

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

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Hymn # 178Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Candle Lighting

Hymn # 86 (SP&W) Hope is a star

Hearing God's Word

ScriptureLuke 1: 24-25, 39-45, 56-57

Children's Storyled by Lois Cressman

Hymn # 180The angel Gabriel

Advent Meditation..... 'The Gift of Presence'

Turn to Jesus

Communion

Hymn # 87 (S the J)Put peace into each other's hands

Offering

Announcements

Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

During Advent, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 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.

Next Sunday – December 7

Worship Leader: Lara Shantz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Judy Rivers

Clean Up: Andy Kirkland

Ushers:

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:

- Mon. Dec. 1, 9 am – noon. Rag Cutting at the NH Thrift Centre. Scissors supplied. All are welcome.
- Tues. Dec. 2, 9 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Sun. Dec. 7, 8 pm (doors open at 7:30). Area Mennonite Church Christmas Choir Concert at Steinmann MC. Freewill offering to support MCC.
- Sat. Dec. 20, 9-11 am. Dress rehearsal for Christmas Play.
- Sun. Dec. 21, 9:45 am. The Christmas play, 'Christmas Special Delivery,' will be performed.
- Wed. Dec. 24, 7 pm. Christmas Eve Worship service.
- Sat. Feb. 28, all day. Women of Nith Valley, mark your calendars for the next women's retreat.

A new sound system has been installed. If you are still having troubles hearing please let Daniel Cressman or Pastor Matthew know. We have the option to purchase head phones which can be worn during the service if there is need for this.

The cast of our Christmas play, Christmas Special Delivery is practicing diligently each week. With the assistance of the church family, this play will involve almost everyone and we look forward to a wonderful performance on Sun, Dec 21. For the cast, please mark your calendars for the dress rehearsal Sat, Dec 20 from 9-11 am at the church. If you are unable to make dress rehearsal, please speak with Bonnie or Susan.

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

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Are you living with a mental health challenge? Do anxiety and depression challenge your ability to lead the life you want to lead? Come to Wilmot Mennonite Ministerial's Living Room peer support group where you can share your experience and hear the stories of others in a non-judgemental setting. Each meeting has a faith-based discussion, snacks, sharing time, and prayer. Held the second Wednesday evening of every month (Dec. 10) at Mannheim Mennonite Church from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. You are welcome! Contact Gord at mmpastor@golden.net or Alexa at jaliyajuji@yahoo.ca for more information.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 2:30 pm. 'Welcoming Advent' at Detweiler Meeting House featuring Lifted Voices.
- Sat. Dec. 6, 10 am – 4 pm. 'Make-a-Difference Market' at Conrad Grebel. Come enjoy music, food and shop for local and fair trade gifts.
- 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.
- Wed. Dec. 10, 7 pm. Zion United Church (215 Peel St., NH) presents Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol. Admission is free.
- Thurs. Dec. 11, 7 pm. 'What's your Plan? A Will and Estate Planning Seminar will be hosted by Nithview.
- 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.

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