

Welcome to Nith Valley Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 63Praise, my soul, the God of heaven

Hymn # 18 (S the J)Over my head

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Hymn # 353Lord, listen to your children

Scripture ReadingMark 2: 13-17

Hymn # 557O God, in restless living

Sermon “Jesus’ way of caring”

(children ages 2 – grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 572Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 118 (S the J)The holy wings

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Primary (ages 2 – gr. 3)

2. Intermediate (gr. 4-7)

3. Youth Class

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Arlene Hoke

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors’ Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean up: John Ilett

Next Sunday – November 24

Worship Leader: Stephen Hoke

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story: Doris Brubacher

Coffee/Juice Prep: Susan Hartzler

Clean Up: Kevin Cressman

Ushers: Gloria Richardson & John Ilett

Please note: During the month of November, we will be collecting food for the Food Bank. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to this worthy cause.

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, 1:30 pm Lisa Akey from Interfaith Community Counseling Centre will speak to us about mental health. Join us for lunch (soup provided, potluck desserts) and stay for Lisa’s presentation.
- Sat. Nov. 30. Nith Valley Advent Dinner. Sign up sheets are posted on bulletin board, so please sign up early for your favourite item to bring. Dinner will start at 6:30. Musical Entertainment provided by Grassroots will follow after dinner.
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge). Reserve the date and watch for more info.

From Worship Ministry Team:

The worship ministry team is looking for an artificial Christmas tree to add to our Christmas decor. If you have one no longer in use that you could donate to the church, please speak to Kathryn Cressman.

Community Events:

- Mon. Nov. 18, 5-8 pm. Blood Donor Clinic at the Legion (NH). Call 1-888-236-6283 to book an appointment.
- Nov. 22 & Nov. 23, 7 pm. First MC presents, 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.' Admission by donation.
- Sat. Nov. 23, 2-4. Nithview's Christmas Tea, Craft and Bake Sale in the auditorium. Donations of home baked items would be welcome.
- Sun. Nov. 24, 3 pm. St Jacob's MC hosts an ecumenical musical worship service. Freewill offering. Those interested in joining the choir (Nov 17 and Nov 23, 2:00pm rehearsals), please contact Andrea Horst at 519-664-3374 or ahorst@rogers.com
- Tues. Nov. 28, 7:30 pm. Conrad Grebel and TourMagination present the book launch of John Ruth's book, 'Branch: A Memoir with Pictures.' Join us in the Grebel chapel.
- Fri. Nov. 29, 11:45 am. 50 Kent Grand Opening Ceremony.
- Fri. Nov. 29, 6:30 pm. New Hamburg Lions & Lioness' 30th Annual Tree of Light Ceremony at the Centennial Fountain in New Hamburg. See poster for details.
- Sat. Nov. 30, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The Christian Centre (177 Jacob St., NH) will be hosting a First Aid Course. Cost is \$65. To register, call 519-662-3234 before Nov. 24.
- Sat. Nov. 30, 8 pm. Conrad Grebel celebrates its 50th year with, 'A Celebration in Song,' at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St., Kit.) Tickets \$10 (\$5 for seniors and students).

From MC Canada:

The Being a Faithful Church (BFC) Task Force is initiating opportunities for on-going dialogue and conversation using internet technology. The first on-line forum discussion is planned for Saturday, **Nov. 23, 2013 at noon, EST** to introduce the BFC 5 material and interact with constituency regarding the BFC process as a whole. To join the on-line forum, send an email with your name, address, phone number and home congregation to office@mennonitechurch.ca.

An exploration of healthy sexuality – *BFC 5: Between the Horizons* – is the next topic in the BFC process the study paper to guide the discussion is now complete. BFC 5, along with the other study papers can be found at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1930: