



Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Candlelighters: Jamey, Danielle, Alliya, Ethan, Camryn Barnewall

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

Order of Worship

Prepare ye the way of the Lord – Advent candle lighting
Call to worship
Opening prayer
Hymn #197, *Angels we have heard on high*
Children's feature
Hymn #191, *O little town of Bethlehem*
Announcements
Hymn #176, *Comfort, comfort, O my people*
Sharing & prayer
Offering & hymn #209, *O, how joyfully* (v. 1 in German; v. 1-3 in English)
Offertory prayer
Scripture reading — Luke 3:7-18
Message — The World is About to Turn
STS #124, *My soul cries out*
Sending prayer



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

Today . . .

- ▶ 9 am – **Choir practice** for Christmas Choir. If you are interested in the choir song choices for Christmas, go to www.VoicesTogetherHymnal.org and click on downloads and audio files. Check out “See Whose Glory” and “Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets.”
- ▶ Got a craving for peppermint cookies or other Christmas goodies? There will be a **bake sale** after worship, with funds raised to support the Salvation Army Food Bank. This is planned in connection with the Food Drive as both cash and dry goods are needed.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23 —

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▶ 10 am — **Join us for worship** as Pastor Kendall brings the message; Protest Song.

▶ **Sunday School dress rehearsal.** We will be having our Christmas Eve dress rehearsal right after the worship service. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Christmas choir.** Come join us to celebrate Christmas Day by lifting our voices in song. Rehearsals will be on **December 16, 23 & 25** at 9 am. All are welcome. Helga Enns will direct and Sandra Warkentin will accompany. If you are interested in the choir song choices for Christmas, go to www.VoicesTogetherHymnal.org and click on downloads and audio files. Check out “See Whose Glory” and “Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets.”

◆ **Christmas Eve Service, Monday, December 24,** 7 pm. Gather for a sacred time of worship and drama. Madison Hamm will sing *O Holy Night* and the children will present the drama *The Innkeeper's Son*.

◆ **Christmas Day Service, Tuesday, December 25,** 10 am.

▶ 9 am – Christmas Choir practice.

▶ 10 am – Celebrate Christ's birth! What does Good look like? Good looks like God becoming one of us, Immanuel.

◆ **Food Drive – Reverse Advent.** Sometimes in Advent, you get a little something each day of December leading up to Christmas. NLUMC would like to invite you to GIVE a little something each day - a little food. Bring your canned and dry good offerings to church each week and together we will help stock the shelves of the Salvation Army Food Bank in Leamington. The need is great this year. There is also a bake sale today to support the Food Bank. From now until Christmas Day, bring your food to the Christmas tree in the foyer as you come in to church.

◆ **Advent Colouring Pages:** Colouring isn't just for kids anymore! Worship Team is providing colouring pages for all ages with an Advent theme. Colouring is acknowledged as an excellent way to provide space and time to slow down, meditate, and reduce stress; it's our gift to you this season.

Colouring sheets are available at the playground table and also at the table in the foyer.

◆ Save the Dates ◆

All Youth Christmas Party – today
Sunday School Dress rehearsal – December 23
Christmas Eve Service – December 24
Christmas Day Service – December 25



**The church office will be closed
December 24, 25 & 26 and January 1.**

**The church office will be open
December 27 & 28, 9 am - 12 noon.**

We will reopen with regular hours on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

Autumn Campaign. Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's Annual Autumn Campaign. To date, we have received \$38,000. This is about 49% of our final goal of \$77,000. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to UMEI's Autumn Campaign. Your generous contributions help to make it possible for families of our community to access a quality Christian Education. Making your donation today ensures that you receive a tax-deductible receipt that can be applied to your 2018 tax returns.

