

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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Welcome & Opening

Hymn # 172 (v. 1,2,4)O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Promise of the Savior Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Isaiah

Solo - Mary, Did You Know Terry Keller

Mary Hears the News Luke 1: 26-38

Hymn # 180 The angel Gabriel

Joseph Learns the Truth Matthew 1: 18-25

Hymn # 181 (v. 1,4)My soul proclaims with wonder

Jesus is Born Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #191O little town of Bethlehem

The Angels Announce the Birth Luke 2: 8-14

Hymn # 201Hark! The herald angels sing

The Shepherds find the Baby Luke 2: 15-20

Hymn # 196While shepherds watched

The Magi Follow the Star Matthew 2: 1-11

Hymn # 318Joy to the world

Communion

Benediction

Hymn # 193Silent night, holy night

Dear Nith Valley Family,

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus this Christmas season, may this ancient Advent prayer be our shared prayer. "Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for You or Yours, but quiet homes of prayer and praise, where You may find fit company. Where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet spaces kept for You; where holy thoughts pass up and down and fervent longings watch and wait Your coming." Julian of Norwich (1340-1426)

As 2013 draws to a close, we give thanks for our Nith Valley Church family, for the many ways that we are supported and cared for as your Pastors and as a family, Thank you! At the dawning of 2014, may each one of us continue to keep our arms open to receive Christ, each other and our neighbours near and far.

From our home to yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Love the Isert Bender's.

Financial Update:

100% of Budget: \$ 164,700.00
Givings to Dec. 8/13: \$ 118,618.74
Shortfall: \$ 46,081.26

Please note that Sunday, December 29 will be the last opportunity to make a contribution for your 2013 tax receipt.

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.

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Jan. 7, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- 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.