

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 Leaders: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Hymn # 16 (blue)God is here among us
- Hymn # 17 (blue)We gather together

Hearing God’s Word

- Children’s Storyled by Tricia Cressman
- Hymn # 489 (blue)O little children, gather
- Scripture ReadingLuke 10: 25-28; I John 4: 18-21
- Sermon ‘Look at Jesus... part of the drama!’
- Hymn # 541 (blue)How clear is our vocation, Lord

Turn to Jesus

- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Go with the Spirit

- Hymn # 74 (green)Now go in peace
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection

Sunday School Class

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| 1. Preschool & Kindergarten | Downstairs |
| 2. Primary Class | Downstairs |
| 3. Junior Class | Balcony |
| 4. Current Affairs Class | Sanctuary |
| 5. Sermon Discussion Class | Downstairs Hall |
| 6. Bible Study Class | Upstairs Library |
| Coffee/Juice Prep: Kathryn Cressman | |
| Clean Up: Wayne & Lynda Eckstein | |

Next Sunday – February 11

On this day, we will celebrate the Parent-Child Dedication of Levy-James Hartzler.

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| Worship Leader: Glen Cressman | Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender |
| Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman | Chorister: Lois Cressman |
| Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz | |
| Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman | Clean Up: Andy Kirkland |

Nith Valley Events:

- Wed. Feb. 7. Nith Valley Sewing Circle. Our meeting this month will be with Hillcrest (at Hillcrest). Lunch is provided. There will be quilting and knotting of comforters.
- Sat. Feb. 10. Wilmot Area’s Women’s Breakfast. The poster and sign up sheet are on the table outside the sanctuary. Today is the last day to sign up.
- Sat. Feb. 10, 6:30-9:30 pm. Nith Valley Youth Event – Dinner and discussion at Mark & Stacey’s house. Please RSVP to Stacey (keller.stace@gmail.com)
- Sun. Feb. 11. During the Sunday School hour, Jessica Rivers will be leading a discussion on inclusion. We invite all members who are interested to think and hear about our desire and hope to be a community who deeply cares for our most vulnerable young people to join in this discussion.
- Sat. Feb. 17. Annual Nith Valley Women’s Retreat. Plan to join us in the church basement. Our theme is "Celebrating Gardens". In the midst of cold, wintry days we hope to lift your spirits with renewed excitement for the promise of new life and warm weather. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer for attendance and food donations. We'll start the day at 10:00 am and end mid-afternoon.

Financial Update:

100% of Budget	\$159,200.00
Budget givings to Jan 31/18	\$155,466.60
Shortfall	\$3,733.40

Thank you to the congregation for your contributions and assistance in getting so close to our budget amount.

Community Events:

- Fri. Feb. 9, 1-3 pm. Alzheimers Society of Waterloo Wellington presents, 'An Overview of Dementia.' Session will take place at the Wilmot Rec Centre (Active Living Centre). No charge. Registration required. Call 519-742-1422.
- 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.
- Tues. Feb. 13, 5-7 pm. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at the Wilmot Rec Centre. Cost is \$10 (adults), \$5 (child). For tickets call 519-662-9372.
- Thurs. Feb. 14, 7-9 pm. The Living Room Peer Support Group will discuss, 'What type of love are we looking for on Valentine's Day?' Group meets once a month at Mannheim Mennonite Church.
- Sat. Feb. 24. Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Gather some friends and walk 2, 5 or 10 km. Call the Wilmot Family Resource Centre (519-662-2731) for more info.

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. The deadline for contributing photos is Feb. 15.

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.