

## 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: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

**Focus Statement: Drawn by the light, we, like the magi. ...**

### Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation – Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 16 (blue) .....God is here among us

Hymn # 401 (blue) .....This little light of mine

### Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Story .....led by Nick Shantz

Hymn # 39 (purple) .....Will you come and follow me

Scripture Reading ..... Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon ..... ‘Yes! Let it be declared’

Drama

Hymn # 218 (blue) .....As with gladness men of old

Confession

Words of Assurance

### Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

### Go with the Spirit

Hymn # 226 (blue) .....You are salt for the earth

Benediction

Time of Reflection

### 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: Jeannette Cressman

Clean Up: Sam Cressman

### Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

### Next Sunday – January 14

Worship Leader: Kathryn Cressman Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Music Leaders: Praise Team

Children’s Story Leader: Stacey Keller

Coffee/Juice Prep & Clean Up: Matthew & Faith Cressman

### Financial Update:

100% of Budget \$159,200.00

Budget givings to Dec 31/17 \$139,121.60

Shortfall \$20,078.40

Please note: Our fiscal year ends Jan 31/18.

### Nith Valley Events:

- Tues. Jan. 9, 9:30 am – 3 pm. Nith Valley Sewing Circle.
- Wed. Jan. 10, 9:15-11:5. MOPS.
- Mon. Jan. 15, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting.

### Community Events:

- Jan. 12-14. Father and Kids Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. For more info, visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-422-3200.
- Tues. Jan. 16. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate hosts a gr. 9 info night. Learn more at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)
- Feb. 9-11. MCEC’s Women’s Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. For more info, visit [www.slmc.ca/retreats](http://www.slmc.ca/retreats) or call 519-422-3200.
- Sat. Feb. 10. Wilmot Area’s Women’s Breakfast. Watch for a poster and sign up sheet.
- Sat. Feb. 17, 6 pm. Marriage Encounter Fundraising Banquet at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Cost is \$45/person. For tickets, call 519-656-2005 or email [denise\\_bender@yahoo.com](mailto:denise_bender@yahoo.com)

**From Tri-County Mennonite Homes:**

Tri-County Mennonite Homes is seeking women and men of any age interested in a career as a Personal Support Worker (PSW). Accredited training will be provided at Nithview Community and graduates will receive a PSW Certificate recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and permanent employment at either Nithview Community or Greenwood Court. Financial assistance for the training is available. An information session will be held at Nithview Community, 200 Boullee Street, New Hamburg, on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. To reserve a place, or for more information, please contact Sandy Hall, Nithview Executive Director (519-662-5101), or Joyce Penney, Greenwood Executive Director (519-276-3302).

**Sermon thoughts to ponder**

Take a moment to reflect on a meaningful encounter you've had with a member of another religion. Who might be today's Magi -- people from other religions (or no religion) who honor Jesus without wanting to leave the religion into which they were born?

How do you respond to the idea that members of different religions can see one another as neighbours with whom to exchange gifts rather than as enemies or competitors?

In silence, think of the differing religions in today's world. Hold in your heart the idea that each has gifts to give and each can receive gifts, too.