



Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Sandra Warkentin

Speaker: Alicia Good

Candlelighters: Karlee Driedger & Bryan Boersma

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 #172, *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Hymn, *In the beginning* (in bulletin)

Children's feature

Worship music — This is my wish

Announcements

Sharing & prayer

Offering & hymn #174, *Bless'd be the God of Israel*

Worship music — Do you hear what I hear?

Scripture reading — Luke 1:67-79

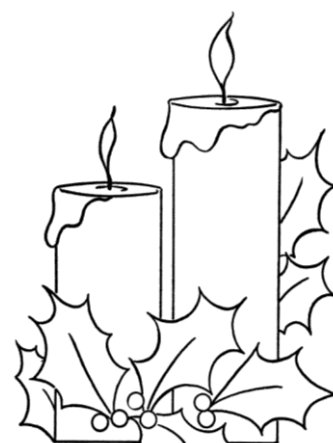
Message — Not Just Inner Peace

STS #15, *Hope is a candle*

Worship music — Do you have room?

STS #124, *My soul cries out*

Sending prayer



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

Third Sunday of Advent, December 16 —

► 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.”

► 10 am — **Join us for worship** as Pastor Kendall brings the message; The World is About to Turn.

► 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. Please contact Tammy Warkentin, 519-326-8668 or tamwark@gmail.com, if you are able to bake for the sale.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 pm.**

◆ **Blue Christmas.** Perhaps you are feeling blue this Christmas season. It might be because of a loss of a loved one, a broken dream, or a significant disappointment. Maybe you are far away from family and friends or are struggling with your mental or physical health. NLUMC pastors invite you to bring whatever might be heavy on your heart to our Blue Christmas service on **Thursday, December 13** from 7-8 pm. This is an opportunity for simple prayer and reflection in a contemplative style that is set apart from the usual festivities of the Christmas season.

◆ **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.”

◆ **Sunday School Christmas Eve** concert rehearsals are now in full swing and regular attendance of the Sunday School students would be appreciated for our performance to run smoothly. Parents are invited to enjoy a cookie and coffee after Sunday morning services in order to give enough time for concert rehearsal and lessons. **We will be having our dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 23 right after the church service.** A pizza lunch will be provided. Thank you for your help! We look forward to Christmas Eve.

◆ **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 on December 16 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.

◆ **Hospitality Committee** requests that you check the church kitchen for any dishes that you may have left there.

◆ Save the Dates ◆

Blue Christmas – December 13

All Youth Christmas Party – December 16

Senior Youth Virtual Reality Escape Room – December 18

Christmas Eve Service – December 24

Christmas Day Service – December 25

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir Practice, Monday, December 10 & Thursday, December 13** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Zwiebach & Raisin Bread** orders are due in the office by noon **Monday, December 10** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, December 12.

NOTE: There will not be any zwiebach or raisin bread orders in January and February.

▶ **Ground beef** orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, December 12** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, December 20.

NOTE: There will not be a January ground beef order.

▶ **Lightning Live: Friday, December 14.** Calling all Grade 7 and 8 students! You are invited to Lightning Live 2018 for a fun day of shadowing interactive classes. Lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the day runs from 10 am - 2:30 pm. To pre-register email abbynd@umei.ca or call 519-326-7448. **NOTE:** New students who register for the 2019-2020 school year by February 28 will receive a \$200 tuition credit and a free t-shirt.

▶ **Christmas Concert.** UMEI's annual Christmas Concert will take place **Friday, December 14** at 7 pm in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

▶ Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's **Annual Autumn Campaign.** To date, we have received \$35,000. This is about 45% 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.

◆ **Heritage Choir Christmas program, Saturday, December 15,**
7 pm at the Heritage Centre, Pickwick Drive.

◆ **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>.

◆ **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
 - **Mennonite Central Committee Christmas Giving Guide 2018**
 - **Bluffton**, Fall 2018
 - **Grebel Now**, Fall 2018
-

Youth . . .

▶ **Tuesday, December 18**, Senior Youth Virtual Reality Escape Room, 4-9 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. **Contact Pastor Alicia before December 11 to sign up.**

▶ All Youth Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 16**, 6 - 8 pm, at NLUMC. Please bring a small wrapped reused or recycled gift. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater. **Contact Pastor Alicia to register.**

▶ **MCC is now accepting applications for SALT 2019-2020 placements!** Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long service experience for 18-30 year olds with one of MCC's international partners. SALT service opportunities for 2019-2020 include placements such as tech support, public health, project management and childcare in over 50 different countries. Contact Pastor Alicia for more information. Go to mcccanada.ca/salt to apply.

Photography and Media Policy. North Leamington United Mennonite Church (NLUMC) takes photographs/videos of participants at various church services and events. NLUMC may use any photos/videos taken from any service and events for promoting, publicizing or explaining NLUMC and its activities in the form of print, broadcast, website and social media, or in any manner deemed appropriate without prior notification to the participants. Photos could be used in these public forums without consideration and/or compensation. If church members/or participants consent to the use

of their photo/or their child's photo to be included in any church broadcasts, they are asked to contact the church office and sign the appropriate Photography and Media Consent Form. The NLUMC Photography and Media Policy has been implemented to inform church participants that NLUMC is committed to a safe environment for all.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Leamington Christian Centre and their pastor Dan Tamburo.

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

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

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.

Pastors

cell 519-819-3772 Alicia Good alicia@nlumc.com
cell 519-329-3829 Charleen Jongejan Harder ... charleen@nlumc.com
cell 519-329-1514 Kendall Jongejan Harder kendall@nlumc.com
Church phone: 519-326-7928
Email: office@nlumc.com Website: www.nlumc.com
Facebook: North Leamington United Mennonite Church
Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm