



Sunday, November 19, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin
Speakers — Chris Hutton, Mary Krueger,

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.
We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

Order of Worship

Welcome & announcements

Hymn VT #10, *Here in This Place*

Call to worship & opening prayer

Children's time

Offering with special music

Offertory prayer

Hymn VT #605, *My Life Flows On*

Message — How To Journey With Each Other When We Hurt

Hymn VT #644, *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Sharing & congregational prayer

Hymn VT #831, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Benediction

Today —

► **8:45 am**, The **Adult Education Class**, *Being Community Through Hardship*, concludes in the choir room. We invite you to a discussion on how we walk with one another through difficult times.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.

Coffee Time — We encourage people to bring along their own tumblers for coffee. The cost of paper cups has increased dramatically so let's do our part in minimizing paper waste! *Let's start a new tradition of bringing your tumbler and your Bible along to enjoy coffee time at church!*

Church Life . . .

◆ Memorial Sunday, November 26

► Join us for worship at 10 am with Lindsey Ecker leading worship and Chris Hutton and Mary Krueger bringing the message.

◆ **The Decorating Committee** needs an extra person to help “deck” the tree this year. If you are comfortable on a ladder we could really use your help. Decorating will take place sometime during the week of November 27 in order to be ready for the first Sunday of Advent. Please contact Nadine Driedger at 519-796-2347 if you are interested.

◆ **Tuesday November 28**, 2 pm, **NLUMC Seniors’ Christmas Tea and Carol Sing** at North Church basement.

◆ **Tuesday December 5**, 2 pm, **NLUMC Seniors’ Christmas Tea and Carol Sing** in JC Neufeld Lounge.

◆ **Keeping Heads WARM...Toques for Kids!**

According to Major Judi Wikens at **The Salvation Army**, there are many children, adolescents and adults in our surrounding communities that do not have adequate winter wear. The Missions Team is launching a collection of warm toques, mitts and gloves for the next four weeks. They must be new items...purchased or hand knit. There is a bin in the church foyer ready for your donations. Thanks!

◆ **An Investment for You, Bonus Interest for NLUMC**

Kindred Credit Union is pleased to support the wonderful work of NLUMC with the Community Inspiration GIC bonus interest donation of \$532.03. Community Inspiration GIC is the new name for the Church Builder GIC which was renamed this year after we made some changes to include more congregations and charities as potential recipients. This donation means that one or more of your members or supporters have invested in the Kindred Community Inspiration GIC and have chosen NLUMC as the beneficiary.

— **Upcoming Events** —

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent and Communion

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 – Evening service

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day morning service

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Sat. & Sun. January 6 & 7 – Credence & Co. workshops

Sunday, January 21 – NLUMC Annual General Meeting

◆ **Save the date for January 6 & 7, 2024:** We have invited **Credence & Co.** to lead some workshops for us around strengthening our congregation's communication, discernment, and engaging important conversations together. More information to follow in December.

◆ **Budget Update**

December 1, 2022 – November 17, 2023 (96.4% of year) \$249,059 (87%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

On November 30, NLUMC will reach our year end for giving. Thank you so much for how you've given and supported our church in the past. Your financial support allows us to pursue the actions and dreams that grow us as a community, love others, and grow as followers of Jesus. We continue to encourage everyone to discuss the topic of stewardship with their family and donate as they are able. Donations to the church do not just necessarily reflect facts and numbers, but they are one of the important ways that we build relationship between ourselves and the rest of our church community.

As our year end approaches and the Christmas season draws near, would you consider giving one more donation and gift towards our church? *We are grateful and we are confident that God who began a good work in us will carry it to completion.* Philippians 1:6

▶ Have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?
▶ Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

▶ Donations are accepted by:

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message
- 3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church, today, 4 pm.** An outdoor service of worship with creation at Kennedy Woods, 252 Road 3 W., Kingsville, with personal time for wandering & reflection. All are welcome! Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Meet by the parking lot, RAIN or SHINE. Dress accordingly. Washrooms at the nearby Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary. Facilitators: Karen Sheil, Susan Kennel Harrison, Ruth Boehm.

For more info: fmcleamington1@gmail.com

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► After 26 years of service at UMEI, **Principal Sonya Bedal has announced her retirement** at the end of this school year. The board, staff, and the countless students that have passed through the school during her tenure know the impact she has made on the school. Thank you, Sonya, and enjoy your retirement. You deserve it!

We are excited to announce that **Darcy Bults has been appointed as UMEI's next Principal**. Darcy has been a part of the UMEI family for 12 years, has shown incredible leadership skills, and is ready to continue UMEI's legacy of strong Christian education in our community.

► Do you know someone who wants to learn more about a UMEI education? The best way to learn about UMEI is to visit and experience the difference for yourself! Come and see us at the **Open House** and talk to students, parents and teachers about why UMEI students are happy to come to school every day. All ages and grade levels welcome! Sign up at umei.ca/openhouse or simply drop in sometime between 6:30 and 8:30 on **Wednesday, November 22**. We can't wait to welcome you!

► Join us for a **delicious lunch** of cabbage rolls, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and dessert on **Sunday, November 26!** Check out our social media or call the office for information on our new SKIP THE LINE option!! UMEI relies on the generous support of our community to provide high quality Christian education right here in Leamington, so please share with others.! See you on November 26!

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Friday travelogue, November 24, *Switzerland and the Rhine* by Ken Enns at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Everyone welcome by donation.

◆ **Hot Chocolate & Cookies, Saturday, November 25** at the Leamington Christmas Parade. Courtesy of Community Meals & Pantries, St. John's Anglican Church, 60 Erie St. N, Leamington. Washroom facilities available.

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers** concert: "Like a Mighty Stream" on **Sunday, November 26** at 3 pm at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St. E. Leamington. Suggested donation: \$15. All are welcome.

◆ **Christmas Dinner**. Please join us for our **29th Annual Christmas Dinner, Monday, December 25**. Dine-in starting at noon. Take-out available for pick-up at 1 pm. Delivery available for shut-ins (Leamington Wheatley, Kingsville only). St. John's Anglican Church, 60 Erie St. N. Leamington. Call 519-326-3111 by noon December 24 to register. Registration required for pick-up and delivery. There is no cost or obligation.

◆ Mennonite Central Committee News

▶ **2023 Christmas Giving Guides** are available in the church foyer. Choose gifts that change lives this year. Or go to [Christmas Giving | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](https://www.mcc.org) to see the list or donate online.

▶ **MCC Annual Reports** are available in the brochure rack in the church foyer.

Junior Youth

Junior Youth Converge at UMEI, Friday, November 24, 7-8:30 pm. A junior youth event of LUMC, NLUMC, and Faith Mennonite. It will be a time of games, snacks, and worship and Bible teaching. ***THERE WILL BE NEW GAMES THIS TIME!**

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. John's Anglican Church** and their pastor Kimberly Myer.

East week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Crosshill Mennonite Church** in Millbank, Ontario.

Thought for the Day

**"My God, my God! Why have you forsaken me?
Why do you remain so distant?
Why do you ignore my calls for help?"
Psalm 22, NLT**

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](https://www.nlumc.com), including YouTube videos of our past services.
 - Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
 - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
 - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
 - Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for information.
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Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

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