

**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:** Greg Yantzi

**Pianist:** Bonnie Stemmler

**Chorister:** Jeannette Cressman

**Gather to Worship**

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

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Hymn # 46 (blue) .....I sing the mighty power of God
- Hymn # 74 (blue) .....We would extol thee
- Hymn # 47 (purple) .....Let the children come to me
- Children’s Story
- Scripture Reading ..... Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Hymn # 511 (blue) .....God, who touches earth
- Video Sermon - Dr. Brené Brown at Washington National Cathedral

**Turning to Jesus**

- Hymn # 512 (blue) .....If all you want, Lord
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 420 (blue) .....Heart with loving heart united

**Go With the Spirit**

- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

**Next Service – Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm.**

Ash Wednesday service at the church. The journey of Lent begins by acknowledging our brokenness and marking our identity as children of God. We gather together in community, in the healing presence of God, to support each other on our faith journeys.

**Next Sunday – March 10 First Sunday of Lent**

We will be sharing communion with one another.

Worship Leader: Dan Cressman Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
Pianist: Janna Lynn Cressman Chorister: Lois Cressman  
Children’s Story Leader: Carolyn O’Krafka  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Lyle & Karen Cressman  
Clean Up: Terry & Jackie Keller

**Lent Introduction:**

The Season of Lent invites us to a time of personal reflection and focused prayer in preparation for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter. Our worship services will focus around the theme "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast." Throughout the Scriptures for this Lenten season, a theme of human emptiness recurs in contrast to the satisfaction and fulfillment God longs to provide for us. God's people are portrayed enduring difficult times - hungry and thirsty, often lost and away from the safety of home. At the same time, God's people find their most basic needs met in God's abundance - they find their needs fulfilled by means of a holy feast that only God can provide!

One of the symbols used in worship will be an empty bowl, which will emptied and filled each week - a reminder that we come as empty people longing to be filled with God's love and grace. Please bring a bowl to worship in the weeks to come which represents you and can be placed at the front of our worship space and can remain during the season of Lent.

**From PCR Ministry Team:**  
Please remember to complete your suggestions for the Search Committee and deposit your form in the box at the back of the church.

### **Nith Valley Events:**

- TODAY. 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.
- **Fri. Mar. 22**, 6-8 pm. Gym night at Bethel Church in New Dundee.
- 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.

### **Community Events:**

- 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.

### **Wilmot Ignited Ministries and Events:**

- Wed. Mar. 13, 7-9 pm. Living Room (a faith-based peer support group to help people living with mental health issues) meeting at Mannheim Mennonite Church.

### **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](http://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.