

**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:** Tammy Shantz

**Pianist:** Susan Cressman **Chorister:** Janna Lynn Cressman

**Speaker:** Greg Yantzi

**Gather to Worship**

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

**Hearing God’s Word**

- Hymn # 45 (green) .....In the morning when I rise
- Hymn # 546 (blue) .....Guide my feet
- Children’s Story .....led by Judy Rivers
- Scripture Reading .....Esther 4:6-16
- Hymn # 14 (green) .....Lord Jesus, you shall be my song
- Sermon ..... ‘Esther the Queen’

**Turning to Jesus**

- Hymn # 61 (green) .....How can we be silent
- Offering
- Announcements
- Sharing Time and Prayer of the Church
- Hymn # 57 (purple) .....Go, my friends in grace

**Go With the Spirit**

- Benediction
- Time of Reflection
- Postlude

Welcome to those from West Hills Fellowship this morning. We are grateful for your presence with us as we worship and fellowship together. A potluck meal will follow our worship service and Sunday School.

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

**Sunday School Class**

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| 1. Preschool & Kindergarten | Downstairs      |
| 2. Primary Class (gr. 1-5)  | Downstairs      |
| 3. Junior Class (gr. 6-12)  | Balcony         |
| 4. Worship Discussion Class | Downstairs Hall |
| 5. Current Affairs Class    | Sanctuary       |
| 6. Bible Study Class        | Library         |

Coffee/Juice Prep: Beth & Ross Ruby  
Clean up: Jeannette Cressman

**Next Sunday – February 24 Theme: Clever Abigail**

Worship Leader: Lois Cressman Speaker: Greg Yantzi  
Pianist: Bethany Ruby Chorister: Terry Keller  
Children’s Story Leader: Tricia Cressman  
Coffee/Juice Prep: Sam Cressman & Joyce Fyn  
Clean up: Kevin D. Cressman

**Nith Valley Events:**

- Mon. Feb. 18. Council reports due.
- 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.
- Sun. Mar. 3. First Sunday groups.
- 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.

**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.

**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](http://www.mennosingers.com).

**Community Events:**

- 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)
- Sun. Feb. 24, 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. See weaving and textile demonstrations, enjoy refreshments and have the first opportunity to purchase spring and summer items! [www.MCCrePurposeCentre.com](http://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.