



Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin
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 #215, *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee*
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Children's time
Offering & hymn VT #212, *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*
Offertory prayer
Scripture reading — Luke 11: 9-13
Message — Together on the Journey #2: What do you want this Christmas?
Hymn VT #222, *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder*
Sharing & congregational prayer
Closing hymn, VT #261, *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ Third Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent, December 15

Join us for worship at 10 am on the Third Sunday of Advent as we continue our Advent series “Together on the Journey” with Judy Cornies leading worship and Paul Cornies bringing the message.

◆ Church Council Finance meeting, Tuesday, December 10,
at the home of Brenda Klassen.

◆ **Community Building Team News.** Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, December 13** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **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** —

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22
10 am

Together on the Journey: Who lends a hand?
The children will share songs with the congregation.

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**

▶ 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 . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ 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.

▶ 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.

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◆ 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.

◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** appreciates all the support shown in 2024. We have had a record production year, distributing over 5.4 million servings of dried soup mix and apple snacks. Over 1 million servings have stayed in the Windsor/Essex County region to help with local food insecurity. The rest has gone to countries like Sierra Leone and Ukraine to help there. The demand for our product has never been higher. If you have not already, please consider donating to our Christmas Campaign. You can donate by cheque or cash, by e-transfer to swogleaners@gmail.com or through our website www.swogleaners.ca. Thanks for your support!

. . . Joel Epp, General Manager

◆ **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](#)

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

▶ **Winter and Spring Retreats Registration opened December 1** at 12 pm. Come to Silver Lake in 2025 for fun camp experiences! On the calendar are... Fathers & Kids Retreat (January 17-19), Women's Retreat (January 31-February 2), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (February 28-March 2), Staff Alumni Retreat (March 21-23), Music Retreat (March 28-30), Family Camp (May 16-18). Go to slmc.ca/retreats for more info.

▶ **Summer Camp:** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 8 am. Outtrip registration opens January 7 – sign up before January 30 to get \$100 off! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to have a sneak peek at the 2025 schedule.

◆ **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!

Junior Youth

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

Senior Youth

Christmas Party, Monday, December 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

“You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” Luke 11:11-13

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastor Matt Harman, Susan Friesen and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

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

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