

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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Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman
Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Hymn # 212O come, all ye faithful
Call to Worship
Invocation
Hymn # 208Love came down at Christmas

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Janet Cressman
Hymn # 29 (S the S)Brightest and best
Scripture ReadingLuke 2: 22-40
Sermon ‘Holding the Light’

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 28 (S the S)Holy Child within the manger
Offering

Announcements
Hymn # 189To us a child of hope is born
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 427You shall go out with joy
Benediction
Time of Reflection
Postlude

Next Sunday – January 4:

Worship Leader: Susan Entz

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Ushers: Orval & Jeannette Cressman

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the play "Christmas Special Delivery". There is so much talent in our church family which definitely made the task easier. It was good to see the inter-generational interaction and events surrounding the performance. These activities strengthen and emphasize the importance of working with each other. Through all the busyness and chaos around Christmas portrayed in the play, we were again reminded of the very special gift of Jesus that we all receive at Christmas.

Bonnie & Susan (thank you also for the lovely flowers from the cast)

Nith Valley Events:

- 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

Andy will be at church at noon on Dec 31 to pick up any cheques in his mail box that are dated up to Dec 31/14 as this is the last opportunity for givings that qualify for a 2014 tax credit

Community Events:

- Tues. Jan. 13. Grade 9 Information Night at Rockway Collegiate. Register online at www.rockway.ca
- 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