

## Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

“Love God with all our being and love others as ourselves”

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Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Hymn # 172 .....O come, O come, Immanuel

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Special Music - Choir

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Time .....led by Kathryn Cressman

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2: 15-18, 20

Special Music - Choir

Sermon ..... ‘Movers and Praisers’

### Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 197 .....Angels we have heard on high

Offering

Special Music - Choir

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn (SP&W) .....Hope is a star

Benediction - Choir

Thank you to the choir for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning. <u>Tonight</u> , they will join with other area Mennonite church choirs for a Christmas concert at <u>Steinmann MC</u> , beginning at <u>7:30 pm</u> . Freewill offering for MCC.
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### Sunday School Class

1. Young Adult Class

2. Adult Bible Study Class

3. Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Dan Cressman

### Location

Balcony

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Ken Koch

### Next Week – December 23

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Ralph Cressman

Clean up: Judie Bowlby

Ushers: Dan & Kathryn Cressman and family

### Nith Valley Events:

- Fri. Dec. 21, 10 pm. Nith Valley Leafs vs East Zorra.
- Sat. Dec. 22, 9-11 am. Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play.
- Mon. Dec. 24, 7 pm. Christmas Eve Service.

Invitations to ‘The Bells of Glocken’ are available on the shelf under the bulletin board to give to family and friends to attend our play. Following the play in the morning worship service on December 23, everyone is invited to a Cast Party in the basement for light refreshments and interaction with cast members.
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### Benediction

Leader: Rejoice in God always, and again I say rejoice.  
For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

**Congregation: We will find what makes us joyful.  
And make that our gift to the world.**

Leader: Trust in God's good will for all of creation  
and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

**All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.  
We will offer ourselves to God's goodness.  
We will go forth in hope, and peace, and joy.**

Bible Reading! Please read the outline of the Bible reading program for 2013 and the possible options. Copies were in your mailboxes on Dec. 9 and extra copies are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. Participants are asked to sign on the sheet in the foyer in the appropriate. Help yourself to a pamphlet on the shelf in the foyer which provides one suggestion for reading the Bible in a year's time. Questions should be directed to Ken Cressman or Lois Cressman.

An elective on Storytelling will be available in the new year, beginning January 6. Richard Cressman will be guiding the group for 6 Sundays in the secretary's office. As space is limited, please sign up on the bulletin board if you wish to participate in this class.

**Financial Update:**

100% of Budget: \$ 162 900.00  
Givings to Dec. 9/12: \$ 115 574.89  
Shortfall: \$ 47 325.11

Please Note: Sun. Dec. 30, 2012 will be the last opportunity to make contributions eligible for a 2012 tax credit. Please ensure your offering envelopes are on the offering plate or in Andy's mailbox by Dec. 30. Cheques may be dated as late as Dec. 3, 2012 as the last deposit will be made on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Or fiscal year runs to Jan. 31/13, so we still have 7 weeks to make our budget. Thanks for your continuing support.

**Community Events:**

- Tues. Dec. 18, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents, 'Advent Jazz Vesper,' featuring a jazz trio, advent readings and prayer.
- Wed. Dec. 19, 7:30 pm. Longest Night Service at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH). If the thought of a joyful Christmas weighs heavily on your heart, the churches of Wilmot Township invite you to this ecumenical service.
- Sat. Dec. 22, 11:45 am. 'Jesus is Born,' part of Faith FM 94.3 series, 'Shaping Families.' Podcast and transcripts available online after the broadcast at [www.ShapingFamilies.com](http://www.ShapingFamilies.com)
- Sun. Dec. 23, 7 pm. St. George's Anglican Church (3 Byron St, NH) presents, 'The Nine Lessons and Carols.'
- Mon. Dec. 24, 9 am – 12 noon. Blood Donor Clinic at Waterloo Oxford DSS. Book an appointment online at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca), call 1-888-236-6283 or simply drop in at the donor clinic.