

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: Dan Cressman

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler **Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Gather to Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Time of Anticipation
- Call to Worship
- Invocation

Hearing God’s Word

- Hymn # 220 (blue)Worship the Lord, in the beauty
- Hymn # 206 (blue)Infant holy, infant lowly
- Children’s Storyled by Lois Cressman
- Scripture ReadingMatthew 2: 1-12
- Hymn #219 (blue)Bright and glorious is the sky
- Sermon ‘Follow that star!’

Turning to Jesus

- Offering
- Hymn # 218 (blue)As with gladness men of old
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 57 (purple)Go, my friends, in grace

Go With the Spirit

- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Next Sunday – January 13

Worship Leader: Ruth Cressman Speaker: Greg Yantzi
Pianist: Janna Lynn Chorister: Lois Cressman
Children’s Story Leader: Tammy Shantz
Coffee/Juice Prep: Matthew & Faith Cressman
Clean up: Sander & Shannon Vosters

Nith Valley Events:

- Mon. Jan. 7, 7 pm. Fellowship Ministry Team meeting. Please contact Susan or Bonnie if you have suggestions for fellowship events for 2019
- Tues. Jan. 8, 9:30 am. Service and Social group meeting in church basement. We will be knotting comforters for MCC. Bring brown bag lunch. All are welcome.
- Tues. Jan. 8, 7:15 pm. Church Council
- Wed. Jan. 9, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Sat. Feb. 9. Nith Valley is hosting the annual Mennonite Women of Wilmot cluster winter breakfast. Cost is \$10. Special music by Lifted Voices; project – donations to the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. See bulletin board for poster and sign up sheet. Please sign up by Feb. 4.
- Fri. Apr. 26 & Sat. Apr. 27. MCEC Annual Church Gathering: Deepening our Relationship with God, with speaker April Yamasaki; at Steinmann Mennonite Church.

Financial Update:	
Budget givings to Dec 30/18	\$137,083.90
100% of 2018/19 Budget	\$142,650.00
Shortfall	\$5,566.10

Remember that our fiscal year end is January 31/19 so we have 4 weeks to meet the budget. Thanks to everybody for their large contributions in December, which got us caught up to date and erased most of our shortfall.

From PCRC Ministry Team:

Coming sometime in the new year Greg Yantzi (interim pastor) will plan to meet with each family unit. Here are some questions to ponder or take notes on in preparation for this:

- *When do you feel closest to God or when are you at peace in your life?
- *What helps your faith to feel real?
- *What is one thing you love about Nith Valley currently?
- *What is one thing you would like to see in the future that is different?
- *What does the physical building and meeting place mean to you and your family?
- *What do you think is God's Vision for Nith Valley 5 years or 10 years from now?
- *Or, if we were just starting Nith Valley as a church, what would it look like? Where would we meet? What would worship services look like? What programs/activities would there be?

Please speak to anyone on the PCRC ministry team (Greg, Jackie, Janet, Brenda, Lyle & Dan) with your questions/comments or suggestions.