

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: Stephen Hoke

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 66O worship the King

Hymn # 23 (SP&W)Majesty

Hearing God's Word

Children's Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 69The Lord is king

Scripture ReadingColossians 1:11-20

Sermon 'Together in Christ'

Turn to Jesus

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

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Eternity Sunday Prayer – A Litany of Remembering our Losses

Hymn # 352Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us

Go with the Spirit

Hymn #

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: Susan Hartzler

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors' Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean up: Kevin Cressman

Next Sunday – December 1

Music: Worship Band

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Children's Story: Tricia Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Judy Rivers

Clean Up: Andy Kirkland

Ushers:

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Nov. 24, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- 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.
- Mon. Dec.2, 9 am – noon. Rag cutting at the NH Thrift Centre. Scissors provided. Note: sincerest thanks for time and effort to assist with this program! Past year our local businesses/residents contributed \$6,550 to MCC and helped keep these materials out of landfill.”
- Tues. Dec. 3, 9 am. Nith Valley Sewing Circle. Come for quilting and knotting comforters.
- Fri. Jan. 10, noon. Dinner for seniors (and would be seniors). The theme is, ‘Dining in the days of our grandparents.’ Speaker will be Victor Krueger Kischak, who will speak on his journey from unbelief to faith in Christ. Keep this date free. More information to follow.
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge). Reserve the date and watch for more info.

A bible reading program for 2014 has been prepared. Details will be available next Sunday.

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.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years of Ministry!***On Eternity Sunday 23 years ago....***

...Congregations remembered persons who had died in 1990. Luella Shantz, age 80, was one of 90 persons pictured in the *In Memoriam* section of the 1990 MCEC yearbook. Luella, a single woman from the Nith Valley congregation, gave many years of faithful service at the Mennonite Church-owned Provident Bookstore in Kitchener. In the 1970's, as Luella neared retirement, younger staff affectionately called her "Auntie Lu."

Prayer Request from MC Canada:

Please continue pray for MC Canada workers in the Philippines as they work to help victims of a Super Typhoon there: Dann and Joji Pantoja and all their staff at Peacebuilders Community will be working to assess needs, train church volunteers in disaster response, and make challenging decisions about prioritizing relief.

Also pray for Darnell and Christina Barkman who lead Peace Church Philippines and are sending volunteers as well. Christina Barkman did a 7.5 minute interview with CBC radio's Nov. 14 Early Edition Show in Vancouver about the work she and our Philippines team are doing in response to Typhoon Haiyan. You can find it at 31:22 on the timeline at this link: <http://www.cbc.ca/earlyedition/pastepisodes/>

Community Events:

- TODAY, 3 pm. St Jacob's MC hosts an ecumenical musical worship service, featuring 12 selections from Handel's Messiah. Freewill offering.
- Wed. Nov. 27, 7-9 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Open House for families of youth considering attending.
- 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).
- Sun. Dec. 1, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir presents, 'Sounds of Christmas,' Knox Presbyterian Church (50 Erb St. W, Wloo). Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children.
- Sun. Dec. 8, 3 pm. Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth Singers present, '3 Choirs at Christmas,' at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N., Kit.). Tickets are available at Music Plus and MSCU. See poster for more info.
- Wed. Dec. 18, 2:00 pm **or** 7:00 pm. The Fairview Vocal and Handbell Choirs present, 'Christ the Lord is Born Today.' Free admission. Refreshments will be sold following the concert. See poster for details.