

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: Ruth Cressman

Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 83 (blue)With happy voices singing

Hymn # 232 (blue)Christ upon the mountain peak

Hearing God's Word

Children's Storyled by Carolyn O'Krafka

Scripture ReadingsLuke 9:28-43

Hymn # 45 (purple)Calm me Lord

Sermon 'Mountaintops, valleys and plains'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 232 (blue)Christ upon the mountain peak

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go With the Spirit

Hymn # 478 (blue)Sent forth by God's blessing

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: Ralph Cressman

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Feb. 8, 7 pm. Pastoral Ministry Team meeting at the Isert Bender home.
- Wed. Feb. 10, 9:15-11:15. MOPS.
- Thurs. Feb. 11, 4 pm. Wilmot Ignited Refugee Planning Team meeting.
- Fri. Feb. 19, 6-9 pm. Nith Valley Youth Event at Chicopee Ski Hill. Please contact Stacey Keller for details.
- Sat. Feb. 27. Nith Valley Women's Retreat. Save the date!
- Fri. Mar. 4, Nith Valley Youth Event – going to see “Back to the 80's Musical” at WO, featuring our very own Brandon Wall and Kogan Shantz! Please contact Stacey Keller for details.

During the season of Lent, God's children enter a darker season to reflect on the life, ministry and death of Christ. Our theme this year is "Living Ink". God invites us to join in writing of the grand narrative of Jesus' ongoing kingdom.

Services during Lent:

Ash Wednesday - February 10, 2016 @ 7pm

Good Friday - March 25, 2016 @ 9:45am

Easter Breakfast - March 27, 2016 @ 8:30am

Easter Sunday - March 27, 2016 @ 10am

Lenten Women's Book/DVD Study:

"What Love Is" by Kelly Minter - A Living Room Series

Wednesdays beginning Feb. 17 – Mar. 30 @ 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of eating, studying and sharing together. Sign

Up sheet on back bulletin board.

Financial Update:

100% of 2015/16 Budget	\$162,500.00
Givings to Jan 17/16	\$160, 131.87
Shortfall	\$ 2,368.13

Thanks to everybody for helping us get so close to our budget amount. Special thanks to the couple of families who made a significant additional contribution on Jan 31/16 to help us get closer to our budget total.

NV Congregational - Pastoral Review:

"Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of His body, the Church. Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:15-16

Blessings all, hopefully everyone is feeling informed of our process and has already received the survey. Your **Survey Responses** are required by end of day **February 14th**. Our Pastors have completed their self review, and Ministry Teams are already submitting their collective responses. Also, we very much look forward to our special time together on **Feb 21st** when we gather to **Worship, and have Focus Groups** discussions.

We are grateful to all those participating in the process, and uphold this entire process in prayer and thoughtful consideration. "We need each other... we are each other... and we're more than just ourselves because of each other..."

Please note: As part of our Congregational & Pastoral Review process, a Focus Group discussion has been scheduled at Nithview Home (*Heritage Dining Room*) for Wed. Feb. 17th at 6:30pm for our members residing there that will not be able to attend our Focus Groups being held here at the church.

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. .

Community Events:

- Thurs. Feb. 4, 6:30 pm. Conrad Grebel presents the Bechtel Lecture Dinner, featuring Janneken Smucker speaking about Amish quilt makers. Tickets are \$75. Call Alison Enns at (519) 885-0220 x24217 to reserve yours.
- Tues. Feb. 9, 5-7 pm. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the Wilmot Rec Complex, hosted by Zion United and St. George Anglican churches. Call 519-662-9372 to reserve your tickets (adult \$9, children \$5). Limited number of tickets at the door.
- Wed. Feb. 10, noon. 'Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song,' at Zion United Church (215 Peel St, NH).
- Sat. Feb. 13. Mennonite Women of Wilmot Cluster Breakfast at Steinmann MC. Registration at 8:15 am, breakfast at 8:30 am. Omas Siskona of KW: collaborating with African Grandmothers. Special Music: Tracy, Natalie and Cecelia Weber. See Poster on bulletin board for more info and sign- up sheet. Sign up by Mon, Feb 8.
- Sat. Feb. 13, 6 pm. Single Or Single Again (SOSA) Valentines Dinner at Levetto (18 Snyders Rd, Baden). If you want to attend please email Christian_singles@live.ca or call 519-662-2971 by Feb. 9.
- Mon. Feb. 15, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Lots of free indoor and outdoor activities. Lunch available for \$3.00. Reserve your spot by calling 519-625-8602 or email info@hiddenacres.ca
- Sat. Feb. 20, 7 pm. Movie Night at Wilmot Mennonite Church, featuring the film, 'We Bought a Zoo.'
- Feb. 26-28. Women's Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp with resource person Tanya Dyck Steinmann. For more info, visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.
- Sat. Feb. 27, 7:30 pm (pre-concert talk at 7:00). Menno Singers presents, 'Music from the Royal Saxon Court of Dresden, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$25 (\$5 student), at Music Plus, at the door or at www.mennosingers.com
- Sat. Feb. 27, 7:30 pm. Skylight Festival – featuring Matt Epp in concert at First United Church (16 William St. W, Wloo). Tickets are \$20, at the door.
- Mar. 14 or Mar. 15. Hidden Acres Grandparent – Grandchild (gr. 1-6) Days. For more info, email info@hiddenacres.ca or call 519-625-8602.