



Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Judy Cornies

Speaker — Paul Cornies

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

Justice and Peace Candle Lighting

VT #241, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Special music — Angel's Carol

Lighting of Third Advent Candle

Offering with hymn VT #275, *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Children's time

Scripture reading — Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-21

VT #267/268, *What Child Is This/Helpless and Hungry*

Message — Who Belongs?

Special music — One Little Candle

Sharing and congregational prayer

Closing hymn VT #249, *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Benediction



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

Church Life . . .

◆ Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

Join us for worship at 10 am on the Fourth Sunday of Advent as we continue our Advent series "Together on the Journey" with Chani Wiens leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message. The children will share songs with the congregation.

◆ Church Council meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 7 pm.

◆ **In Preparation for the January 26, 2025 Annual General Meeting**, please have all reports for the report booklet in to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**.

◆ **Anyone travelling to Concord/Vaughan, ON?**

The Church photo directories are being printed in Concord, ON with an estimated delivery around Christmas time. Due to the Canada Post strike they would have to source another shipping mode and we just wondered if anyone might be travelling that way near the end of December/beginning of January. If so, please let Brenda Fischer know and we will see if schedules might coincide.



— **Upcoming Events** —

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

7 pm

Together on the Journey: In a Manger
Treat bags will be distributed to the children.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

10 am

Together on the Journey: Who is Going to Bethlehem?

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

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>

Holiday Office Hours

Open

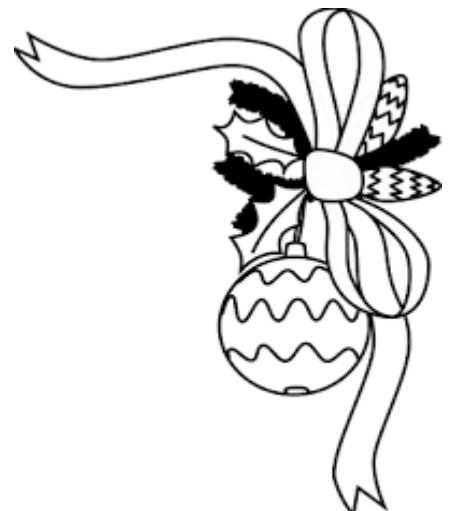
December 27, 31 (9 am – 1 pm)

January 2, 2025

Closed

December 24, 25, 26,

January 1, 2025



Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church**

Do you want to watch the sun set? Try Wild Church. Worship outdoors with creation and people who are seeking restorative solitude and community.

Sunday December 15, at 4 pm, Lakeside Park—315 Queen St, Kingsville.

Meet at the pavilion by the lake. Bring a chair or a blanket. Dress for the weather. For more information call Ruth at 519-990-2869.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **UMEI's Choir Christmas Concert** will be held on **Tuesday, December 17** at 7 pm at Faith Mennonite Church. All are welcome.

▶ Thank you to all the generous donors who have already supported our **Annual Autumn Campaign**. The contributions we have received have made a tremendous impact on UMEI, enabling us to continue offering high quality Christian education to students in our community. We are just over halfway to our goal, and we would be honoured if you continued to help us make a difference in the lives of our students. Donations can be made by e-transfer to office@umei.ca or on our website at umei.ca/giving.

◆ **Support MCEC's Future: Your Help Is Needed!** This season, remember MCEC in your giving. MCEC faces a financial challenge and needs your support by **January 31, 2025** to meet the approved budget. Churches are finding renewed purpose and reimagining ministry, and they're privileged to journey with them—and they can't do it alone. Your donation fuels MCEC's transformational work. Visit mcec.ca/annual-appeal to give today!

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a Fundraising & Communications Manager. This is a permanent, half-time, hybrid position in Kitchener. If you would like to inspire and engage SLMC's generous community, read more at slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors and apply soon!

Thought for the Day

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
For he has appointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
And the blind will see
That the oppressed will be set free,
And that the time of the Lord's favor has come.

Luke 4:18,19

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Ministerio Cristiano Hispano** and their pastors; Lucas Marroquin and Jose Bonilla.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Ottawa Mennonite Church** in Ottawa, Ontario.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Rudy Lehn*, father of *Brian & Tia*, who passed away Saturday, December 7, 2024. A private family service was held.

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mceec.ca\)](https://www.mceec.ca)

Missions — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, www.mcc.org

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at 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.

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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