

Order of Worship: October 25, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Guest speaker: Pastor Dave writes: I grew up on a fruit and vegetable farm near Leamington about 4 miles from where Pastor Jim lived, and went to the same church. I am married to Janice (nee Dick) also from Leamington and we have 1 daughter and 2 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, and 6 grandchildren. We live in Waterloo.

I began pastoring in 1981 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg, and retired from pastoring at Bethel Mennonite Church (Elora) a year ago. In between I pastored at Guelph, Mannheim, Faith, and Community Mennonite churches. I am very much looking forward to coming to SAMC.

Worship theme: Pastor Dave plans on reflecting on the amazing, awesome love of God, how to fully appreciate how amazing and awesome it is, and why some of us Christians miss 'getting it'.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: MH #585 - Lord I am fondly

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 103:14-18(NASB) For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them.

Hymn: MH #554 - I will sing of my Redeemer

Scripture: Romans 5:5-8 (NIV) Gary B - And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Message: **To make a wretch His treasure"** ~ Pastor Dave Tiessen

Hymn of Response: MH #540 - I stand amazed

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: MH #538 - The Love of God

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

Many of us remember the wildfires that raged in the North this past summer. Collins First Nation burned to the ground. Trout Lake First Nations burnt to the ground one hour after they were told to "Run!", and had no time to take anything with them. Elder Nina De Shane-Gill and other local Indigenous people and allies are working on a series of fundraisers, and will send 100 percent of what is raised to help rebuild Trout Lake/ Collins Lake First Nations (Ontario). The first event will be held at Steinmann Mennonite Church, [1316 Snyder's Rd West, Baden, on](#) Saturday October 24 5-8 pm. For more information, or to donate or be a performer, please contact Nina DeShane, Audrey Chin or Hope Engel at troutlakefundraiser@gmail.com. See poster at back.

The Working Centre is looking for assistance in making beds in their newly renovated housing complex at [97 Victoria St. N, Kitchener](#). This light work needs to be completed this week before new residents can move in. Sheets and pillows are in the rooms and the beds simply need to be made. A scheduled time for this work has been set for **Wednesday, Oct 28**, starting at 9:30 am. Depending on your schedule, you can arrive anytime during the day. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Greg Yantzi (pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com).

Join us and Discover Rockway for your family at our Open House on **Thursday, November 5 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage.
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.

Register today for Peace Conference: Nourishing Peace Together

Saturday, November 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener

If you're hungry for connection, meaning and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Attendees will: Learn how to practice peace in everyday life; Hear from courageous people pursuing justice, reconciliation and care in hard places; Share food, stories and space; Take action, like knotting comforters and sending advocacy letters, to remind us we're not powerless. Pay what you can. Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

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](tel:519-625-8602).

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:

Oct 25 Dave Tiessen

Nov 1 Pastor Thing

Nov 8 Pastor Jim

Nov 15 Fred Lichti