Order of Worship: November 8, 2026
Peace Sunday
10:00 am – In-person worship
Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today is Peace Sunday. But in a world filled with conflict, deception, violence and death how can we as Christians possibly have or work at peace? Who of us can stop all the wrong that is happening? One part of this has to do with our assumptions about what will bring 'peace," and the other, at a personal level, with which "wolf" we are "feeding" each day.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship
Scripture: **Matthew 5:43-45** (NIV) "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #336 HWB - When peace like a river

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Galatians 5:13-25** (NIV) You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit

Hymn: #349 HWB - Spirit of the living God

Scripture: **Galatians 6:7-10** (NIV) Donna - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a

harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Message: Who are we feeding every day? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: Chorus book #121 - Make me a channel of Your peace

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: Chorus book #124 - Unity

Benediction

Postlude

When Jesus said, “Love your enemies”
I think He really meant
“don’t kill ‘em.”
from a song by Linda K Williams

Spears and swords of iron we leave to those who, alas, consider
human blood and swine's blood of well nigh equal value. - Menno Simons

**** Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time**
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Announcements

Nov 22 We will have our annual Memorial Sunday Service where we remember those who have died in the past. Please let others who have lost loved ones know so they can attend.

Mark your calendars for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate’s Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, November 24** at 7:30 pm, Zoom. Stay tuned to rockway.ca/events for more information.

Repair Café - Saturday, November 28, 2026 Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair? We'll show you how to fix it for free! See poster at back. Nith Valley EcoBoosters will be hosting our Repair Café Saturday November 28, 2026, 9:30am – 12:30pm Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg We’ll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for woodworking, mechanical, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry and book repairs. To learn more about the Repair Café movement visit Repaircafe.org Spread the word!
Hidden Acres General Meeting - December 1, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5 519-625-8602 www.hiddenacres.ca **Hidden Acres is hiring.** We are looking to fill a part-time, year round housekeeping role as soon as possible. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Brent at brent@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.
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Save the Date! Saturday, December 5. Wilmot Ignited Advent Women's Retreat at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.
More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Upcoming speakers:

Nov 8 Pastor Jim
Nov 15 Fred Lichti
Nov 22 Pastor Jim. Memorial Sunday
Nov 29 Pastor Jim 1st Advent
Dec 6 Pastor Jim