

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: Judie Bowlby

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 189 (blue).....To us a child of hope is born

Hearing God's Word

Children's Story

Hymn # 215 (blue)What child is this

Hymn # 26 (purple)Helpless and hungry

Scripture ReadingMatthew 2: 1-12

Sermon 'Freedom Bound'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 109 (green)There is more love somewhere

Lighting of Epiphany Candle

Prayer of Liberation

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 30 (purple)Arise, your light is come!

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class (ages 3-SK)

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Dennis Stemmler

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Ross Ruby

Next Sunday – January 10

Worship Leader: Matthew Isert Bender

Guest Speaker: Jeanette Hanson (MC Canada Witness Worker, China)

Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman

Chorister: Lara Shantz

Children's Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Jim Shantz

Clean Up: Judy Rivers

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Jan. 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Sewing Circle. Please join us to knot comforters or quilt.
- Wed. Jan. 6, 7 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Fri. Jan. 8, 7:30 pm. Youth Event at Mark & Stacey's house (26 Joshua Court, Plattsville).
- Mon. Jan. 11, 7 pm. PCRC meeting.
- Sat. Jan. 23, 9:00-11:00 am. Men's Breakfast. A morning of good food and visiting together. Darrell Bender will raise our awareness of social issues in our region as he shares about his work at the Working Center. Please sign up on the Bulletin board at the back. \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/student.
- Sun. Jan. 24. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! Please sign up as host or guest on the bulletin board by Jan. 17.

Community Events:

- Jan. 15-17. Fathers and Kids Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Join us for this fun weekend for kids and their Dads, male role models or mentors. To register, call 519-422-3200 or go to www.slmc.ca/retreats
- Sat. Jan. 16, 7 pm. Wilmot MC presents the movie, 'Still Alice.' See poster for details.

New Years Greeting!

A quick note of blessing and thanks to each person who is apart of our Nith Valley Mennonite Church family. We as your Pastors are very thankful for each of you and who we are together as a community of Christ followers. Thank you for your support this past year and this Christmas season, for individual words of encouragement, cards and gifts received, and the gift from you the congregation of fun German children's books and Subway gift certificates to our family. We are looking forward to playing moelkky outdoors. As we all continue to walk in the freedom of Christ, may every one of us be challenged to grow in our love for God, each other, and for our neighbour. Happy New Year!
Pastors Matthew and Hendrike, and children.

Worship Ministry Team would like to thank all who were involved in our Advent season this year as we traveled "Freedom Bound." A specific thanks to the special music - Christmas choir led by Susan and Janna Lynn, Lara for her solo, Susan and Terry for their duet - and for Brandon, Taydon, Mackeely and Kogan who led the reader's theatre on Christmas Eve. Thanks also to Stephen for his work in creating our visual for the season and to everyone who decorated our church to make it special for Christmas. We hope it was a blessed Christmas season for you all.

Our Pastor-Congregation Relations Ministry Team (PCR) continues to meet regularly. Our role is to care for the relationship between our congregation and pastors. We wish to encourage and facilitate open communication, sharing both affirmations and concerns. Please feel free to approach any of the PCR Ministry Team...
Brenda K.; Lyle C.; Tricia C.; Pastors Matthew/Hendrike, or Terry K. .