

## Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Prelude

Candle Lighting

Hymn # 193 ..... Silent night, holy night

Scripture Reading..... Luke 2:1-20

Welcome & Prayer

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

Children's Story

Scripture Vignette

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:1-5

Hymn # 191 ..... O little town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:6-7

Hymn# 194 ..... Away in a Manager

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:8-12

Hymn # 196 ... While shepherds watched

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:13-18

Hymn # 201 ..... Hark! The herald angels sing

Sermon..... ‘Love caused thine incarnation’

Hymn # 182 ..... Oh, how shall I receive thee

Offering

Hymn # 212 ..... O come, all ye faithful

Benediction

Postlude

## Next Sunday – December 30

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Ushers: Dan & Kathryn Cressman and family

## Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Jan. 7, 7 pm. Christian Ed Ministry Team meeting at church.

Bible Reading! Please read the outline of the Bible reading program for 2013 and the possible options. Extra copies are available on the shelf under the mailboxes. 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. **Participants are asked to sign on the sheet in the foyer.**

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: \$ 122 164.89

Shortfall: \$ 40 735.11

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. 31, 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:**

- Sun. Jan. 13, 7 pm. ‘Commemorate!’ Theatre of the Beat and Mennonite Central Committee invite youth and young adults to Conrad Grebel for a forum theatre play on pacifism and the War of 1812. Visit [mcc.ca/peace](http://mcc.ca/peace) for more info.
- Tues. Jan. 15. Grade 9 information Night. Students currently in Grade 8, and their families, are invited to join us for a meal and information session about the many opportunities at Rockway. Register online at [www.discoverrockway.ca](http://www.discoverrockway.ca) or email [admin@rockway.ca](mailto:admin@rockway.ca) for more information
- Fri. Jan. 18. Shadow Day at Rockway. Students currently in Grade 6 & 7 are invited to join us for the day to learn more about student life at Rockway. Guests will be partnered with a current Rockway student, receive a free lunch and enjoy a fun, enriching day as a Rockway student. Register online at [www.discoverrockway.ca](http://www.discoverrockway.ca) or email [admin@rockway.ca](mailto:admin@rockway.ca) for more information

**From MCC:**

On January 8, 2013, MCC Ontario will be loading and shipping a container destined for Lebanon. We are in need of approximately 120 blankets to finish filling the container. If you have any completed blankets, please deliver them to the Material Resources Centre or your local MCC office prior to January 2, 2013. Thank you!

**From Mannheim Mennonite Church:**

If your marriage is struggling, it can be good. If your marriage is good, it can be very good! You are invited to participate in a seven week Marriage Course at Mannheim Mennonite Church every Wednesday beginning January 26 from 6:30 to 9 pm. Each session begins with a meal and includes helpful input and opportunity for you, as a couple, to focus on specific issues in your marriage. For further information, or to register, contact Marian Wiens at [erv\\_marian@hotmail.com](mailto:erv_marian@hotmail.com) or 519-746-3703.