

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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Music Leaders: Worship Band **Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Time of Anticipation
Call to Worship – Hymn # 3 (S the S)Come, Light of the world
Invocation
Hymn Here I am to worship
Hymn # 13 (S the J)My soul is filled with joy
HymnDays of Elijah

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Tricia Cressman
Scripture Reading Isaiah 42: 14-16; John 1: 1-5
Sermon ‘The quiet and powerful voice of God’

Turn to Jesus

Offering
Announcements
Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

HymnLord, you have my heart
Hymn # 34 (SP&W)I love you, Lord
HymnYou are holy
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: Judy Rivers

Location

Downstairs
Balcony
Pastors’ Office
Sanctuary
Library
Downstairs Hall
Clean up: Andy Kirkland

Next Sunday – December 8

Worship Leader: Gloria Richardson Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender
Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Terry Keller
Children’s Story: Doris Zehr
Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman Clean Up: Tricia Cressman
Ushers: The Isert Bender family

Nith Valley Events:

- 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, 2014, 12: noon. Dinner for seniors (and would be seniors). For those who will be coming please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Payment can be made on the day of the event. Feel free to invite your friends. Speaker is Victor Krueger Kischak who will speak about his journey to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge). Reserve the date and watch for more info.

<p>Bible Reading Program for 2014. You are encouraged to read your Bible regularly in the coming year. Various options and combinations are available on the information sheets in your mailboxes. For those who enter some part of this program, please sign up on the sheet posted in the foyer. Copies of the pamphlets MY BIBLE and ENCOUNTER THE WORD are also on the shelf in the foyer. Help yourself. We will obtain further copies if these run out.</p>

**Winter Retreat - February 21-23
at Countryside Camp and Conference Centre**

Church Council has identified this as an important church family event. It is hoped that as many people as possible can attend for all of the weekend or as much of the weekend as possible. With this in mind, Church Council has decided to not charge a fee to attend this weekend. To cover the cost, a Visioning Fund has been established, if you are able you are encouraged to contribute to this fund. The money raised will be used to cover the cost of the retreat and miscellaneous costs related to implementing our new vision, mission and values statements.

Financial Update:

43/52 of Budget	\$136,194.21
Givings to Nov 30/13	<u>\$111,808.74</u>
Shortfall	\$24,385.47

Due to a computer crash, interim giving statements will be in your mailboxes by December 8/13. Sorry for the delay.

MCEC Celebrates 25 Years of Ministry

During Advent 17 years ago...

Mennonite New Life Center of Toronto, a ministry to Spanish-speaking refugees, moved into its new space in a building shared with Toronto United Mennonite Church (TUMC) and the Toronto Mennonite New Life Faith Community. TUMC held its first worship service in its new sanctuary on Christmas Eve 1996.

Prayer Request from MC Canada:

Please continue pray for Mennonite Church 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 are assessing needs, training church volunteers in disaster response, and making challenging decisions about prioritizing relief. Also pray for Darnell and Christina Barkman who lead Peace Church Philippines and are sending volunteers as well.

From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:

Fathers & Kids Retreat: *January 17-19, 2014 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:* Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos in the field, following animal tracks through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, playing board games by the fire in the dining hall and just being at camp is loads of fun, but the best part is doing it with dad! For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Women's Retreat: *February 28-March 2, 2014 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.* Skating on the lake, relaxing in the sauna, enjoying a massage, snowshoeing through the woods, stargazing on a horse drawn sleigh ride and savouring exceptional food. Resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more information and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

Community Events:

- TODAY, 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.