

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Sunday School Class

1. Young Adult Class

2. Adult Bible Study Class

3. Storytelling Elective

4. Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda Roth

Location

Balcony

Library

Downstairs Office

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: John Ilett

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Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 50Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

Hymn # 76Je louerai l’Eternel

Children’s Storyled by Carolyn O’Krafka

Scripture ReadingDeuteronomy 8: 11-20

Hymn # 474I hunger and I thirst

Sermon ‘Oh the church can fly’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 60 (S the J)Lord of all good

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 72 (S the J)One is the body

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – February 3

(There will be no formal Sunday School classes next week. See note below.)

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Lew Weber

Children’s Story Leader: Doris Zehr

Ushers: Ryan & Amber Kroetch & family

Next Sunday, we will be holding a Peace fundraising project during the Sunday School hour. The two youngest Sunday School classes will be dismissed mid-service to make preparations for a fellowship time together in the basement following the service. Everyone is invited to attend this and purchase items to enjoy with coffee/juice or to take home. You will be able to stock up on Valentines treats and Super Bowl munchies. Please support our children to raise money for Bolivia street children.

Financial Update:

100% of Budget: \$ 162 900.00

Givings to Jan. 20/13: \$ 150 173.25

Shortfall: \$ 12 726.75

Please note that our fiscal year runs to Jan. 31/13. Today is the last day to get offerings in for the 2012/13 fiscal year. Thanks for your continuing support.

Our Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) continues to meet regularly. Our role is to care for the relationship between our congregation and pastors. We wish to encourage and facilitate open communication, sharing both affirmations and concerns. Please feel free to approach any of the PCRC Committee members: Brenda Kirkland, Lois Cressman, Tricia Cressman, Pastor Hendrike, Pastor Matthew or Terry Keller.

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, noon. Bible Reading 'Book Club'. Anyone who is part of the Bible reading program (plus anyone else who is interested) is invited to join in the study of Genesis 19 as well as sharing their thoughts on their experiences in Bible reading. This will occur following the Sunday School hour. Come with your lunch and join with coffee and conversation. We will begin our study as soon as possible and plan to conclude no later than 2 pm.
- Fri. Feb. 1, 9 pm. Nith Valley Leafs vs Stratford.
- 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 Feb.3 if you plan to come, or let Jeannette know 519-662-2089 or jlc1658@gmail.com
- 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.

The MDS Ontario Unit is partnering with the New York Unit in their response in Staten Island, NY, after Hurricane Sandy. The NY Unit has been working on clean up and repairs on Staten Island since Sandy hit. The Ontario Unit is partnering with them in the rebuilding phase. Ontario volunteers interested in serving in NY should contact Jason Ecker, 519-562-8551 or jasonecker@hotmail.com for more info.

Community Events:

- Interfaith presents a Bereavement Support Program. Children will meet Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning Jan. 28 for 6 weeks. Adults will meet Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning Jan. 29 for 8 weeks. See poster for more info.
- 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).
- 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. Reserve 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 Toyce 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