



Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chani Wiens

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.*

Order of Worship



Announcements

Peace & Justice candle lighting

Call to worship

Opening hymn VT #265, *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Lightning of the Advent Candles

Sunday School special music:

Born is the King

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Children's time

Bell ringers – This Christmastide

Offering with VT #243, *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading – Luke 1:26-49

Message — Together on the Journey #4: Friendship Outside the Lines

VT #248, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (v. 1, 2 & 5)

Sharing & congregational prayer

Closing hymn – VT #252, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24** at 7 pm. Join us “Together on the Journey: In a Manger.” Treat bags will be distributed to the children.

◆ **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25** at 10 am. Join us “Together on the Journey: Who is Going to Bethlehem?”

◆ **Join us Next Sunday, December 29** at 10 am when Paul Cornies leads worship and David Hrynyk brings the message.

◆ **Painting in Church**

Maintenance Team wants to do some prep work in early January so that in mid-January some painting can happen in the building. Volunteer painters will be needed. More details to follow.

◆ **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

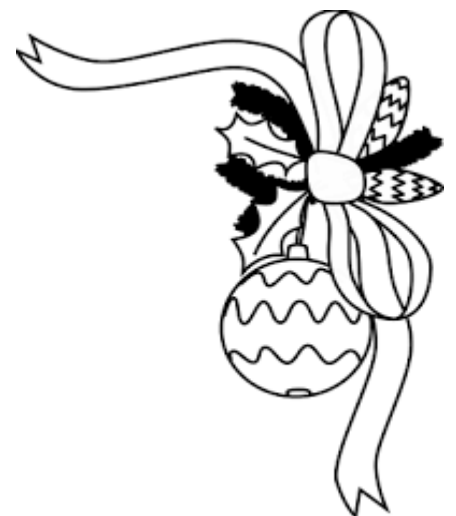
December 27, 31 (9 am – 1 pm)

January 2, 2025

Closed

December 24, 25, 26,

January 1, 2025



Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ Isaiah 9:6 — *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Merry Christmas from the staff and students at UMEI Christian High School. Wishing you and your family peace and love through the holiday season and beyond.

▶ 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'd 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.

◆ **Join the Sacred Conversation! Reclaiming the art of the sermon as a dialogue in Jesus' way.** A dialogical preaching workshop led by Rielly McLaren. He is a chaplain, pastor and spiritual director in Windsor, Ontario.

Join us on **Sunday, January 19, 2025** from 1-3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk St. Leamington. Online or via Zoom. Rielly will be modelling this method in worship at 10:30. Lunch available. Join us as you are able. Register by calling 519-990-2869 or click <https://forms.gle/wvFERZtkpo5yTRF29>.

"Dialogical preaching encourages Christ-like discipleship through mutual listening and learning." If you know of someone in your congregation - a lay preacher or team member, please share this opportunity with them. The cost is free as this event is possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

◆ **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!

Thought for the Day

As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend sharpens a friend.
Proverbs 27:17

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **The Salvation Army** and their pastors; Judi & Ron Wickens.

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.

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

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

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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