

**Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church**  
“Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves”

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Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman Pianist: Susan Cressman  
Guest Speaker: Chris Brnjas

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Time of Anticipation  
Hymn # 115 .....Jesus, thou mighty Lord  
Hymn # 338 .....I know not why God’s wondrous  
Call to Worship  
Invocation

**Hearing God’s Word**

Hymn # 565 .....My faith looks up to thee  
Children’s Time .....led by Janet Cressman  
Hymn # 488 .....Strong Son of God, immortal Love  
Scripture Reading .....Hebrews 11: 1-19, 32-40  
Sermon ..... ‘Keeping the Faith’

**Turn to Jesus**

Hymn # 570 .....We walk by faith  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church .....led by Stephen Hoke

**Go with the Spirit**

Hymn # 619 .....Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Benediction  
Time of Reflection  
Postlude

We welcome Chris Brnjas to our service this morning. Chris is a recent graduate of the University of Waterloo, through Conrad Grebel’s Peace and Conflict Studies program. He and his wife attend The Gathering Church. Welcome!

The Isert Bender family will be on holidays until Tuesday, September 4. If you require pastoral care during this time, please contact one of the elders: Lois Cressman, Stephen Hoke or Donna Hartzler.

**Next Week – September 2**

Join the Youth Ignited congregations for a worship service at Mannheim Mennonite Church (1494 Bleams Rd). The service will begin at 10:00 am.

**Next Service at Nith Valley – September 9 (Sunday School begins)**

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender  
Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Lois Cressman  
Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

**Financial Update:**

26/52 of 2012/13 Budget: \$ 81 450.00  
Budget givings to July 31/12: \$ 57 298.28  
Shortfall: \$ 24 151.72

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Mon. Aug. 27. Blood Donor Clinic at W-O, hosted by Nith Valley. Volunteers are needed for set-up (12 noon) and tear-down at 9:00 pm. and refreshment servers 2:00 pm through 8:30 pm. Please check on sign-up sheet on bulletin board in foyer. Questions ask Donna H.

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry Team:**

If you feel called to teach Sunday School this fall, please contact Hendrike or Susan Cressman. Spots are open for grades 1-5, grades 6-12 and Sermon Discussion classes. It is always rewarding to prepare and share lessons with our church family. If you have taught before or if this is a new experience for you, we encourage you to participate in this way. We have ordered new resources this year and are looking forward to a rewarding learning experience in our classes.

**From the Wilmot Family Resource Centre:**

The Food Bank has an immediate need for donations. We have run out of many of the basic food items that go into the food hampers (cereal, peanut butter, salmon, tuna, rice, Kraft Dinner). Please consider a donation of food or money to allow us to help those who need it in our community. We would also be grateful for fresh produce from your gardens.