

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: Lara Shantz

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship - Candle Lighting

Invocation

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

Hymn # 172 O come, O come, Immanuel

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story led by Tammy Shantz

Scripture Reading Matthew 1: 18-25; 2: 13-15

Choir – ‘A Cradle Waits’ (words & music by Jean Anne Shafferman)

Choir – ‘Blazing Star’ (words & music by Lynne Sater)

Advent Meditation ‘Joseph: A follower of dreams’

Turning to Jesus

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

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 31 (S the S) Be the centre

Hymn # 26 (S the S) Helpless and Hungry

Hymn # 215 What Child is This

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

During Advent, following the service, we will gather as a church family in the basement for a centre 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 Sun. Dec. 21st.

Next Sunday – December 14:

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Carolyn O'Krafka

Ushers: (volunteers needed)

Nith Valley Events:

- Tonight, 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.

Financial Update:

44/52 of Budget: \$134,030.76

Givings to Nov. 30/14: \$112,109.30

Shortfall: \$ 21,921.46

From MCEC:

Sat. Jan. 17, 9:30-4:00. Pastors, Chaplains and Congregational Leaders Event on the topic, ‘Aging Together’ at Breslau MC.

Feb. 6-8. Youth Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Cost is \$95 (plus \$10 to go by bus). Registration closes Dec. 16 or when full.

Sat. Apr. 11. MCEC Youth Bible Quizzing at Rouge Valley MC.

This year we will be quizzing on the book of John (note that we will be using the New Revised Standard Version).

July 21-26 - Mennonite World Conference. This year, MCEC will be sending 2 coach buses for youth and youth sponsors. Register now!

Community Events:

- Today, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir presents, 'Christmas Blessing,' at St. Jacobs MC. Tickets are \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children), available at the door.
- Wed. Dec. 10, 6:30-8:30 pm. Wilmot Ministerial's Living Room peer support meeting for those living with a mental health challenge.
- Wed. Dec. 10, 7 pm. Zion United Church (215 Peel St. NH) presents Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol. Free admission.
- 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.
- Jan. 16-18. Fathers & Kids Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. More info at www.slmc.ca/retreats
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