

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: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation – Special MusicTerry Keller

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 606 (blue)Oh, have you not heard

Hymn # 356 (blue)Breathe on my, breath of God

Children’s Storyled by Doris Brubacher

Hearing God’s Word

Christ Candle

Hymn # 634 (blue)Let hope and sorrow now unite

Memory Candle

Scripture ReadingEcclesiastes 3: 1-8

Candle of Community

Scripture ReadingGalatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:2

Hymn # 353 (blue)Lord, listen to your children

Candle of Grief

Scripture ReadingPsalm 31: 9-10, 14

Hymn # 353 (blue) Lord, listen to your children

Candle of Joy

Scripture ReadingPsalm 40: 1-30

Hymn # 353 (blue) Lord, listen to your children

Candle of Mystery

Scripture ReadingGenesis 1

Hymn # 353 (blue) Lord, listen to your children

Candle of Thanksgiving

Scripture ReadingLamentations 3: 19-23

Hymn 614 (blue)In the bulb there is a flower

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 615 (blue)Shall we gather at the river

Benediction

Postlude

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Current Affairs Class

5. Sermon Discussion Class

6. Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman

Clean Up: Lyle Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Next Sunday – December 3

We will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with communion.

Worship Leader & Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz

Coffee/Juice Prep: Nick & Tammy Shantz

Clean Up: Debbie Wall

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Nov. 27, 9:00-noon. Rag cutting at the New Hamburg Thrift Centre. Scissors are supplies. All are welcome.
- Sun. Dec. 10. We have invited Hillcrest to join us for the worship service and to enjoy the music of the Nith Valley-Hillcrest singers!
- Fri. Dec. 22, 7 pm. Caroling at Nithview. This event is open to all Nithview residents and will be held in the Auditorium. Come join in an evening of carols and music.

We rejoice with Susan Hartzler on the birth of her son Levy-James Steve on November 18. May God richly bless Levy-James and his family.

Financial Update:

42/52 of \$159,200 Budget	\$128,584.61
Budget givings to Nov 19/17	\$92,146.60
Shortfall	\$36,438.01

From Fellowship Ministry Team:

Hillcrest and Nith Valley have joined voices and have been practicing for a special music morning program at Nith Valley Sun. Dec.10. Since we are hosting this event, we will also supply refreshments following the service. The children will have Sunday School as per usual and the adults will gather for a fellowship time in the basement during the second hour. Please sign up if you can contribute Christmas cookies/squares for this event.

Relearning Community- Community of Practice-Missional Community

Recently, we had the privilege again of being back with the Re-learning community group now renamed to “Community of Practice”...practicing in our everyday life the concepts and principles that have been taught over the last 3 years. Through our re-learning community journey we have been called to start and grow a Missional Community.

A Missional Community is described as a group of 15-30 people who intentionally gather to share life together – this includes times of fun and fellowship, sharing food together, growing spiritually together while also having a common outward mission. This Community makes time to gather every week with one week off each month. This Missional Community will gather until October 2018, experiencing, learning and innovating together at that point dividing and starting additional MC's will be explored. The desire is that a few MC,s will be part of the fabric of Nith Valley into the future as we seek to grow as disciples nurturing our relationship with God, each other and our community.

As a team of families we are thrilled to have started our own missional community. Please thoughtfully consider joining us on this journey. We welcome ALL ages and stages. We are gathering on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 and our mission is to grow a garden which as we brainstorm further will serve our community. If you're interested and this time works for you, please speak with Tammy or Kathryn today.

Community Events:

- Sat. Dec. 2, 10-4. Conrad Grebel presents the Make a Difference Market. Come to shop, listen to live music and purchase baked goods.
- Sat. Dec. 2 and Sun. Dec. 3, 7 pm. St Jacob's Mennonite Church presents the Christmas Opera, 'Amahl and the Night Visitors.' Tickets are \$20 (adults), \$10 (students), \$5 (children) and are available from the church office: 519-664-2268 or church@sjmc.on.ca
- Sun. Dec. 3, 3 pm. Three Choirs at Christmas Concert (Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth) at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Tickets available from choristers, online (www.mennosingers.com) or at the door.
- Sat. Dec. 9, 7:30 pm. Rockway Mennonite Church (47 Onward Ave Kitchener), presents the Kokoro Singers, directed by Brenda Uchimar. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$15 students/seniors; children under 12 free.
- Sun. Dec. 10, 3 pm. Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir concert at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children).
- Sun. Dec. 10, 7 pm. Shantz Mennonite Church presents, John B. Miller & Friends, 'Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus.' Suggested donation of \$10 per person.
- Wed. Dec. 13, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents Advent Jazz Vespers service.
- Sun. Dec. 17, 3 pm. Menno Singers hosts a Messiah sing-a-long at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Admission by donations (tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more).

From Conrad Grebel:

To start in January 2018, Conrad Grebel University College is hiring a part-time food services assistant for a contract position covering a maternity leave, working 6-8 shifts per 2-week period. Apply by Dec. 11, 2017. Read the full job description at grebel.ca/positions

