

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 & Music Leaders: Praise Team

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

HymnCome, now is the time to worship

HymnMy lighthouse

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Storyled by Stacey Keller

Scripture Reading John 1: 35-51

Sermon ‘Come and See’

Hymn # 99 (green)You walk along the shoreline

Turn to Jesus

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

Hymn Step by step

HymnI will follow

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 & Clean Up: Matthew & Faith Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

Next Sunday – January 21

Worship Leader: Tricia Cressman Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Lois Cressman

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Keith & Candice Zehr Clean Up: Judie Bowlby

Financial Update:

100% of Budget \$159,200.00

Budget givings to Jan 7/18 \$140,691.60

Shortfall \$18,508.40

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

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Jan. 15, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting.
- Mon. Jan. 15,7 pm. Worship Ministry Team meeting.
- Tues. Jan. 15, 7:30 pm. PCRC meeting.
- Sat. Feb. 17. Annual Nith Valley Women’s Retreat. Please save the date (morning & afternoon), and watch for more info.

Community Events:

- Tues. Jan. 16, 10:00-11:00 am. Wilmot Mennonite Church hosts a Women’s Bible Study. We will be meeting weekly to discuss the book, ‘Upside Down Living: Identity and Aging. Please join us.
- Tues. Jan. 16. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate hosts a gr. 9 info night. Learn more at www.rockway.ca
- Feb. 9-11. MCEC’s Women’s Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. For more info, visit 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.

Sermon Notes:

First, what is your favorite thing about the life we share in this faith community?

Second, would you be willing to invite someone you know to come and see and share this aspect of our congregational life that you enjoy?

Update from PCRC & Church Council:

In the last few months we have begun the process of a pastoral transition. Matthew and Hendrike will have their final Sunday on March 4th. This will be a Sunday of celebration to reflect on their past 17 plus years with Nith Valley! There will be a potluck following Sunday school and an open mic for sharing memories.

PCRC ministry team has met multiple times with MCEC and with approval from church council have submitted an application seeking an intentional interim pastor for a 24 month period beginning sometime after March 4th when a suitable candidate is made available for our church. If you have any questions about this process please see any member of PCRC: Dan, Brenda, Lyle, Janet, or Jackie.

Susan Cressman will be putting together a photo memory album to present to the Isert-Bender family on March 4th. If you have any photos from the past 17 years that you wish to contribute please email her : cressman7@gmail.com or give her hard copies.

Nith Valley Camp Sponsorship Fund:

The Christian Formation Ministry Team along with the Sunday School Team are committed to supporting faith formation beyond our Sunday morning Sunday School hour. As a Church we recognize and affirm that summer camp is one such opportunity. Camp is an important faith forming experience for many children. We believe a camp experience is unique as it allows children and youth an opportunity to explore God's creation in new ways.

The Camp sponsorship Fund exists to encourage all children to experience at least one year of summer camp at an MCEC affiliated camp (Hidden Acres, Silver Lake, Fraser Lake, and Ontario Mennonite Music Camp.) All children between ages 6-18 can draw upon this fund once every five years. The amount given will be \$250 each time the fund is used. To enquire more about this fund speak with Treasurer, Andy.

Job Opportunity at Hidden Acres Camp:

We are seeking a part-time, year round housekeeper, (8-10 hrs weekly). For more info, contact Campbell Nesbit at 519-625-8602, or director@hiddenacres.ca, or go to <https://hiddenacres.ca/site/opportunities/employment>