

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: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn #

Hymn #

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Brenda Kirkland

Hymn #

ScripturePsalm 34: 1-10; 22

Sermon ‘Bless the Lord at all times’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn #

Offering

Announcements

Hymn #

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn #

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Today is Eternity Sunday, the last Sunday in the Christian calendar. Let us remember our losses of the past year. Most specifically we will light a candle for the six people from our church family who have died during the past church year: Willard, Eloise, Martha, Elma, Ken, and Lisa, celebrating their life and lamenting their loss. May God walk with each of us as we grieve our losses and seek new life.

Sunday School Class

Location

1. Preschool & Primary Class (ages 2–5)

Downstairs

2. Intermediate Class (ages 6-9)

Downstairs

3. Youth Class (ages 10-17)

Balcony

4. Young Adult Class

Sanctuary

5. Adult Bible Study Class

Library

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Downstairs Hall

Coffee/Juice Prep: Susan Hartzler

Clean Up: Kevin Cressman

Next Sunday – November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader: Donna Hartzler

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Judy Rivers

Clean Up: Andy Kirkland

Ushers: Ross & Glenda Roth

Please note: Ushers are still needed for the month of December. If you are able to help in this way, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Nov. 26, 9:15-11:15 am. M.O.P.S.
- Sat. Nov. 29, 5 pm. Advent Dinner with an evening of games to follow. Please sign up on the bulletin board and don’t forget to bring games and snacks for the evening.
- Sat. Feb. 28, all day. Women of Nith Valley, mark your calendars for the next women’s retreat.

During Advent November 30, December 7, December 14 following the service we will gather as a church family in the basement for a center based intergenerational Sunday School Hour. Each Sunday we will divide into 4 groups. Each group will have a different task for the morning. Together we will prepare for our Christmas Celebration on Sunday December 21st.

Do you have any pictures? 40th Anniversary of Nith Valley.

On Jan. 11, 2015 we will celebrate our 40th anniversary as we worship together. There are a few pictures in the church office documenting the last 40 years, but it would be great if we could collect a few more. These will be used in a slide show, posters on display, on that particular Sunday and throughout the year. Please bring pictures to church throughout November. Any questions, talk with Matthew.

Community Events:

- Tues. Nov. 25, 7 pm. Open House at Rockway for prospective students and their families.
- Fri. Nov. 28, 7 pm. Nithview is hosting a Book Launch for the book, 'Everyone Has a Story, Volume 2.'
- Sun. Nov. 30, 2:30 pm. 'Welcoming Advent' at Detweiler Meeting House featuring Lifted Voices.
- Sat. Dec. 6, 6:30-8:30 pm. 'Surviving the Holidays: Help for the divorced and separated,' at Creekside Church (660 Conservation Dr, Wloo).
- Sun. Dec. 7, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir presents, 'Christmas Blessings,' at St. Jacobs MC. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, available at the door.
- Sun. Dec. 14, 3 pm. Menno Singers joins with St. Peter's Lutheran Church (49 Queen St. N, Kit) for a service of worship and song. Admission by donation.
- Sun. Dec. 21, 3 pm. Menno Singers hosts a Messiah Sing-a-long at St. Jacobs MC.

In Memoriam December 2013 – Eternity Sunday 2014

Today is Eternity Sunday. During our prayer time, we will remember those in our church family who have died this past year.

Elizabeth McLean, May 25, 1968 - December 12, 2013
Kenneth Cressman, February 10, 1935 - January 10, 2014
Elma Bender, October 15, 1918 - January 12, 2014
Martha Good, January 26, 1924 - January 26, 2014
Eloise Cressman, April 11, 1918 - February 7, 2014
Willard Cressman, August 13, 2014 - August 16, 2014

Let us remember others whom we have known and loved who have died this past year. In this space, we also remember all people who have experienced loss in many different ways during this past year.

Jesus wept,
And in His weeping,
He joined Himself forever
To those who mourn.
He stands now throughout all time,
This Jesus weeping,
With His arms about the weeping ones:
'Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.'
He stands with the mourners,
For His name is God-with-us.
Jesus wept.

-Ann Weems