

Order of Worship: Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: We welcome Charlene to bring us the message this morning. In keeping with our look at Leviticus, Charlene will be looking at forgiveness both in Leviticus and in Matthew's gospel

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #84 VT - To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Leviticus 19:17-18 (NIV) Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Hymn: #505 VT - All Praise to Thee

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-22 (NIV) Yvonne - "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."

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Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Hymn: #580 VT - "To leave the Stones Unthrown" (Congregation to Read)

Message: Reimagining Forgiveness ~ Charlene Jongejan Harder

Hymn of Response: #590 VT - I Know not why God's Wondrous Love

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #560 VT - Just as I am

Benediction

Postlude

**Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**Thank you**

*Dear St. Agatha Church Community,*

*Thank you for the love, prayers, and support you showed our family as we faced the heartbreaking loss of my son. Your kindness meant more to us than words can express.*

*We are especially grateful for the meal you provided for our family between the visitations and for the meal following the funeral. In such a difficult time, your generosity and care brought us comfort and reminded us that we were not alone.*

*Please know how deeply we appreciate your compassion and support.*

*With heartfelt thanks,*

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\*\*\***For the season of Lent** I'm planning a series on the book of Leviticus. So I encourage you to work at reading it over the next weeks. If you look deeply into it, it just might surprise you! Pastor Jim

**"Youth Unlimited YFC Wilmot fundraising Banquet,** Saturday March 28th at 5:30 pm at Bethel EMC New Dundee. Good food, fellowship and an update on what is happening in the Waterloo Oxford community. The first 8 people to let Karen know that they would like to attend will represent our church."

**Are you a grandparent looking for ways** to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day @ **Hidden Acres** is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating and worshipping together! Join us **March 16th 2026** to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with Wings Over The Rainforest. Cost is \$30/person and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to [hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/grandparent-child-days)

**On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+)** are invited to spend the day at **Hidden Acres**. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**Seven skilled volunteer fixers** will be waiting to help you repair your broken item at the **Nith Valley EcoBoosters Repair Cafe on Saturday, March 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel St. New Hamburg**. Bring clothing that needs mending including knitted and crocheted items plus jewellery and books that need repairs. One of our fixers will also be able to do repairs on broken household items and simple mechanical or woodworking and chair repairs. Most materials, tools and safety items will be provided. However, if you know that your item requires specialized materials or tools, please bring them along. This free in-person community event is intended to reduce waste, pass on valuable skills, and foster community. There will also be refreshments and resources on repairs and sustainability. This is a free event, and registration is encouraged, but not mandatory. Questions? Contact details – [nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com)

**Save the Date: "Our Water – Challenges & Solutions"** On December 4, 2025, the Region of Waterloo announced a significant water capacity issue linked to population growth and aging infrastructure. The concern affects the Mannheim Service Area, which supplies Kitchener, Waterloo, parts of Cambridge, and Woolwich and Wilmot Townships. To help our community understand what this means and what can be

done, the **Nith Valley EcoBoosters** invite you to: **Our Water – Challenges & Solutions Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00–9:00 p.m. Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg** Our keynote speaker, Dr. Hugh Simpson, is a hydrogeologist with over 30 years of experience in provincial and municipal groundwater management. Q&A will follow. This event is free, but registration is required. A livestream option will also be available. Registration details coming soon!

**Calling golfers of all levels.** [Rockway's 31st Annual Golf Classic](#) is happening Monday, May 25 at Grey Silo. For more information about the day, the flight categories or how to become a golf sponsor, visit [rockway.ca/golf](http://rockway.ca/golf). All proceeds go to Student Tuition Assistance.

**Tri-County Mennonite Homes** is looking for members of our 15 supporting congregations to serve on our Board of Directors commencing at our annual meeting in June. If you are interested or have someone to recommend, please contact Bruce Bechtel for more information. 519-801-0470

[BBechtel@tcmhomes.com](mailto:BBechtel@tcmhomes.com).

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Mar 15 - Charlene JH

Mar 22 - Pastor Jim

Mar 29 - Nancy Mann