or Susan. Plans are to sing at our Easter service on Sunday, April 12.

Please consider sponsoring Dan Cressman in the Hidden Acres bowl-a-thon. The event is March 7, with donations accepted anytime.

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In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and to save on costs, we will be moving to a new bulletin format starting March 1. Announcements will no longer be included in our bulletin, but will be sent out via email at the end of each week. A few hard copies of announcements will be available for people who don't have email or prefer the paper version. Worship Ministry Team would like to invite anyone (especially children) to submit personal drawings or art to be used as our weekly cover for the Sunday morning bulletin. We recommend that art reflect a Biblical or faith theme with the artist's name on the bottom. For more information or questions, please talk to a member of the Worship Ministry Team.

Sunday School Elective for the month of March (excluding First Sunday): Join Kathryn and explore *Scripture through Song*...specifically songs of Bryan Moyer Suderman as he weaves Old and New Testament stories into his music...exploring questions such as "What is that song talking about? What passage is he referring to? What does this mean for us?" Open to all ages (intergenerational). If you're interested please sign up on the bulletin board.

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Feb. 24, 9 am – noon. Rag Cutting (wipes), at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. Scissors supplies. All are welcome.
- Sat. Feb. 29, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. A Co-ed Inter-Generational Comforter Knotting Blitz, children, men, ladies are welcome to help knot comforters for MCC's 100 years of service. A hot lunch will be provided for all who work at the project.
- Sat. Mar. 28. Save the Date. Ladies Retreat at Nith Valley. More details to follow.

Wilmot Ignited Events:

- TODAY, 1:30 pm. **Wilmot Forest Church.** Walker Woods (access from Stonecroft Way, New Hamburg). We will gather by the little roundabout and parking area on Stonecroft Way, not far from the Stonecroft Recreation Centre and just past 175 Stonecroft Way. Look at the map to get an idea of where it is if you aren't sure. The trail is mostly level, but is likely not maintained in the winter so be sure to wear sturdy, warm footwear/boots. Jessica will be on hand to engage with the children and facilitate spending time with any birds who are present. There will be some birdseed available and we will see if we can feed the chickadees or make some natural bird feeders.
- Tues. Feb. 25, 12:00-2:00 pm. The Kitchen Table, at Wilmot Mennonite Church. Come for a light lunch, conversation and friendship. This month's topic: '100 Years of MCC Work,' with Fred Redekop.

This is the third year that the Wilmot Family Resource Center will be hosting a Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon in support of their work here in the Wilmot Township with the hungry, homeless and hurting. This takes place on February 22. Would anyone like to be the captain of a Nith Valley MC team? There will be hot chili and deserts waiting for you after the walk! Register and get more details at cnoy.org (Wilmot location) or speak with Greg.

Voices Together - a new worship and song collection for the North American Mennonite Church will be available in Fall 2020. Our congregation will be ordering hymnals and resources for use in worship. You are able to include your own personal copies with the church order. You can find the catalogue at <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/catalogue/>. A flyer of the options available for ordering are available under the mailboxes. Send your order requests to Carolyn at office@nithvalleymennonite.com

Community Events:

- Mon. Feb. 17, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Free Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Camp. Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Choose a hot lunch for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch (peanut-free). RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or call (519) 625-8602.
- Tues. Feb. 25, 5-6:30 pm. Zion United Church presents: Shrove Tuesday Community Pancake & Sausage Supper at the Wilmot Rec Complex. Cost: \$10.00 (adults), \$5.00 (child).
- Thurs. Feb. 27, 7 pm. The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous Issues presents, "They Never Taught us This in School...", at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Freewill offering.

From Menno Singers:

Menno Singers invites you to a Hymn Festival Weekend February 22-23, featuring Matthew Boutda our 2018 Abner Martin Music Scholarship recipient. Each afternoon will feature a traditional hymn sing, led by Matthew, with new compositions, Voices Together songs, and ample room for hymn requests.

Sat. Feb. 22, 3 pm at First Mennonite in Kitchener and

Sun. Feb. 23, 3pm at Steinmann Mennonite in Baden.

Sat. Feb. 22, 7 pm at First Mennonite in Kitchener, join us for a Choral Festive Evensong, a service of love on the book Song of Songs, developed by Matthew. Admission is by donation with the evening proceeds going to support the Coldest night of the year initiative, through the Ray of Hope. For more information go to www.mennosingers.com

Lent 2020 - "Show Us"

Lent is a time to slow down and breathe in the life of Jesus. It is a long and difficult journey to the cross, but if we pay careful attention Jesus shows us who he is. In the Scriptures this year for Lent, the theme of "Show us" arises. Whether it's a way forward through the desert, a way to overcome temptation, the extent of God's love, or the power to overcome death, Jesus wants to show us who he is and invites us into relationship with him and into a deeper understanding of ourselves.

This year, we will not be hosting an Ash Wednesday service here at the church but rather encourage you to mark the beginning of Lent in your own way or participate in one of the two options in our community.

Ash Wednesday Bonfire hosted by Burning Bush Forest Church. Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. , 222 Waterloo Street, Kitchener Join us for an outdoor evening around the campfire, with an informal conversation about your ideas and experiences of death. Please go to the Burning Bush Forest Church Facebook page for more details or talk to Greg. Please register (for free) on Eventbrite so we can keep you informed about the status of this event if the weather conditions aren't favourable.

Wilmot Ecumenical Ministerial invites you to an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 26 in the auditorium at Nithview Community at 10:30 am. Please note that this is a service only - no food will be served.