

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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Pianist: Susan Cressman Chorister: Terry Keller
Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Time of Anticipation – Hymn # 3 (purple)Come, Light of the World
Call to Worship
Invocation
ChoirHoly
Let Carols Ring
Caribbean Carol

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Heather Cressman
Scripture ReadingLuke 1:39-56
Homily ‘Pregnant’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn (insert)Hope is a star
A Hospitality MomentTammy Shantz
Offering
Announcements
Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

ChoirAngels we have heard on high
Candlelight Carol
On that Hallelujah Night
Hark the Herald
Hymn # 201 (v. 2,3)Hark the Herald
Postlude

Following the service everyone is invited to join for refreshments and fellowship in the basement. Children's Sunday school classes will be held for ages 3 to 5 (basement), ages 6 to 10 (basement), ages 11 to 17 (balcony).

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten Class Downstairs
2. Primary Class Downstairs
3. Junior Class Balcony
4. Young Adult Class Sanctuary
5. Adult Bible Study Class Upstairs Library
6. Sermon Discussion Class Downstairs Hall
Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris Cressman Clean Up: Tricia Cressman

Next Sunday – December 18

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender
Music Leaders: Praise Band Children’s Story Leader: Judy Rivers
Coffee/Juice Prep: Dan Cressman Clean Up: Ken Koch
Ushers: Nick & Tammy Shantz and family

Nith Valley Events:

- Sat. Dec. 24, 4 pm. Christmas Eve service.

Financial Update:

100% of Budget \$163,550.00
Budget givings to Dec 4/16 \$101,240.85
Shortfall \$62,309.15

The last day for givings to be included on your 2016 tax receipt is Fri. Dec. 30. Andy will clear his church mailbox at noon on the 30th. He also welcomes cheques post dated to Dec. 30.

Community Events:

- Tues. Dec. 13, 7:30 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate’s Christmas Concert at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener.
- Tues. Dec. 20, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents an Advent Jazz Vespers service in the Chapel.

Advanced Care Planning:

There are purple advanced care planning workbooks under the mailboxes. (Advanced Care Planning is deciding who will make future health decisions for you if you are unable to.) It's about conversations. It's about decisions. It's how we care for each other. Please take one for yourself or for a friend. Use it to guide you in having important conversations. In addition there is a small business card to take and carry with you in your wallet with your SDM information.

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 can be found online at tinyurl.com/Sunday-CMU.

From Rockway Collegiate Institute:

We invite applicants for the position of Business Studies Program Coordinator and Teacher, a part-time position commencing September 2017. See www.rockway.ca for job posting.