

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: Lois Cressman

Pianist: Bethany Ruby

Chorister: Terry Keller

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Time of Anticipation

Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hearing God's Word

Hymn # 16 (blue)God is here among us

Hymn # 17 (blue)We gather together

Children's Storyled by Tricia Cressman

Scripture Reading1 Samuel 25:23-27; 32-35

Hymn # 35 (duotang)They'll know we are Christians

Sermon 'Clever Abigail'

Turning to Jesus

Hymn # 499 (blue)Lord, speak to me

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 73 (green)The Lord lift you up

Go With the Spirit

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

Refreshments will be served in the basement between the worship service and Sunday school.

Sunday School Class

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)

3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)

4. Worship Discussion Class

5. Current Affairs Class

6. Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Sam Cressman & Joyce Fyn

Clean up: Kevin D. Cressman

Location

Downstairs

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Balcony

Downstairs Hall

Sanctuary

Library

Next Sunday – March 3

Worship Leader: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Jeannette Cressman

Children's Story Leader: Lois Cressman

Nith Valley Events:

- TODAY, 2 pm. Sleigh Ride at Riverbend Acres, Bright.
- Mon. Feb. 25, 9:00-noon. Rag cutting at the New Hamburg Thrift Store. Scissors supplied. All are welcome.
- Sun. Mar. 3. First Sunday groups.
- Tues. Mar. 5, 9:30 am. Comforter Knotting Service & Social group meets in the basement. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks provided.
- Sat. Mar. 16, 9 am. Men's Breakfast. Meet for breakfast at the Old Country Restaurant in New Hamburg, followed by a tour of Vernon Erb's antique farm equipment. Sign up list is on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Sat. March 23, 9:30 am. Women's Retreat at Nith Valley. Christa Bender will share her experiences teaching abroad. Sign up sheets are posted for attendance and food contributions. All women are invited and please bring a friend if you want. Come prepared to share experiences from your school days. We'll enjoy some typical German food for lunch and free time in the afternoon. An invitation with more details is in your mailbox.

The New Hamburg Ecumenical Ministerial is hosting weekly Lenten Services and lunches at various churches throughout our community.

There are some open dates that need to be filled for hosting - March 6 & April 3. If anyone would be interested in coordinating or helping with hosting one of these lunches, possibly in cooperation with other Wilmot Ignited churches, please talk to Greg before the end of this weekend.

Community Events:

- TODAY, 7 pm. Menno Singers Family of Choirs's Annual Hymn Sing, at Waterloo North Mennonite Church.
- Fri, Mar 1 & Sat. Mar 2. Join us in celebrating the First Anniversary of the MCC rePurpose Centre! (6 Arthur St. N, Elmira). Come tour our operation and see how we are working to keep items out of landfill while providing budget friendly options for our community. www.MCCrePurposeCentre.com or 519-669-3284 for more information.
- Mon. Mar. 11 or Tues. Mar. 12. Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres. \$19.00 per person. See flyers on bulletin board. Please register by Mar. 5.

From MCEC:

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada warmly thanks Nith Valley Mennonite for your financial contribution to MCEC, especially the most recently added funds. We are grateful that God has blessed your community with resources for your ministry, and we will steward your contributions faithfully and graciously. Blessings from MCEC.

From Menno Singers:

Menno Singers invites all singers to join Mennonite Mass Choir in a performance of Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise on Sat., May 4 (St Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener) with Waterloo Chamber Players and soloists Bethany Horst, Julie Ludwig and Adam Luther. Rehearsals are Monday evenings at 7:30pm at First Mennonite Church (800 King St E., Kitchener), beginning on March 11. You can register to sing at www.mennosingers.com.

From PCRC Ministry Team:

Greg Yantzi (interim pastor) has begun meeting with family units. Please select a date & time through the google document or by speaking to Carolyn or Greg directly. 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.