

**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: Tricia Cressman

Pianist: Bethany Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Matthew Isert Bender

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn # 343 (blue).....My hope is built on nothing less

Hymn # 75 (duotang) .....Blessed by your name

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story .....led by Tammy Shantz

Hymn # 91 (blue) .....Praise to God, immortal praise

Hymn # 92 (blue) .....Lord, should rising whirlwinds

Scripture Reading .....Habakkuk 3:17-19; Matthew 13:51-52

Sermon

**Turn to Jesus**

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

**Go with the Spirit**

Hymn # 614 (blue) .....In the bulb there is a flower

Benediction

Time of Reflection

Postlude

**Sunday School Class**

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class

3. Junior Class

4. Current Affairs Class

5. Sermon Discussion Class

6. Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Terry & Jackie Keller Clean Up: Susan Cressman

Clean Up: Ross & Glenda Roth

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Sanctuary

Downstairs Hall

Upstairs Library

**Next Sunday – November 26**

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Hendrike Isert Bender

Pianist: Bonnie Stemmler

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader:

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman

Clean Up: Lyle Cressman

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Mon. Nov. 20, 7:30 pm. PCR meeting.
- Wed. Nov. 22, 9:15-11:15 am. MOPS.
- Sat. Nov. 25, 5 pm. Annual Advent Banquet. Please bring something to contribute to the potluck supper. Also, please bring a favourite table game to play following our meal together.
- Sun. Dec. 10. We have invited Hillcrest to join us for the worship service and to enjoy the music of the Nith Valley-Hillcrest singers!
- Fri. Dec. 22, 7 pm. Caroling at Nithview. This event is open to all Nithview residents and will be held in the Auditorium. Come join in an evening of carols and music.

**From Fellowship Ministry Team:**

Hillcrest and Nith Valley have joined voices and have been practicing for a special music morning program at Nith Valley Sun. Dec.10. Since we are hosting this event, we will also supply refreshments following the service. The children will have Sunday School as per usual and the adults will gather for a fellowship time in the basement during the second hour. Please sign up if you can contribute Christmas cookies/squares for this event.

## **Relearning Community- Community of Practice-Missional Community**

Last weekend we had the privilege again of being back with the Re-learning community group now renamed to “Community of Practice”...practicing in our everyday life the concepts and principles that have been taught over the last 3 years. Through our re-learning community journey we have been called to start and grow a Missional Community.

A Missional Community is described as a group of 15-30 people who intentionally gather to share life together – this includes times of fun and fellowship, sharing food together, growing spiritually together while also having a common outward mission. This Community makes time to gather every week with one week off each month. This Missional Community will gather until October 2018, experiencing, learning and innovating together at that point dividing and starting additional MC's will be explored. The desire is that a few MC,s will be apart of the fabric of Nith Valley into the future as we seek to grow as disciples nurturing our relationship with God, each other and our community.

As a team of families we are thrilled to have started our own missional community. Please thoughtfully consider joining us on this journey. We welcome ALL ages and stages. We are gathering on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 and our mission is to grow a garden which as we brainstorm further will serve our community. If you're interested and this time works for you, please speak with Tammy or Kathryn by Sunday November 26.

## **Community Events:**

- Sat. Nov. 25, 7 pm. MennoHomes presents, ‘Inshallah Ensemble Choir’ at Rockway Mennonite Church. All are welcome.
- Sat. Dec. 2, 10-4. Conrad Grebel presents the Make a Difference Market. Come to shop, listen to live music and purchase baked goods.
- Sat. Dec. 2 and Sun. Dec. 3, 7 pm. St Jacob’s Mennonite Church presents the Christmas Opera, ‘Amahl and the Night Visitors.’ Tickets are \$20 (adults), \$10 (students), \$5 (children) and are available from the church office: 519-664-2268 or church@sjmc.on.ca
- Sun. Dec. 3, 3 pm. Three Choirs at Christmas Concert (Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children’s Choir and Menno Youth) at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Tickets available from choristers, online ([www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)) or at the door.
- Sun. Dec. 10, 7 pm. Shantz Mennonite Church presents, John B. Miller & Friends, ‘Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus.’ Suggested donation of \$10 per person.
- Wed. Dec. 13, 7 pm. Conrad Grebel presents Advent Jazz Vespers service.
- Sun. Dec. 17, 3 pm. Menno Singers hosts a Messiah sing-a-long at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Admission by donations (tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more).