



**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Judy Cornies

Speaker — 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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and announcements

Justice and Peace Candle lighting

VT #275, *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Call to worship and opening prayer

Offering with hymn VT #277, *As with Gladness*

Children's time

Scripture reading — Luke 2:41-52

Message — Nurturing our Faith

VT #298, *What is the World Like When God's Will is Done?*

Sharing time and prayer

"The Best Christmas Gift" — a pondering

VT #839B, *Go, My Friends, in Peace* and benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Join us Next Sunday, January 12** at 10 am when Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **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, January 10** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

### ◆ **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.

## ◆ 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

## ◆ 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 —

**NLUMC Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, January 26, 10 am**

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm.

**Friday, January 10** — *Japan* by Paul and Leasa Barkovsky

**Friday, January 17** — *Romania* by Luise Taves

**Friday, January 31** — “Power of the Past” book launch by Louise Cornies

Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

### ◆ Mennonite Burial Society

**Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held both in person at Scott Street Church ([www.scottstchurch.ca](http://www.scottstchurch.ca)) 339 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, and online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7404216638> on **Saturday, January 11** at 2 pm. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2024 results, 2025 levies and benefit payments, and future plans. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at [www.mennoniteburialsociety.com](http://www.mennoniteburialsociety.com), or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email [info@mennoniteburialsociety.com](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com)

◆ **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](https://mcec.ca/annual-appeal) to give today!

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## Junior Youth

**God and Games, Friday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the church.

## Senior Youth

**Bible Study and Games, Monday, January 13, 6:30 - 8:30** at the church.

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### Thought for the Day

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen, Quentin Unger, Annie Bergen and Jona Neufeld.

**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)

Our prayers go out to the family of *Irma Janzen*, mother of *Debbie Janzen* and *Jeanne Epp*, who passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home, 14 Russell Street, Leamington on Tuesday, January 7 from 2 pm until the funeral service to celebrate Irma's life at 3 pm. A private burial will take place.

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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 crisis 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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Facebook: North Leamington United Mennonite Church

Website: [www.northleamington.com](http://www.northleamington.com) ..... Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](#)

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