◆ **Mennonite Burial Society.** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at 2 pm in the Pleasant Manor Oakview Chapel on 15 Elden Street in Virgil. Discussions to include levy rates and sustainability of society, revisions to constitution (for Jan 2020 AGM vote) regarding dissolution processes (society is not dissolving, however members may vote on this at a future AGM) and expanded eligibility of new members, etc. Board and committee positions are available. For further information please contact Barry Boese, 905-228-1850, info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

◆ **MCEC Event: Caregiving in a #ChurchToo World, January 19, 2019.** **Time-sensitive event information:** If you are interested in more education around #ChurchToo, you are encouraged to consider attending a special seminar on Saturday, January 19 at Steinmann Mennonite Church,

Baden, Ontario, on the theme of “Caregiving in a #ChurchToo World” with prominent keynote speaker Marie Fortune. This event is open to interested MCEC congregants. Space is limited so make sure people from your church register ASAP at <https://uwaterloo.ca/anabaptist-learning-workshop/pcc12019>.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News.** Our Home is grateful for the many gifts given this past year to support our ministry of eldercare. The volunteer and prayerful support, together with your financial assistance have allowed us to provide exceptional care to our seniors and frail elderly. We thank our supporting Mennonite congregations with wishes for a Blessed Christmas!

◆ **2019 MCC Calendars** are available in the church foyer.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

► **Fathers & Kids Retreat** at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp from **January 18-20, 2019:** This is an amazing weekend for any dad looking to spend quality time with his kids. Skating on the lake, building snowmen and igloos, snowshoeing through the woods, roasting smores over the campfire, playing board games and mini-sticks in the dining hall and watching Hockey Night in Canada on the big screen! Dad’s enjoy some free-time on Saturday morning on the couches by the fire (newspapers and coffee will be in abundance) while our staff provide some outdoor programming with the kids. Sounds too good to be true we know, but that’s the Fathers & Kids Retreat. NOTE: Father can be defined as any male adult role model or mentor. For more information (including pictures from prior years) and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200

► **Women’s Retreat** at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp from **February 8-10, 2019:** A Wild Heart: living the paradox of love in our lives. This Women’s only weekend is the perfect retreat for those looking to relax, reconnect and renew! Experience the beauty of creation. Be nourished by the relaxed pace and meaningful conversation. Play in the snow, breathe deeply in yoga, skate on the lake, treat yourself to a massage, snowshoe through the woods, stargaze on a horse drawn sleigh ride, savour exceptional food, or enjoy late night laughs in our brand new sauna. This time is all yours! Tanya Dyck Steinmann, pastor and spiritual director, offers times of worship, reflection and creative expression. For more information (including pictures from prior years) and to register visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

◆ **Employment Opportunities**

Thrift on Mill. All the details and the application process are online at mcccanada.ca. Go to “Current Openings” and use the keyword “Leamington.”

► **Part-time Relief Manager** for 10-20 hours per week:

<https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/relief-manager-thrift-mill>

► **Full-time Warehouse and Receiving Support Worker:**

<https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/serve/openings/warehouse-receiving-support-thrift-mill>

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, December 5 update

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **The Blazer**, CMU, Fall 2018
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Youth . . .

All Youth Christmas Party today, 6 - 8 pm, at NLUMC. Please bring a small, wrapped, reused or recycled gift. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater.

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. Michael's Roman Catholic Parish and their pastors; John Pirt, Danny Santos and Jan Drabczak.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Erb Street Mennonite Church, Waterloo, Ontario.

Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, prayers and cards while Ann Fischer, mother of Kevin Fischer, was in the hospital. She is back home now after receiving two cardiac stents and a pacemaker. She had a small stroke on her right side that is healing. *Thank you, Kevin & Barb Fischer*

Please pray for *Abe Geisbrecht*, brother-in-law of Marge Friesen, who is dealing with cancer.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Richard Amlin*, father of Jeff & Susie Amlin, who passed away Saturday, December 10.

We invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation you might have by calling or emailing the church office, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia, 519-819-3772 or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.

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