

**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: Janna Lynn Cressman

Chorister: Lois Cressman

Speaker: Greg Yantzi

**Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Time of Anticipation

Call to Worship

Hymn # 26 (blue) .....Holy Spirit, come with power

Hymn # 45 (green) .....In the morning when I rise

**Hearing God’s Word**

Children’s Story .....led by Judy Rivers

Hymn # 495 (blue) .....O let all who thirst

Scripture Reading .....Isaiah 58:1-9b

Sermon ..... ‘Making Room’

Hymn # 106 (green) .....Just a closer walk with thee

**Turn to Jesus**

Offering

Announcements

Sharing Time & Prayer of the Church

Hymn # 29 (green) .....You are all we have

**Go with the Spirit**

Hymn # 63 (purple) .....God, fill me now

Benediction

Time of Reflection

**Sunday School Class**

1. Preschool & Kindergarten

2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)

3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)

4. Sermon Discussion Class

5. Current Affairs Class

6. Bible Study Class

Coffee/Juice Prep: Terry & Jackie Keller

**Location**

Downstairs

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Balcony

Downstairs Hall

Sanctuary

Upstairs Library

Clean up: Lorrie Koch

**Next Sunday – November 25 Eternity Sunday**

Worship Leader: Greg Yantzi

Pianist: Susan Cressman

Chorister: Terry Keller

Children’s Story Leader: Brenda Kirkland

Coffee/Juice Prep: Janet Cressman Clean Up: Lyle & Karen Cressman

No one can deny that the journey of grief is long, painful and difficult. At this time of year, we remember those who have passed on before us while we place our hope and trust in God who is able to heal and restore us to new life. This unique candle-lit service will follow the style of songs & prayers used in the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. There will be opportunity to come forward and light a candle and/or receive anointing for healing.

A special **thank you** to everyone for your prayers, encouragement and support, trays of desserts and donations. It's so appreciated and means so much during this very difficult time. Also, I want to recognize and thank Susan Cressman and Lois Cressman for sharing their gift of music at the Celebration of Life service.

Pastor Greg – your ministerial assistance to me and our family during this difficult time, walking along side us, assisting and providing spiritual support during Steve’s final days, as well at the funeral home, the service and the burial has been a blessing. Thank you!

With love, Rebecca Hoke Berry and Stephen & Arlene Hoke

**Financial Update:**

Budget givings to Nov 4/18	\$89,863.90
40/52 of 2018/19 Budget	\$109,730.76
Shortfall	\$19,866.86

Donations are still being accepted for the Retreat Fund, as it currently contains a \$2,300 deficit.

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Sat. Nov. 24, 5 pm. Annual Advent Supper. Please bring food for a potluck meal (harvest theme please), and your favourite table game to share after the meal. In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, please bring an item for our local food bank.
- Sun. Dec. 2, 9:45 am We have been invited to worship with Hillcrest for a performance from our joint Christmas choir. First Sunday groups WILL still happen after this service.

**From Stewardship Ministry Team:**

We have replaced the wooden tables (round and square) with new ones and the old ones are available. Please speak to Wayne Eckstein for more information.

**Community Events:**

- Thurs. Nov. 29, 7 pm. Book Launch in the Nithview Auditorium for author Ruth Zehr's most recent book, 'Engaging with Life'.
- Sun. Dec. 9, 3 pm. Menno Singers' Christmas Concert at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (54 Benton St., Kitchener). Tickets \$20 (\$5 students and seniors) available at the door, from choristers, or online at [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)
- Sun. Dec. 9, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00). Area Mennonite Churches Joint Christmas Choir Concert, at Steinmann Mennonite Church, featuring 5 church choirs, mass choir, instrumentalists and carol singing. Freewill offering for Rohingya Refugee Crisis, project of Mennonite Central Committee.
- Sun. Dec. 16, 3 pm. Menno Singers hosts a Messiah Sing-a-long at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Bring a score and join in, or come to listen. Donations accepted (tax receipts available for donations over \$20).