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Living in Relationship

Shalom grows out of covenant—
right relationships with our creator, ourselves, each other, the
land, and all other creatures. As God's faithful love takes root in
our lives, communities, and places, Christ draws us to cooperate
across dividing lines, for the flourishing of our common home.

Prelude

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Bonnie Lee Bowman

You are not alone.

You are:

a creature within creation, a part of a whole,
with a story to share, and a covenant to keep.

And we do not worship alone.

We are:

a community within creation, a part of God's story,
summoned by God's faithfulness to be faithful to each other.

Together, let us worship
for the sake of our common life—
a life that leads to shalom.

Song Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1
(*Singing the Faith 689/StF 689*) by Delores Dufner OSB)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:3–5

Song God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song VT 539
(*Highland Baptist Church song Led by Becky and Eva*)

Confession

God of covenant, God of promise:

**We come to you in a spirit of humility,
knowing that we have not always embodied
your love and shalom
through our relationships with ourselves,
our neighbors, and creation.**

Assurance (based on Ephesians 2:14–22)

Christ is our peace—the embodiment
of reconciliation.

He has taken down the backyard fences,
opened the streets for a neighborhood block party!

**We are no longer strangers passing
on the sidewalk,
but neighbors working together for the
common good.**

Look—Christ is already at work,
building a community garden!

He has rolled up his sleeves;
he's turning the compost.

**People of all ages,
all walks of life,
are drawn into this place,
a habitat for all in the heart of
our neighborhood.**

Scripture Matthew 5:17-20

Song Here by the Water

VT 629 (*Video*)

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Song of Response Beauty for Brokenness VT 712
(Performed here by Graham Kendrick)

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song We Are People of God's Peace VT 797

Benediction

Life abounds and fulfills us
when we live by and for one another.

As we go, may we go together,
faithful to God and each other
so that all of us may flourish
within this community of creation.

**May we serve as witnesses to God's shalom
through all our relationships that form upon
this earth,
our common home.**

Upcoming Worship Services

Sept 20 Returning to God's Garden Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 55:6–9 Matthew 6:7–13

Sept 27 Walking in Wonder Susan Allison Jones
Isaiah 55:10–11 Matthew 6:25–34

Oct 4 Singing with Creation WI Joint Worship Service
At NithvalleyMC

Prayer Requests

Please continue to keep Jean Shantz family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Jean and celebrate the wonderful mother and grandmother that she was to them.

Glyn Jones and his friend Jerry Holsopple left on Wednesday to complete their bike trip around Lake Ontario. They will be gone for three weeks. Pray for safety, good weather and a good time together.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**; this week we hold **Grace New Life Mennonite Church** in prayer. Sririsack Saythavy provides pastoral care to this community in Hamilton, Ontario. Pray for this congregation and their pastor as they seek to follow God and be a blessing in their community.

Congregational Notes

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the funeral of Jean Shantz. Your contributions were very appreciated by Jean's family.

Beyond The Congregation

The Nith Valley EcoBoosters are helping to promote the **Together For Nature Tour** which is being organized by [Ontario Nature](#) and [Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence](#) and is taking place across Ontario in September. The **Together For Nature Tour** creates space to hear directly from Indigenous land protectors and youth leaders about what is happening in their homelands, why it matters, and how communities across Ontario can work together to support nature, Indigenous rights and a healthier future for all. The organizers are inviting people to hear from [Okiniwak](#), [Here We Stand](#), and [the Friends of the Attawapiskat River](#) to amplify the voices of Indigenous youth and land protectors from Northern Ontario. In addition, Inuk singer-songwriter [Susan Aglukark](#) will be performing. The

Kitchener tour event is taking place on **Thursday, September 17th at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener from 7 to 9:30 p.m.** Here is a link that will provide more information about the event, how to get tickets and, if desired, how to donate to help cover the costs of the tour.

<https://ontarionature.org/events/together-for-nature-tour/>

MCC Ontario Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom

The 2026 AGM is our opportunity to share with MCC Ontario constituents and supporters our financial results and strategic progress, while empowering congregational delegates to participate in decision-making through voting on key organizational matters. We warmly invite you to join us. Register [here](#).

Repair Café - Saturday, September 26, 2026

Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair?

We'll show you how to fix it for free!

Nith Valley EcoBoosters will be hosting our **Repair Café**

- Saturday September 26, 2026
- 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg

We'll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for woodworking, mechanical, electrical troubleshooting, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry, and book repairs.

To learn more about the Repair Café movement visit

Repaircafe.org

Free Noon Hour Concerts | Most Wednesdays from September to November at Conrad Grebel University College. Enjoy performances by professional musicians during the lunch hour. All are welcome! Concerts begin at noon in the Grebel Chapel. Full schedule: <http://grebel.ca/music/events>

Save the Date

Get Pumped - A Better Way to Heat and Cool your Home! September 29, 2026, 7:00pm

Wellesley Recreation Complex, 1401 Queen's Bush Road, Wellesley. The information session on Heat Pumps for participants will feature local experts who will discuss the pros and cons, ins and outs of the technology. The local experts include a heating and cooling equipment technician who has been installing heat pumps in Waterloo Region for many years, and a homeowner who was so impressed with her heat pump that she became the driving force behind Get Pumped Waterloo Region www.getpumpwr.ca. There will be an opportunity for Q&A as well. Registration opens soon!

On Mon Oct 5th, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *The Gifts and Challenges of Aging: Releasing and Embracing*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat

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