

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: Susan Entz

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude played by Doreen Cressman

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 307Will you let me by your servant

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story

Hymn # 180The angel Gabriel

Scripture Reading..... Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon ‘How can it be? Let it be!’
(children ages 2 – grade 3 leave for Sunday School)

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 395Here I am, Lord

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 499Lord, speak to me

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: Chris Cressman

Location

Downstairs

Balcony

Pastors’ Office

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean up: Tricia Cressman

Next Sunday – December 15, 10:30 am Advent 3 – A Live Nativity

This service will take place at Dan & Kathryn Cressman’s Barn. (966833 Oxford Waterloo Road). Potluck Christmas finger foods following the service. Note change of time and location and DRESS VERY WARMLY!!

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Dec. 11, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Tues. Dec. 24, 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve Service with Communion.
- 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.

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.

We would like to thank everyone for all your kind words of condolence, cards, emails and food during the weeks of my father’s illness and death. Having your support means so much.
- Lorrie and Ken.

**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.

From Tri-County Mennonite Homes:

TCMH Board of Directors would ask for your prayer support as TCMH transitions to a new leader in Stephen Herbert who is starting December 9th as the interim CEO.

From Mennonite Disaster Service:

Mennonite Disaster Service seeking volunteers for rebuilding in High River, AB

Come and help rebuild High River! MDS is scheduling weekly groups (Tuesday to Saturday work weeks) beginning January 2014 for work in High River. Please call Chantel Runtz in the Winnipeg office to book. Volunteers are also still needed in Staten Island, NYC and other locations. Call 1-866-261-1274 Food and accommodations provided.

Thank You! MDS in Canada now owns two bunk trailers that each sleep 10 persons. These trailers will allow us to house volunteers in the clean-up phase of disaster situations, and accommodate volunteers when other accommodation is limited! We are grateful for those who have made this acquisition possible.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 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.
- Tues. Dec. 10, 6:30 pm. Wilmot Family Resource Centre hosts a Family Movie Night at the St. Agatha Community Centre. Admission by donation. (Busy on Tuesday? See the next announcement for another opportunity!)
- Wed. Dec. 11, 6:30 pm. Wilmot Family Resource Centre hosts a Family Movie Night at the New Dundee Community Centre. Admission by donation.
- Fri. Dec. 13, 6:30 pm. Single or Single Again Group meets at Steinmann MC to car pool to Waterloo Park to view the lights. Refreshments to follow at Symposium. Bring a gift for the exchange. (\$5 or less, made or re-gifted, small enough to fit into your hand).
- Sun. Dec. 15, 7 pm. An Evening of Lessons and Carols at W-K Mennonite Church (15 George St., Wloo). Freewill offering.
- 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.

Reflection and Response:

I am favored by God. Indeed, God wants to do great things through me.

One of those things may be:

Because the God of Mary and Jesus is still active, I believe God is still at work in the world, even through me. Therefore, though I do not always understand how and why God is at work, I can still answer, "Here am I, a servant of the Lord. Let it be with me according to your world."