

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: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 1 v. 1,3,4 (green)We sing to you, O God

Hymn # 3 (green)Jesus calls us here to meet him

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Stacey Keller

Hymn # 39 v. 1-4 (purple)Will you come and follow me

ScriptureMark 1:35-39, 6:30-32

Sermon ‘Cultivating Faith and Calmness’

Turn to Jesus

Hymn # 77 (green)The peace of the earth be with you

Offering

Announcements

Hymn # 120 (purple)Somebody prayed for me

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 327 (blue) Great is thy faithfulness

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: Lloyd Fretz

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Upstairs Library

Downstairs Hall

Clean Up: Jesse Cressman

Next Sunday – February 12

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Speaker: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Heather Cressman

Coffee/Juice Prep: Stacey Keller

Clean Up: Mark Keller

Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Feb. 7, 7-9 pm. Evening Sewing Circle. Join us in the church basement for quilting and comforter knotting. All are welcome.
- Sat. Feb. 11, 8:30 am (registration begins at 8:15). Wilmot Women’s Cluster Breakfast at Hillcrest MC. Poster, sign up sheet and list for Shoe boxes is on bulletin board. All women are invited!
- Sat. Mar. 4, 10:00 am. Women’s Retreat at Nith Valley.
- Wed. Mar. 8, 6:30. Women’s Bible Study, with the book ‘Jesus Calling’ by Sarah Young. This first of six weeks will be held at Hendrike’s house. Please sign up on bulletin board if you are interested in attending.
- Sat. June 3. Nith Valley Blue Jays bus trip to Toronto. Save the date! (Questions? Talk to Dan Cressman.)

Women's Retreat in Nith Valley church basement, Sat Mar 4, 10:00 am to approximately 5:00 pm. Elaine Cressman will be sharing highlights from her recent book and the many roles she has played in her life. Please come prepared to share the many roles you perform in your life as well. We will begin at 10:00 am, with dinner served at noon and the afternoon will be open for games, comforter knotting, etc. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for attendance and food contributions.

Financial Update:

100% of 2016/17 Budget	\$163,550.00
Givings to Jan 31/17	\$155,024.85
Shortfall	\$8,525.15

Thank you for your contributions to our budget this year.

HOLD THE DATE:

Nith Valley Church Retreat - Sept 29th – Oct 1st at Hidden Acres.
If you are feeling called to help plan this weekend and/or have an idea for theme and Speaker, please speak with Matthew.

From MC Canada:

Mennonite Church Canada calls all of its congregations to pray for peace as a response to the senseless attack on worshippers at a mosque in the community of Ste-Foy, Quebec, on Sunday evening, Jan. 29, 2017.

For our Muslim neighbours: we grieve with you, and want to stand with you in this difficult time. As Christians, we condemn such heinous acts in the strongest possible terms, and lament with deepest anguish when any and all such acts are committed in the name of God of Abraham. Such acts do not align with the One we strive to follow. We uphold in prayer the victims, their families, and their communities.

For the perpetrator of this attack, and all perpetrators of hate and violence: we pray that, despite whatever has befallen you, that your hearts be transformed to acts of love and kindness toward all.

For our congregations across Canada, we encourage you to reach out to your neighbourhood mosques and Muslim communities with expressions of hope and peace.

We join with the communities comprising the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Canadian Council of Churches as we recommit ourselves to strive for peace, justice, and reconciliation of all that divides us as a society and nation.

May God comfort all who mourn at this time.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 2 pm. Community Hymn Sing at Conrad Grebel, with Kenneth Nafziger.
- Tues. Feb. 7, 10:00 am. Ladies Bible Study at Wilmot MC, on the topic of Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions. Study book available for \$10. This is the first meeting of what will be a weekly meeting.
- Feb. 9, 7 pm. Rockway Collegiate presents the documentary, 'Screenagers,' for parents to learn more about social media and technology.
- Sat. Feb. 11, 6 pm. Single or Single Again group meets at St. Agatha MC for a potluck.
- Sun. Feb. 12, 7 pm. Hymn Sing with the Menno Singers family of choirs at W-K United Mennonite Church. Admission by donation. Open House and Kindergarten Registration.
- Thurs. Feb. 16, 9 am – 6 pm. Plattsville Christian School
- Mon. Feb. 20, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Hidden Acres is offering many free activities for Family Day. Hot lunch available for \$3 per person, or bring your own. RSVP required. Call 519-625-8602, or email info@hiddenacres.ca

From the New Hamburg Thrift Centre:

We are having a party to Celebrate 10 Years at our 41 Heritage Dr. location. Join us Tues, Feb 7 from 9 am – 5 pm for live musical entertainment, refreshments, raffles and 10% off the entire store. For more information, check out www.newhamburgthrift.com or our Facebook page. Thank you for supporting us by donating, shopping and volunteering! With your help we have been able to forward over \$6.5 million to the Mennonite Central Committee over the last 10 years.