



**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Candlelighters: Ken, Debbie, Chloe and Lucy Srigley



Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement, 2011

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## Order of Worship

*Anyone wishing to join in the procession to sing the chant  
“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” to open our 4<sup>th</sup> Advent worship service  
today, is asked to meet in the foyer at 9:55 am.*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord – Advent candle lighting

Call to worship

Opening prayer

Hymn #212, *O come, all ye faithful*

Hymn, *Come, thou long expected Jesus* (insert in hymnal)

Children’s feature

Worship music — *O little town of Bethlehem*

Announcements

Hymn, *With Mary Sing Magnificat* (insert in bulletin)

Sharing & prayer

Offering & hymn #215, *What child is this*

Offertory prayer

Scripture reading — Luke 1:39-56

Message — Protest Song

STS #124, *My soul cries out*

Worship music — *Silent Night* (congregation to join in on verses)

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](http://www.VoicesTogetherHymnal.org) and click on downloads and audio files. Check out “See Whose Glory” and “Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets.”

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

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## ***Christmas Eve, 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*. **Parents – please have your children at church by 6:40 pm to prepare for the evening.**

## ***Christmas Day, December 25***

▶ 9 am — **Choir practice** for Christmas Choir.

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

## ***Next Sunday, December 30***

10 am — **Join us for worship** one last time in 2018 as Pastor Alicia brings the message: Let Everything that has Breath (or not) Praise the Lord!

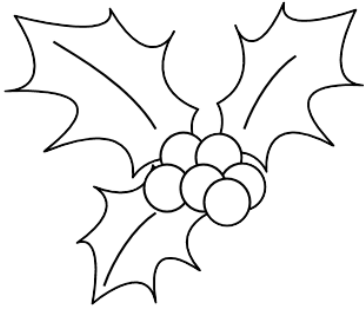
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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **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.

◆ **Campers** — If you are interested in camping next summer with fellow NLUMC members, there are plans underfoot to camp together at Wheatley Provincial Park the weekend after DVBS, from July 12-14. If you want to support these plans or give feedback. If you want to support these plans or give feedback, contact Lindsey and Jason Ecker or Pastor Charleen.



**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.**

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **Emergency Refugee Housing Needed.** Matthew House is a Christian Ministry that supports refugees and newcomers to Canada in Windsor. Right now the City of Windsor is experiencing a crisis in lack of emergency housing and shelter space. Matthew House is looking for volunteers who are able to provide emergency housing for newly arrived refugee claimants when all other shelters in Windsor are full. Volunteers are asked to provide 1-2 weeks of emergency housing until other housing becomes available. Volunteers will be matched by Matthew House according to how many people they are able to accommodate (singles, couples, or families.) Volunteers will need to provide food and possibly assist with some transportation during that period of time. No financial compensation is available for volunteers. If you are able to provide 1-2 weeks of emergency housing to a refugee family, or if you have questions, please contact Matthew House at 519-945-7627 or email Mike at [executivedirector@matthewhouse.windsor.org](mailto:executivedirector@matthewhouse.windsor.org)

### ◆ **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!

▶ During the Christmas Season our Home extends a special invitation to family and friends of our residents in the Care Homes. Visits are priceless gifts which are appreciated and valued by our residents. Those with winter colds, coughs and runny noses should delay such a visit until good health returns.

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

*“For unto you is born...a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”* Luke 2:11  
Wishing you and your loved ones all the best for the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your continuous and invaluable support during 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff and students of UMEI!

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

◆ **EKMHA News**

▶ **Travelogues** at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

**Friday, January 11:** *Camping through Iceland* by

Larry and Nancy Burgess

**Friday, February 1:** *China* by Ed and Helen Brown

▶ **Saturday, January 16: Super Soup Night**, 6 pm at UMEI.

Admission to all events by donation. All are welcome!

◆ **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](mailto:info@mennoniteburialsociety.com)

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre – Executive Director.**

Hidden Acres is a long-established, year-round Christian ministry in Perth County, Ontario. We are seeking an Executive Director to guide development of the overall ministry of the camp and oversee program, personnel, facility, public relations, fundraising, and administration. Deadline is February 6. For more information, visit the opportunities page on our website

[www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca).

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, December 19 update

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **The Blazer**, CMU, Fall 2018
- **Behind the Hammer**, MDS, Fall 2018

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## Youth . . .

▶ **Sunday, January 6**, after worship, **"Cooking with Omas and Opas."** Junior & Senior Youth are invited to join the older generation to make and eat a tasty lunch together. You do not actually have to be an Oma or Opa to attend! Contact Pastor Alicia by January 3 to register for this event.

► **Winter Retreat.** LUMC has invited our senior youth to join them for their winter retreat at Hidden Acres February 15-18. Cost is approximately \$120 per person. Transportation will be by bus from Leamington. Contact Pastor Alicia by January 9 to register.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for Leamington United Church and their pastor Paul Rodey.

**Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada,** prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Erie View United Mennonite Church, Port Rowan, Ontario.

Thank you. Missions Team delivered two car loads full of groceries to the Salvation Army this week, along with \$1,100 in cash from the bake sale. This kind of generosity speaks of NLUMC's care for the whole community. Canned and dry goods are still being received through December 30<sup>th</sup>. #reverseadvent

*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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