

**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: Bethany Ruby Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 366 (blue) .....God of grace and God of glory

Hymn # 398 (blue) .....I love to tell the story

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story .....led by Doris Brubacher

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn # 29 (green) .....You are all we have

Scripture Reading .....Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

**Turning to Jesus**

Hymn # 37 (duotang) .....Create in me a clean heart

Hymn # 54 (green) .....Longing for light

Offering

Announcements

**Go With the Spirit**

Hymn # 87 (green) .....Put Peace into each other’s hands

Communion

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: Stacey Keller

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Karen Bearinger

**Next Sunday – February 21:**

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman

Speakers: Matthew Isert Bender and Jamie Gerber

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Lyle Cressman

Clean Up: Mark Keller

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Wed. Feb. 19, 6:30 pm. Women’s Lenten Book/DVD Study. Contact Kathryn Cressman for details.
- 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.
- Fri. Mar. 25, 9:45 am. Good Friday service
- Sun. Mar. 27. Easter Sunday. Join us for a potluck Easter Breakfast at 8:30, followed by our Easter worship service at 10:00.

**Financial Update:**

100% of 2015/16 Budget	\$162,500.00
Givings to <b>Jan 31/16</b>	\$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.

### **Refugee Fund Update:**

Currently \$7990.00 has been donated to this Fund. \$5000 have been forwarded on to the Wilmot Ignited account administered by Mannheim. The initial projection is that \$10,000 (our 25% share of the estimated \$40,000 budget) will be required to support this family for one year. Your continued donations are welcomed to this fund. At the end of our one year sponsorship all unused funds will be used to support local refugee sponsorship in our community. Thank you very much for your financial contributions to this fund and all the other ways individuals have helped to prepare us to welcome the Reh/Meh family.

### **From MCEC:**

Sacred Trust... Fostering safe space in congregations. This is an educational series on Sexual Misconduct in the church. It is a MCEC initiative in collaboration with SMARRT, authored by Carol Penner. Go the Mennonite Church Eastern Canada website and check it out. [www.mcec.ca](http://www.mcec.ca)

### **Community Events:**

- 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](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)
- Wed. Feb. 17, noon. 'Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song,' at Zion United Church (215 Peel St, NH).
- Sat. Feb. 20, 7 pm. Movie Night at Wilmot Mennonite Church, featuring the film, 'We Bought a Zoo.'
- Tues. Feb. 23, 7:30 pm. St. George Anglican Church (3 Byron St., NH) hosts the discussion: 'You, Me and Climate Change: Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events in Canada.' Freewill offering.
- Thurs. Feb. 25, 7 pm. Tri-County Mennonite Homes invites you to a presentation on Legacy Giving, with Erv Wiens and Marlow Gingerich in the Nithview Auditorium. All are welcome.
- 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](http://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](http://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.
- Mon. Feb. 29, 6:30 pm. Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Special General Meeting at Creekside Church (660 Conservation Dr, Waterloo).
- Sat. Mar. 12, 6:30 pm. MEDA Annual Spring Banquet at Steinmann MC. See poster for details.
- Mar. 14 **or** Mar. 15. Hidden Acres Grandparent – Grandchild (gr. 1-6) Days. For more info, email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or call 519-625-8602.