

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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“Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves”

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Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation – Special MusicCare for my lambs

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 355 (blue)Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Judy Rivers

Special MusicCome as a Child

Parent – Child Dedication

Hymn # 90 (green)Lord, we bring to you our Children

Scripture ReadingActs 10

Sermon

Hymn # 39 (purple)Will you come and follow me

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 49 (green)Rain down

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Current Affairs Class

5. Sermon Discussion Class

6. Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Tricia Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Clean Up: Ken Koch

Next Sunday – September 24

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ralph Cressman Clean up: Gloria R. & John I.

God’s people will be our theme this fall. As God’s people we are looking forward to some special services. On **Sept. 24**, we will officially welcome new members into our community by baptism or transfer of membership: Linda & Bill Barker, Sam Cressman, Joyce Fyn and Nick & Tammy Shantz. We invite you to pray for all individuals who are covenanting with us to be part of our community and we ask for prayers as a community to be a place of welcome where we together love God with all our being and love others as ourselves.

Nith Valley Events:

- Fri. Sept. 22, 7:30 – 10:00. Youth Event at Mark & Stacey’s house (26 Joshua Court, Plattsville).

The Refreshment schedule has been distributed for Sep17-Jun18. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please seek a replacement and let Carolyn know about the change. Thanks for your help to ensure refreshments are available each week.

Hillcrest Mennonite Church is inviting us to join them for a joint Advent/Christmas choir. Les Neufeld from Hillcrest will be leading this project. Practices will take place Sunday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm beginning October 15 (location to be confirmed). Music will be shared with the congregation either Dec 10 or 17. Please speak with Susan Cressman if you are interested in joining the choir.

Fall Retreat 2017 -- September 29 - October 1 @ Hidden Acres.

For our Fall Retreat this year, Tamara Shantz will lead us in looking at the spiritual journey from the perspective of the Enneagram – a tool that helps increase our self-awareness. We will explore nine different journeys of the soul: how we experience disconnection from God and our deepest self, and how the Spirit is inviting each of us back home.

In preparation for the retreat, you are invited to read basic descriptions of the Nine personality types outlined by the Enneagram. You don't need to know for sure what type you are, but it may be helpful to come with 2 or 3 of the descriptions with which you most identify. A short description is digitally available for each type attached to this email and/or printed copies are available at church. If you wish to do more reading in advance of the retreat you can visit www.enneagraminstitute.com/type-descriptions

We are asking for volunteers to organize food, 5 meals in total are needed. Perhaps your family would be willing to take on this task. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Matthew or Susan.

From MCC :

Response to Hurricane Irma in Haiti and Cuba
MCC is responding to the devastation of Hurricane Irma in Haiti and Cuba. Please join us in addressing the suffering caused by this disaster. Donate online at mcco.ca/hurricane-irma by calling 519-745-8458 or dropping by one of our thrift stores or offices.

South Asia Flooding Bulletin Announcement

MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area at mcco.ca/south-as

Community Events:

- TODAY, 2:30 pm. Jim Reimer Memorial Bluegrass Concert at Conrad Grebel (Great Hall), featuring Rescue Junction and 5 on the Floor. Free admission with a donation to the Reimer Scholarship in Theological Studies.
- Sept. 22-24. Men's Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. Cost is \$195. Only a few spots are still available. Register online (www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-442-3200.
- Sat, Sept. 23, 10 am – noon. Mini KW Pilgrimage in Support of Bill C262 and the Adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Join us for a guided walk from the Joseph Schneider Haus (466 Queen St S, Kitchener) to Waterloo Park, with stops along the route to learn a little about the settlement of the Haldimand Tract. Plan to stay on at Waterloo Park and enjoy the St. Paul's 14th Annual Traditional Pow Wow Please contact josie@stirlingmennonite.ca with any questions.
- Tues. Sept. 26, noon. MCC presents, Refugee Sponsorship: A Lunch and Listen event. Come to hear news and stories about the sponsorship program. Bring your own lunch.
- Tues. Sept. 26, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes Annual General Meeting at Poole Mennonite Church.
- Sat. Sept. 30, 4 pm. Conrad Grebel University College's Annual General Meeting (in the Great Hall). The MCEC community is welcome to attend and learn about the activity at Grebel this past year. www.grebel.ca/events
- Sun. Oct. 1, 3 pm. Farewell to Rick Cober Bauman – worship service at Kitchener MB Church. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.
- Mon. Oct. 2 or Tues. Oct. 3. Hidden Acres Fall Seniors Retreat. To register, call 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca
- Sat. Oct. 14, 5 pm or 7 pm. MCC presents Empty Bowls for Haiti, at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Enjoy a delicious meal and take home a one of a kind bowl. Tickets are \$30 and available by calling 519-745-8458 or visit mcco.ca/emptybowlsforhaiti

From Conrad Grebel:

The World Remembers: 1914-1918. Every day from Sept 24-Nov 11, the names of 661,818 soldiers and nurses on all sides of the First World War killed in 1917 will be displayed at more than 60 locations around the world. The commemoration is a unique expression of remembrance, reconciliation and education, and shows the enormous human cost of the war. The Mennonite Archives of Ontario Gallery (3rd floor, Conrad Grebel University College) will be one of these display locations. The Gallery is also the location of the exhibit "Sites of Nonresistance: Ontario Mennonites and the First World War."

www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/nonresistance