

**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: Lorrie Koch

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler                      Chorister: Lois Cressman  
Speaker: Greg Yantzi

**Gather to Worship**

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Hymn # 420 (blue) .....Heart with loving heart united
- Hymn # 307 (blue) .....Will you let me by your servant

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Children’s Story .....led by Tammy Shantz
- Hymn # 78 (green) .....We will walk with God
- Scripture Reading .....John 15: 12-17
- Sermon ..... ‘Friends for the Journey’
- Hymn # 35 (duotang) .....They’ll know we are Christians

**Turn to Jesus**

- Offering
- Announcements
- Hymn # 120 (purple) .....Somebody prayed for me
- Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go with the Spirit**

- Hymn # 57 (purple) .....Go, my friends, in grace
- Benediction
- Time of Reflection

**Sunday School Class**

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| 1. Preschool & Kindergarten | Downstairs       |
| 2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)  | Downstairs       |
| 3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)  | Balcony          |
| 4. Sermon Discussion Class  | Downstairs Hall  |
| 5. Current Affairs Class    | Sanctuary        |
| 6. Bible Study Class        | Upstairs Library |
- Coffee/Juice Prep: Chris & n Janna Lynn Cressman  
Clean up: Keith & Candice Zehr

**Next Service at Nith Valley – October 28**

Worship Leader: Glen Cressman                      Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
Pianist: Susan Cressman                      Chorister: Terry Keller  
Children’s Story Leader: Stacey Keller  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Ruth & Glen Cressman    Clean up: Brenda Kirkland

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Today. Council reports due.
- Wed. Oct. 24, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Tues. Oct. 30, 7 pm. Church Council meeting.
- Sat. Nov. 24, 5 pm. Annual Advent Supper. Please bring food for a potluck meal (harvest theme please), and your favourite table game to share after the meal. In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, please bring an item for our local food bank.

Our fall worship will focus on the theme "Practicing Faith". This worship series focuses on some of the spiritual practices, or spiritual disciplines, that draw each of us into a living relationship with God. We will not discover a mandatory to-do list or a precise recipe for the spiritual life, but rather be inspired to find practices that fit our lives and contexts. How are people in our faith community practicing their faith? How are people living out their faith, and how are they strengthened by it?

Call to worship:

Leader: Jesus says, Come, follow me.

**People: Follow where?**

Leader: It could be anywhere.

**People: Follow when?**

Leader: It will be every day.

**People: Follow how?**

Leader: Never alone. Never truly alone. We are the body of Christ.

**People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

**Financial Update:**

Budget givings to Sept 30/18	\$72,547.76
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35/52 of 2018/19 Budget	\$96,014.42
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Shortfall	\$23,466.66
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Please remember that offerings can be designated to the Retreat fund.

**From MC Canada:**

MCEC and MC Canada request your feedback to assist us in communicating better with you, keeping you up-to-date with what God is doing in Canada and beyond. Your voice is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete the Communications Survey by October 31, 2018 on-line at <https://mccanada.respondnow.ca/> or take a paper copy from the shelf below the mailboxes.

**Community Events:**

- Sat. Oct, 27, 10 am – 4 pm. Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario presents Living History: Indigenous and Mennonite Stories of Encounter: a day of listening, learning and conversation about our history on this land, at Conrad Grebel. For more info, go to [www.mhso.org](http://www.mhso.org).
- Sat. Nov. 10, 7 pm. Hidden Acres Fundraiser concert at Steinmann Mennonite Church, featuring Shane & Angela Wiebe. Tickets are \$10. Call Hidden Acres (519-625-8602) for more info.
- Sat. Nov. 17, 2-4 pm. Nithview Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Community Vendors, and Tearoom. Donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated, and should be dropped off at Nithview by 10:30 am on sale day.