

**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:** Kathryn Cressman

**Pianist:** Bonnie Stemmler

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Time of Anticipation  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

**Hearing God’s Word**

Hymn # 36 (blue) .....God of our strength  
Hymn # 121 (purple) .....Nothing is lost on the breath of God  
Hymn .....He’s got the whole world  
Focus Time – Forever and Always

**Turning to Jesus**

Hymn # 596 (blue) .....And I will raise you up  
Offering  
Announcements  
Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 585 (blue) .....In your sickness  
Hymn # 1 (green) .....We sing to you, O God

**Go With the Spirit**

Benediction  
Time of Reflection  
Postlude

**Next Sunday – February 10**

Worship Leader: Terry Keller  
Pianist: Bethany Ruby  
Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
Chorister: Lois Cressman  
Clean up: Andy Kirkland

**Nith Valley Events:**

- TODAY. First Sunday groups.
- 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. Feb. 15, 6-8 pm. Gym Night at Bethel Church in New Dundee.
- Sun. Feb. 17. We have invited West Hills Fellowship to join us for our worship service, Sunday school, and a potluck lunch.
- Sun. Feb. 24, 2 pm. Sleigh Ride at Riverbend Acres, Bright. We have booked two sleighs (12 adults + children per sleigh), drinks/washrooms available. Following the sleigh ride, we can interact with their farm animals in the barn. We will collect donations at the farm to cover our fee. Please sign up if interested.
- Sat. March 23. Save the date! Women’s Retreat at Nith Valley. Christa Bender will share her experiences of teaching abroad. More details to follow.

**From Fellowship Ministry Team:**  
There will be a Men's Breakfast in March - breakfast at the Old Country Restaurant, followed by a tour of Vernon Erb’s antique farm equipment. Saturday date to be confirmed.

**Contact information update:**  
Judy River’s email address is judyrivers95@gmail.com. Please update your contact books.

**Meetings with Greg will be starting this week.** Watch your email for a link to a google document where you can see the available time slots and sign up for one that suits you, or speak to Carolyn today about February timeslots.

**Financial Update:**

Budget givings to Jan 31/19	\$151,761.18
100% of 2018/19 Budget	\$142,650.00
Surplus Givings	\$9,111.18

This was the final offering for the 2018/19 fiscal year. Thanks again for your help in meeting our budgeted givings.

**From PCRC Ministry Team:**

Starting this week, Greg Yantzi (interim pastor) will 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.

**Community Events:**

- Sat. Feb. 9, 7:30 pm. Join Menno Singers for a concert entitled 'Emancipation' (Trillium Lutheran, 22 Willow St, Waterloo). Music will include Songs of freedom from South Africa and around the world. Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$5 per child/student. They can be purchased from choristers, at the door and online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com).
- Mon. Feb. 18, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres. Join us for a free day of indoor and outdoor activities. Hot lunch available at 12:00 (\$3/person), or bring a bagged lunch. Bring your own outdoor equipment and indoor shoes. Donations toward helping children attend summer camp are welcome. Reserve your place by calling 519-625-8602 or email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)