

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lew Weber

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 5There is a place of quiet rest

Turning to Jesus

Scripture ReadingJeremiah 1: 4-10

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

(children will be dismissed to go downstairs)

Hymn # 493I heard the voice of Jesus say

Offering

Announcements

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture ReadingLuke 4: 21-30

Hymn # 499Lord, speak to me

Sermon ‘Challenging and frightening; liberating and healing’

Hymn # 121 (S the S)Nothing is lost on the breath of God

Video ‘Red letter Christianity’

Discussion and response

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 39 (S the S)Will you come and follow me

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Please join us in the basement following the service for a Peace Fundraiser hosted by the two youngest Sunday School classes. Snack items will be available for purchase to enjoy today or to take home.

Next Sunday – February 10

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Keller

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

Ushers: Ryan & Amber Kroetch & family

Nith Valley Events:

- Fri. Beg. 8, 10 pm. Nith Valley Leafs vs East Zorra.
- Feb. 9, 8:00 am. WMCEC Wilmot Cluster Women’s Breakfast at Living Water Fellowship. (Registration begins at 8:00, breakfast at 8:30). Cost is \$8. All women are welcome to come. Please sign up on bulletin board by today if you plan to come, or let Jeannette know 519-662-2089 or jlc1658@gmail.com
- Sat. Feb. 23, 9:00-11:00 am. Men’s Breakfast with speaker Bruce Nicholson sharing his personal story, ‘The modern day prodigal son.’ Cost is \$10, \$5 for students.
- Sun. Feb. 24, 2:30-4:30 pm. Sunday School Field Trip to MCC (61 Kent St., Kit.) All children, youth and interested adults are invited. We will take along our Relief Kit donations, pack the kits, tour the warehouse and older students/adults can help with comforter knotting. Please confirm with Susan Cressman if you are able to attend this event so we can carpool.
- Fri. Mar. 1 & Sat. Mar. 2. Nith Valley Women’s Retreat.

Financial Update:
 100% of Budget: \$ 162 900.00
 Givings to Jan. 27/13: \$ 157 333.25
 Shortfall: \$ 5 566.75

Thank you to all who contributed to our budget this year. We will be very close to breaking even this fiscal as our spending is under budget as well as our givings. Remember that our Budget meeting is March 10 during the Sunday School hour.

From MCC:

The New Hamburg Thrift Centre is currently accepting applications for our Relief Manager position. The successful candidate will work 1-2 days per week, including Saturdays. More hours in summer months. Hourly paid position. Full job description at www.mcc.org

Community Events:

- Tues. Feb. 5, 6:30-8:00 pm. ‘Girl Power,’ part of an Interfaith Parenting series, at Baden Public School. See poster for more info.
- Sun. Feb. 10, 7 pm. Menno Singers Hymn Sing at First Mennonite MC. (Suggested donation \$10 adult, \$25 family.) This hymn sing also begins the celebration of First Mennonite’s 200th anniversary year.
- Wed. Feb. 13, noon. Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song at Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH). (Each Wednesday during lent.)
- Fri. Feb. 15, 7 pm. Single or Single Again Valentine Roast Beef Dinner at Steinmann MC. Cost is \$12. Tickets available at the Steinmann MC office (Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, until Feb.10).
- Mon. Feb. 18, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Come enjoy activities both indoors and outdoors. Light lunch provided at 12:00. Donations accepted. RSVP to info@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.
- Mon. Feb. 18, noon – 4 pm. Interfaith Family Fun Fest at the NH Community Centre. (\$5 per person; \$20 per family).
- Thurs. Feb. 21, 7 pm. MCEC invites you to a free public lecture by Gordon Matties from CMU on the book of Joshua.
- Sat. Feb. 23, 6 pm. Goshen College Chamber Choir’s Dinner & Concert at Steinmann MC. Dinner (MYF fundraiser) at 6:00, concert at 7:00. Reserve your place by calling 519-634-8311.
- Sat. Mar. 2, 6 pm. MEDA Waterloo Chapter Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. Speaker is Fait Patrick, MEDA Country Manager in Tanzania. \$35 per person. Resereve your place by Feb. 25 online at www.meda.org/waterloo or call Corina at 519-725-1633 X540.
- April 12-13. Inspire Justice Conference at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly in Cambridge. Hear speakers Tony Campolo, Shane Claiborne, Dave Toycen and others as they explore ways to learn to do good, seek justice and help the oppressed. For more info on this MCEC endorsed event, visit their website www.inspirejustice.ca

Sermon and video notes:For reflection and commitment:

“The gospel is this: A new way of living, a radical way of living that is counter-cultural.” Tony Campolo

Please take a minute to circle where you think you are at on the kingdom chart below. Is your life more aligned with the Kingdom of the world (our dominant culture) or the kingdom of God?

Kingdom of the world 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 -- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Kingdom of God**

List one thing you can do this week, individually or as a group that will draw you closer to the kingdom of God.