

**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:** Lorrie Koch

**Pianist:** Bethany Ruby

**Chorister:** Lois Cressman

**Speaker:** Matthew Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 6 .....Here in this place

Hymn # 69 .....The Lord is king

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story ..... led by Judy Rivers

Hymn # 78 (SP&W) .....Living Stones

Scripture Reading .....Acts 2:42-47

Sermon .... ‘Spiritual practices and disciplines which have shaped us’

**Turning to Jesus**

Hymn # 76 .....Praise, I will praise you Lord

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 54 (S the J) .....Longing for light

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church’

Hymn # 585 .....In your sickness

**Go With the Spirit**

Hymn # 49 (S the J) .....Rain down

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

**Sunday School Class**

1. Preschool & Primary Class (ages 2-5)

2. Intermediate Class (ages 6-9)

3. Youth Class (ages 10-17)

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: John Ilett

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Judy Rivers

**Next Sunday – January 18**

Worship Leader: Lara Shantz

Guest Speaker: Max Kennel

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Doris Brubacher

Coffee/Juice Prep: Susan Hartzler

Clean Up: Bonnie Stemmler

Ushers: Orval & Jeannette Cressman

*Max Kennel is a Masters of Theological Studies student at Conrad Grebel, and he has worked in ministry at his home congregation, Steinmann MC, and most recently at Crosshill MC. He is currently writing a thesis on topics in Anabaptist Mennonite history.*

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Wed. Jan. 14, 7 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Fri. Jan. 30, 7:30 pm. Nith Valley movie night. There will be a concession stand with snacks available for purchase. Please feel free to bring a comfortable chair.
- 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 Jan. 4/15: \$150,000.35

Shortfall: \$ 8,399.65

**From the Fellowship Ministry Team:**

An email has been sent to all of Nith Valley with a link to a survey regarding the Canada Day brunch. If you could please complete this quick survey, it will help to make the decision on whether to continue with the Canada Day brunch in the future. If you would like to complete the survey on paper, please contact Jackie Keller and she will provide one to you. Thanks very much for participating!

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**Community Events:**

- Tues. Jan. 13. Grade 9 Information Night at Rockway Collegiate. Register online at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)
  - 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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Are you living with a mental health challenge that affects your ability to lead the life you want to lead? Come to Wilmot Mennonite Ministerial's Living Room monthly peer support group, where you can share your experience and hear the stories of others in a non-judgemental setting. The next meeting is on Wed. Jan 14 at Mannheim Mennonite Church, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Gord at (226-791-2239) or Alexa at [awinchell2811@gmail.com](mailto:awinchell2811@gmail.com) for more information.

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