

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: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship - Candle Lighting

Invocation

Hymn # 37Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 1 (SP&W)Shine, Jesus, Shine

Hearing God's Word

Children's Storyled by Carolyn O'Krafka

Scripture ReadingMatthew 2: 1-4, 7-8

Hymn # 172O come, O come, Immanuel

Advent Meditation

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 # 59 (SP&W)Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

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 21:

In the worship service on Dec. 21, an inter-generational cast will share the play 'Christmas Special Delivery' with music, entertaining dialogue and movement. Among all the chaos, deadlines, shopping and Christmas pressure, come experience a miracle that brings the Christmas message straight to the heart. Please invite relatives and friends to this special service.

Ushers: (volunteers needed)

Nith Valley Events:

- 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:

100% of Budget: \$158,400.00

Givings to Nov. 30/14: \$115,659.10

Shortfall: \$ 42,740.90

We are accepting donations eligible for a 2014 tax credit up to December 31, 2014. Andy will gladly accept post-dated cheques for Dec 31/14 any time during the month of December.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 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.
- Mon. Dec. 22, 1:30-8:00 pm. OneMatch (stem cell & bone marrow registry) will be holding a clinic (cheek swab only) at Steinmann MC. A local youth, Ethan Troupe, is in need of a bone marrow transplant and his family is hoping this clinic will find a match for him. Anyone between 17-35 yrs and in good health can be registered with OneMatch. See poster for more info.
- Jan. 16-18. Fathers & Kids Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. More info at www.slmc.ca/retreats
- Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Women's Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. More info at www.slmc.ca/retreats