

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: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Guest Speaker: Max Kennel

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 13Blessed Jesus, at your word

Hymn # 89For the beauty of the earth

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story led by Doris Brubacher

Hymn # 327Great is thy faithfulness

Scripture Reading Psalm 34: 8-14; Jeremiah 29: 7, 11

Sermon 'Anabaptism in the 21st Century'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 94 (S the J)Blest are they

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church'

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 432With all my heart I offer

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

This morning we welcome Max Kennel who 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.

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: Susan Hartzler

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Bonnie Stemmler

Next Sunday – January 25

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Carolyn O'Krafka

Coffee/Juice Prep: Gloria Richardson

Clean Up: Brenda Kirkland

Ushers: Orval & Jeannette Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- 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. 14, 8:15 am. Mennonite Women of Wilmot Cluster Winter Breakfast at Nith Valley. Cost is \$8 + items for the food bank. See sign up list on bulletin board in foyer.
- Sat. Feb. 21, 9-11 am. Men's Breakfast – Faith and Sports. Come for food and conversation. Greg Yantzi will share some reflections on faith and sports, from his experiences as a athlete, parent, pastor and leader of the Faith, sport, leadership initiative for MCEC. He is presently attending Cassel Mennonite church and we have invited the men from Cassel to attend as well. Please sign up on sheet or email Matthew so we know what numbers to expect for food. Cost is \$10 (adults) or \$5 (students).
- 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. 11/15: \$150,660.35

Shortfall: \$ 7,739.65

From the Fellowship Ministry Team:

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Community Events:

- Fri. Feb. 6, 7 pm. 'Listening for Grace,' by Ted and Co will be performed at Steinmann MC
 - Sat. Feb. 7, 1:30-4:00 pm. '60 Years of Fraser Lake Camp: Telling our Stories.' Alumni & friends of Fraser Lake Camp are invited to an afternoon of reminiscing at Rouge Valley MC.
 - Mon. Feb. 16, 10:00-3:30. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Lots of indoor and outdoor activities for all! Lunch available for \$2. Contact the camp 519-625-8602 or info@hiddenacres.ca to reserve your place.
 - Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Women's Retreat at Silver Lake Camp. More info at www.slmc.ca/retreats
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From Conrad Grebel:

Become an agent of peaceful change at community, institutional, and systemic levels! Conrad Grebel's 16-month Master of Peace and Conflict Studies program is a vibrant, interdisciplinary academic program that seeks to empower students with the knowledge and skills needed to contribute to nonviolent peacebuilding. Applications will begin being reviewed Feb 1, 2015. Apply now! uwaterloo.ca/mpacs

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