



**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Memorial Sunday**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Joanne Brown

Speaker — Chris Hutton

*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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Announcements

Justice and peace candle lighting

Words of welcome

Hymn VT #670, *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

Call to worship and opening prayer

*My God and I*

Scripture reading — Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Children's time

Offering with hymn VT#163, *Amazing Grace*

Offering prayer

Hymn VT #747, *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Candle Lighting Service

**John H. Neufeld**, (95) passed away December 28, 2023

**Hilde Sawatzky**, (94) passed away January 25, 2024

**Walter Dick**, (84) passed away March 29, 2024

**Alfred Fischer**, (93) passed away April 30, 2024

**Helen Dick**, (100) passed away May 13, 2024

**Bill Willms**, (87) passed away June 26, 2024

**Victor Huebert**, (84) passed away November 11, 2024

Message — A Time to Remember

Hymn VT #628, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Sharing and congregational prayer

Hymn VT #419 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

*The flowers in the sanctuary are from the Leamington Mennonite Home  
in remembrance of our members who have passed on.*

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

**Today . . . Christmas Is Coming** and we need your help. We require two men to take the tree out of the storage area and assemble it, today following the worship service or Monday morning, November 25. If you are able to help us, please call Judy Koop, 519-322-8456, or Carol Koop, 519-791-2792, as soon as possible.

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## Church Life . . .

### ◆ **Next Sunday, First Sunday of Advent, December 1**

Join us for worship at 10 am on the First Sunday of Advent as we celebrate Communion together. We will begin our Advent series “Together on the Journey” with John Harder leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

► The early church combined the celebration of Communion with a program of offering food to the less fortunate. The Missions Team recommends that we follow a similar practice through the donation of grocery cards. Come celebrate Communion and drop off a grocery card for SECC. Donations can also be made at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate/>

◆ **Senior’s Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 26, 2 pm** at NLUMC hosted by the Care Giving Team.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, November 27** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers and baked goods (cookies, squares – no nuts) for the dessert on that day. Please contact Vicki Dick, [vicki.dick@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.dick@gmail.com)

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, November 27, 3:30 pm** at the church.

### ◆ **Missions Team News**

► You will notice a **Community Meal** table is set up in the foyer. A plate will be set on the table whenever \$600 has been donated, with the hope that 12 settings can be set...one for each month. The table is more than half set! Any amount of donation is welcome. We realize that there has been a huge increase ...as there have been increases in numbers of guests served, around 250 people per meal. The cost of groceries has increased as well. We continue to provide healthy meals to those in need.

► **Keeping Heads Warm! Toques for Kids!** According to Major Judi Wickens at The Salvation Army, the need for winter wear in our community is great. The Missions Team is launching a collection of winter hats, mitts and gloves over the next two weeks. Please leave your donations in the bin.

▶ Thank you for your contributions to our many Missions projects so far this year:

- \$727.00 for Thanksgiving Bounty for Salvation Army Food Bank plus food donations received
- \$550.00 in grocery gift cards for South Essex Community Council since April
- \$200.00 from our Change is Good! project in partnership with our Sunday School, also for South Essex Community Council
- 141 pairs of socks and 30 underwear distributed to the Leamington Community Hope Centre and The Bridge Youth Resource Centre

We are grateful for your wonderful generosity in giving to these important community projects. Thank you! . . . *Missions Team*

### ◆ Home Church Information

▶ **Road 6 Home Church**, Sundays 11:30 am

625 Mersea Rd. 6, Leamington. Contact: Lindsay Ecker 519-322-8340

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm

22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville, Contact: Mary Krueger 519-322-9620

▶ **Cherokee Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, Contact: Chris Hutton 519-613-1971

### ◆ Budget Update

**December 1, 2023 – November 21, 2024** (97.5% of year) \$257,241 (90.9%) of our \$283,113.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

### ◆ Donations to NLUMC

▶ 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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message

3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

## — Upcoming Event —

**Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent with Communion**

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Community Fundraising Meal.** Join us today from 11:30 am – 1 pm for a delicious lunch of cabbage rolls, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and dessert. UMEI relies on the generous support of our community to provide high quality Christian education right here in Leamington, so please share with others!

▶ UMEI's Senior Drama Class presents *James and the Giant Peach* on **Friday, December 13 at 7 pm** and **Saturday, December 14 at 2 pm**. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the office at UMEI or at the door.

### ◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogues at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Everyone welcome by donation.

▶ **Friday, November 29:** *Greece and Crete* by Jim & Lorna Wiebe

▶ **Friday, December 6:** *Ukraine Heritage Cruise 2008* by John Dick

### ◆ Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Christmas Concert

“Hear the Good News” **Sunday, December 1** at 3 pm at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St.E, Suggested Donation: \$20. Everyone welcome.

### ◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

For many years the Leamington Mennonite Home had an active Ladies Auxiliary Committee. This committee helped raise funds and organized special events for our Home, but the COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult for this committee to remain active. At this time we would invite any persons interested in revitalizing the Auxiliary Committee to call Judy Ferrari at 519-326-6109 ext.229 or email [judy@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:judy@mennonitehome.ca).

### ◆ Local Foodgrains Bank News

Thank you to all that attended and supported the Canadian Foodgrains Bank harvest Dinner at Uni-Fab. Thanks to Abe, Lisa and Mary Fehr for hosting us. A wonderful evening that generated over \$20,000. This effort, plus the government match, will feed many hungry people across the globe.

Thank you all. . . *Henry Klassen and the local Growing Project Committee*

### ◆ Mennonite Central Committee

Choosing a gift for someone can be a challenge, especially at Christmas. Sometimes the task is easier because a list has been made and the only choice is what gift from the list you choose to buy and give. My family started making lists like this a few years ago and it does make the Christmas shopping experience much easier. **The MCC Christmas Giving Guide** allows you to

buy a gift for a family in a way that can transform their lives through resources such as clean water, nutritious food or quality education. There are several guides in the church foyer. The guide is also at [Christmas Giving | Mennonite Central Committee](#)

### ◆ From Canadian Mennonite

With the Canada Post strike, your December print issue will be delayed. Sign up for digital delivery to get it by email on November 29. CM sends an email each Friday and attaches a PDF copy of the magazine once per month. Contact Lorna at [office@canadianmennonite.org](mailto:office@canadianmennonite.org).

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## Junior Youth

**Christmas Party, Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.**

## Senior Youth

**Christmas Party, Monday, December 9.**

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### Thought for the Day

For everything there is a season,  
a time for every activity under heaven.  
A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant and a time to harvest.  
A time to cry and a time to laugh.  
A time to grieve and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,4

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Leamington United Church** and their pastor Melodee Lovering.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, we are praying for **Nith Valley Mennonite Church** near New Hamburg, Ontario.

**To view more information from MCEC** go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mcec.ca\)](#)

**Missions** — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org)

Thank you all for your kind words, cards, emails, visits, gifts of food and flowers, support for Vic’s memorial service, and ongoing prayers during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful to this loving community.

*... Helen Huebert and family*

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## **Connect . . .**

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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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## **Contacts . . .**

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.