

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: Donna Hartzler

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

Guest Speaker: Tim Bryson

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 214Morning star, O cheering sight!

Hymn.....We three kings

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Heather Cressman

Hymn # 213Let all together praise our God

Hymn # 87Great is the Lord

Scripture ReadingPsalm 117; Isaiah 60: 1-3

Sermon ‘Hallelujah 2014’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 84Oh, that I had a thousand voices

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 430God be with you

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Next Sunday – January 12

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: John Ilett

Clean up: Judy Rivers

Ushers: Dan & Kathryn Cressman and family

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Jan. 7, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Fri. Jan. 10, 2014, 12: noon. Dinner for seniors (and interested persons). Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer today.. Payment can be made on the day of the event. In addition, please bring an item for the local food bank. 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.

Financial Update:	
100% of Budget	\$164,700.00
Givings to Dec 31/13	<u>\$145,974.93</u>
Shortfall	\$ 18,725.07

The family of Lisa McLean (Richardson) would like to thank everyone for their care shown to our family. We appreciated all the food, cards and prayers during this difficult time. Our thanks to the Ladies for the quilt and the food prepared and served both at the church and funeral home. Thanks to the parking crew and especially to Matthew and Hendrike for their spiritual guidance and visits to the hospital and our house.

- Tom McLean and family, John & Gloria

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.

**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.

Community Events:

- Fri. Jan. 17, 12:30-1:30 pm. The Institute of Anabaptist Mennonite Studies hosts a book launch for Rob Zacharias, author of *Rewriting the Break: Mennonites & Migration in Canadian Literature*. Join us at Conrad Grebel, Rm 1301.
- Sun. Jan. 19, 7 pm. Menno Singers Hymn Sing, 'Songs for a Winter Night,' at Stirling Ave MC. Suggested donation - \$10 adult, \$25 family.
- Thurs. Feb. 13. Join Grebel friends and alumni for An Evening with Bruce Cockburn at the Humanities Theatre. Tickets are \$49. Tickets are available at the Theatre box office.
- Mon. Feb. 17, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Hidden Acres Family Day Open House. Come and enjoy many free indoor and outdoor activities. Bring a bag lunch or pre-order a hot lunch for \$2 per person. Reserve your place by calling 519-625-8602 or emailing info@hiddenacres.ca