

## 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 **Worship Leader:** Lois Cressman  
**Speaker:** Hendrike Isert Bender

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 9 (S the J) .....Come, now is the time to worship

Hymn # 109 (S the S) .....Blessing and honor

Hymn .....Days of Elijah

### Hearing God's Word

Old Testament Reading ..... Genesis 1: 28

Children's Story .....led by Doris Brubacher

New Testament Reading .....Acts 2: 6-11

Sermon ..... 'Discovering the Beauty of the Known and Unknown'

### Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn .....Lord, you have my heart

Hymn # 32 (SP&W) .....As the Deer

Hymn # 16 (SP&W) .....Behold What Manner Of Love

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: Bonnie Stemmler

### Next Sunday – January 26

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Glenda Roth

Clean up: Brenda Kirkland

Ushers: Dan & Kathryn Cressman and family

### Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Jan. 22, 7 pm. GRT meeting.
- Feb. 21-23. Nith Valley Retreat at Camp Shalom (near Cambridge). Reserve the date and watch for more info.

Calling all Nith Valley Women. Please see poster and sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the February 8, 2014 annual Wilmot Cluster breakfast meeting. Sign up by February 2, 2014
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### From Christian Ed. Ministry Team:

A Storytelling class is being offered as an adult elective, January 26 until March 16. Please sign up if you are interested in attending this class (maximum 6 people) or speak with Richard Cressman.

Mark the date - Christian Education has booked a visit to 50 Kent to see the new MCC facility. On Sunday, April 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 we will tour the facility and participate in a service project. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

### **Financial Update:**

100% of Budget: \$164 700.00  
Givings to Jan. 12/14: \$ 149 903.93  
Shortfall: \$ 14 796.07

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.

### **Community Events:**

- TONIGHT, 7 pm. Menno Singers Hymn Sing, 'Songs for a Winter Night,' at Stirling Ave MC. Suggested donation - \$10 adult, \$25 family.
- Sun. Jan. 26, 2 pm. Single or Single Again Group meets at Riverside Lanes, NH.
- 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](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)
- Thurs. Feb. 20, 6:30 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Tickets are \$80 (\$55 tax receipt). Tickets available at the school or by calling 519-342-0007 X3012 with your credit card info.
- Fri. Feb. 21. MCC Heifer Sale at Carson's Auction. To sponsor or donate a heifer, contact Clarence Diefenbacher at 519-669-2164.

### **From Canadian Mennonite University:**

Consider Canadian School of Peacebuilding / June 16 – 27, 2014

Come learn with other peacebuilders – local and international, young and old, students, practitioners and those new to peacebuilding – and participate in your choice of five-day courses for personal inspiration, professional development, or academic credit. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca)

### **From Silver Lake Mennonite Camp:**

Women's Retreat, February 28-March 1, 2014 at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Theme: The Cup of Our Life with resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. Come discover how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become vessels that connect us with life and draw us ever closer to God. A simple cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and all of its blessings. Come experience renewal in the beauty of God's Creation and don't forget to bring your favourite mug! For more information or to register visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) <<http://www.slmc.ca/retreats>> or call the camp office 519-422-3200