

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Temptation in the Wilderness

Gathering in Hope

- Prelude
- Time of Anticipation
- Welcome
- Call to Worship
- Hymn # 3 (green)Jesus calls us here to meet him
- Hymn # 32 (green)If you believe and I believe

Hearing God's Word

- Children's Story
- Hymn # 72 (purple)We are often tossed and driv'n
- Scripture ReadingMatthew 4: 1-11
- Sermon
- Hymn # 532 (blue)I am leaning on the Lord

Turning to Jesus

- Offering
- Living, Loving, and Praying as Community

Go With the Spirit

- Hymn # 545 (blue)Be thou my vision
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman Speaker: Greg Yantzi
Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

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: Sam Cressman & Joyce Fyn
Clean up: Kevin D. Cressman

Location
Downstairs
Downstairs
Balcony
Downstairs Hall
Sanctuary
Library

Next Sunday – March 1

First Sunday of Lent – Show us your Hiding Space

Worship Leader: Tammy Shantz Speaker: Greg Yantzi
Pianist: Bethany Ruby Chorister: Jeannette Cressman
Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Sermon Q & A

Next week is a Sermon Q&A Sunday. Worship Ministry Team is inviting you to submit questions you have around the topic of morning worship! Any questions, from all ages are welcome! Greg will attempt to prepare answers included in the sermon AND will give opportunity for a question and answer period. Next Sunday's scripture focus is on Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7. Questions you have can be sent to pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com by Thursday (Feb. 27).

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.

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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.

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.

Women's Bible Study:

Lois & Jackie will be leading a Women's Bible Study that will be starting on Monday March 9. We will be studying Kelly Minter's book, "Finding God Faithful" which is based on the life of Joseph and will run for 8 sessions. Here is a link to the promotional video for the study <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxtBErh4xBY>. We will be gathering each week at 6:30 for supper with the study to follow. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jackie directly so that your study book can be ordered in time for the first session.

Monday, March 2, 7:00 pm - Waterloo Death Cafe. An opportunity to sit with a drink and talk about death so that we might experience the fullness of life. Greg is facilitating this first ever event in Waterloo Region at Death Valley's Little Brother Cafe, 84 King St. N, Waterloo. For more information, talk to Greg.

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.
- Mon. Mar. 2. Council reports due.
- Sat. Mar. 28. Women's Retreat at Nith Valley. Our speaker is Kelly Freeman from West Hills Fellowship and we have invited the WHF ladies to come for the day. The morning agenda includes refreshments, devotions, singing, and sharing from Kelly's personal experience on the theme of '*Bloom Where You Are Planted*'. Kelly will share ideas on how we can do Mission right in our own communities. If you have personal stories to share, they are also welcome. The afternoon is free time, so come prepared to play games, visit, do puzzles, knot a comforter, etc. Sign up lists for attendance & food contributions are posted on the bulletin board. Look for your personal invitation in your mailbox.
- Sat. Mar. 28, 9:00 am. Men's Breakfast at Quehl's in Tavistock, with guest speaker Larry Frey. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Wilmot Ignited Events:

- 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.

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 on Sunday mornings, 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.

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:

- 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.
- Wed. Mar. 4, 7:30 pm. Conrad Grebel presents, Rick Hill speaking on the topic, 'Great Law of Peace: Lessons on Life.' Rick is a citizen of the Beaver Clan of the Tuscarara Nation of the Haudenosaunee at Grand River.

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.