

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: Susan Entz

Pianist: Bethany Ruby Chorister: Janna Lynn Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation – Hymn # 3 (purple)Come, Light of the world

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 211 (blue) Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hearing God's Word

Scripture ReadingPsalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Hymn # 101 (blue) Alleluia

Children's Storyled by Benedikt Isert Bender

Hymn # 61 (green)How can we be silent

Scripture ReadingMatthew 3: 1-12

Sermon ... 'Make Room: There's Something Here that God wants to Do'

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 176 (blue)Comfort, comfort, O my people

A Hospitality Moment

Song – 'Make Room' by Bryan Moyer Suderman

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 15 (green)Santo (Holy)

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Young Adult Class

5. Adult Bible Study Class

6. Sermon Discussion Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Judy Rivers

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Upstairs Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Andy Kirkland

Next Sunday – December 11

Worship Leader: Lorrie Koch

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children's Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman

Clean Up: Tricia Cressman

Ushers: Nick & Tammy Shantz and family

Nith Valley Events:

- TONIGHT, 8 pm. Mass Choir Christmas Concert at Steinmann MC. (Doors open at 7:30 pm.)
- Tues. Dec. 6, 7-9 pm. Quilting and Comfort knotting. Come and help us continue the work of making quilts for MCC. Bring a snack to share if you wish.
- Sat. Dec. 24, 4 pm. Christmas Eve service.

Nith Valley will be hosting the Hillcrest/Nith Valley choir on December 11 during our morning service and have extended the invitation to the entire Hillcrest congregation. We want to have a fellowship time with refreshments following the service and need volunteers to bring Christmas cookies. A signup sheet is posted for 10 volunteers to bring 3 dozen cookies on Dec 11. Thanks for contributing to our social time together.

Financial Update:

43/52 of Budget	\$135,243.27
Budget givings to Nov 30/16	\$96,225.85
Shortfall	\$39,017.42

From MCC:

Choose a gift that is a personal and meaningful expression of God's love through MCC's Christmas Giving Catalogue. Browse and purchase gifts at mcccanada.ca/christmas

Community Events:

- TODAY, 3:00-4:30 pm. PiE (Pastors in Exile) event at the Queen St. Common Café, Kitchener. Learn more about PiE and enjoy some musical entertainment. Donations welcome. More info at www.pastorsinexile.org
- TONIGHT, 7 pm. Mennonite World Conference hosts an International Song Fest at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Freewill offering.
- Fri. Dec. 9, 7 pm. SOSA (Single or Single Again) Group meets to see the Christmas lights at Waterloo Park. Meet at entrance to Waterloo Memorial Rec Complex (101 Father David Dr.).
- Sat. Dec. 10, 7:30 pm. Mennonite Mass Choir presents Handel's Messiah. Tickets available at the Centre in the Square Box Office or online (www.centreinthesquare.com)
- Tues. Dec. 13, 7:30 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Christmas Concert at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener.

From Canadian Mennonite University:

Canadian Mennonite University's Sunday@CMU radio program is pleased to feature a special sermon series by Sue Sorensen throughout December. Sue, who is associate professor of English at CMU, explores Jesus's miracles and relates them to Advent/Christmas in the four-part series. Sunday@CMU airs Sunday mornings at 8:30-8:45 AM on CFAM 950 Radio and AM 1250 Radio and online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

Prayer Request from MC Canada:

Mennonite Church Canada Witness is one of the partners that provided seed money to *Convergence*, an emerging, alternative Christian community in Geneva, Switzerland. Please pray for this diverse community of believers who seek new, unconventional and non-institutional ways to be the church.