

**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:** Hendrike Isert Bender

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman

**Music Leaders:** Choir

**Gather to Worship**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Hymn # 212 .....O come, all ye faithful
- Hymn # 201 .....Hark! the herald angels sing
- Call to Worship - Candle Lighting
- Invocation
- Hymn # 86 (SP&W) .....Hope is a star

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Scripture Reading
- Offering
- Announcements & Sharing
- Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 194 .....Away in a manger
- Play Premier - ‘Christmas Special Delivery’

**Go With the Spirit**

- Hymn # 318 .....Joy to the world
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

**Next Service – Wed. Dec. 24, 7 pm.**

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender

Prelude: Susan Cressman & Bonnie Stemmler

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Ushers: (volunteers needed)

**Next Sunday – December 28:**

Worship Leader: Judie Bowlby

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Janet Cressman

Ushers: (volunteers needed)

**Nith Valley Events:**

- 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 Dec. 14/14: \$128,085.35

Shortfall: \$ 30,314.65

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 hosts a Messiah Sing-a-long at St. Jacobs MC.
- TONIGHT, 7 pm. Longest Night Service at Trinity Luthern.
- Mon. Dec. 22, 1:30-8:00 pm. OneMatch (stem cell & bone marrow registry) will be holding a clinic (cheek swab only but also a blood donor clinic running simultaneously) 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](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats)
- Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Women’s Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. More info at [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats)

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