



Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Lindsey Ecker

Speaker: Ken Driedger

Worship music: Janice DiLaudo,

Serena DiLaudo, Tahlia DiLaudo, Ken Driedger,

Kendall Jongejan Harder, Tobias Jongejan Harder, Linda Regehr

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Today . . .

▶ 9 am — **Christmas choir practice.**

▶ 9:45 am — **Christmas carol singing** in the sanctuary.

Despair — O Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I afraid?

**I see my need for your strength in my weakness
and my need to be filled with your courage in the midst of all
my fears. I long for an awakening, for a renewed trust,
and for patience in the coming of the Lord.**

Kept Waiting by Fear

Announcements

Hymn #366, *God of grace and God of glory*

Call to worship

Prayer

Worship music #104, *Of the Father's love begotten*

leading into #328, *O God, our help in ages past*

Theme song STS #9, *As the pauper waits for plenty*

Responsive reading

Lighting the Advent wreath

Children's time

Offering with STJ #97, *The Lord is my light*

Scripture reading — Matthew 11:2-11

Message — Taking Offence at Jesus?

Worship music — Peace, Peace

Sharing time and prayer
Hymn #377, *Healer of our every ill*
Sending

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

Week of Christmas —

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

- ▶ 9 am — **Christmas choir practice.**
- ▶ 9:45 am — **Christmas carol singing** in the sanctuary.
- ▶ 10 am — What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace. Pastor Kendall will bring the message; “Through the eyes of Joseph” based on Matthew 1:18-25.

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24

- ▶ 6:40 pm — Students, please arrive at church to prepare for the program.
- ▶ 7 pm — **Christmas Eve service.**

Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25

- ▶ 9 am — **Choir practice.**
 - ▶ **10 am — Join us for worship** as Pastor Charleen brings the message.
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Church Life . . .

◆ A Note from Worship Team

You may have noticed that the name tags are in the foyer for you to fill out. The name tags are used to help visitors feel comfortable when talking with you, to help a momentary memory lapse, to help newer (even longstanding) members learn other member's names. So, if you see the table filled with sticky name tags and markers, fill in your name.

◆ A Note from Missions Team

Our **Community Meal table** is set up in the foyer. Donations for the community meal fund can be placed into the offering plate, with the cheque made out to our church as usual. Write “Community Meal” and the amount on the outside of the donation envelope on the “other” line. With every \$250 donated, a place setting will be added to the table. Please consider making a donation, and maybe volunteering.

◆ **Children's Sunday School News**

The Sunday School is excited about preparations for the Christmas Eve Service. Singing time is being extended and lesson time ends at 11:15 am. We hope the children will be attending regularly to learn the songs and short drama. Song lyrics have been emailed. On **Sunday, December 22** there will be a full rehearsal in the basement during church. No additional time is needed after church.

► **Parents, please note:** on Christmas Eve, please be at church by 6:40 pm and bring children to the basement singing room. The children will proceed upstairs with their teachers at 6:50 to be able to listen to the children's prelude.

◆ **Greetings!**

Thank you to those who have signed up for greeting on a Sunday morning. In the foyer is the next sign up form from December to February. Consider being a welcoming presence to all who come to NLUMC.

◆ **Baby Dedication**

We are currently planning for a baby dedication on **January 19, 2020**. If you know of a baby in our community whose family may be interested in a NLUMC baby dedication, please nudge our pastors to contact them or encourage these families to contact the church office.

◆ **Adult Education**

Are you in control of your life? If you are not sure, consider these questions:

- Do you have trouble saying, "No," to people?
- Do people take advantage of you?
- How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy, and/or money?
- Can you set limits and still be a loving person?

Starting **Sunday, January 19, 2020**, Ken and Dawne Driedger will lead a 9-week Adult Education session for adults and teens after worship, 11:30 am, designed to help participants learn how to set and cultivate boundaries that can provide a framework for healthier relationships. We will say more about this in the weeks to come, but plan to participate and get better at knowing when to say, "Yes," and how to say, "No," to take control of your life.

◆ **Faith Exploration / Baptism 2020**

If you or a loved one is interested in being baptized in 2020, we would love to talk to you! Faith Exploration classes will begin in January 2020, starting on **Sunday, January 19**. #wethenorthchurch are glad you are part of us, and glad to talk you through this process! We welcome anyone to consider this opportunity to grow in faith and declare their faith in Jesus. Contact Pastors Kendall and Charleen or Pastor Ken by text, phone or email.

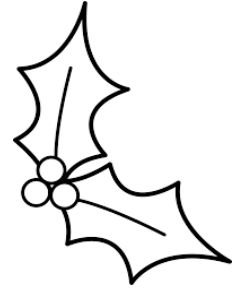
◆ **New Membership 2020: #wethenorthchurch!**

If you are interested in transferring your church membership to North Church at this time, please contact Pastors Kendall and Charleen or Pastor Ken. We would be delighted to talk with you and answer your questions.

During the upcoming Christmas Season



**the church office will be open
December 27 & 31
and January 2.
The church office will be closed
December 21 – 26
and January 1.**



Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada News**

You are invited to help discern God's leading for the future of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada in this time of hiring a new Executive Minister, who will lead our church body. You are invited to a **virtual on-line session** on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm**. What should the new Executive Minister be addressing in MCEC in the years to come? What personal strengths are needed in a leader at this time? We want to hear together what God is saying to the church. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19. *RSVP to Joan Schooley (jschooley@mcec.ca) for link. This is for congregations at a distance and people who are unable to attend regional meetings.*

◆ **Heritage Choir Christmas Program, *Songs of Christmas*,**

Saturday, December 21, 7 pm at the Heritage Center. There will be an offering for the Leamington Mennonite Home Music Therapy and Dementia Support.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

As we continue to move through this Advent season we invite you to come and visit your loved ones at the Home. The Home has been beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and there are many areas throughout the Long Term Care Home as well as Retirement Residence where you can have a nice visit. We also kindly request for the protection of our residents and staff that if you are feeling ill that you delay your visit until you are feeling better. Thank-you for your understanding as we move through this cold and flu season.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

UMEI Autumn Campaign. Thank you to those of you who have already donated to UMEI's Annual Autumn Campaign. To date, we have received \$20,030. This is about 26% of our final goal of \$78,000. 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.

◆ Employment Opportunity

Summer Camps Coordinator. UMEI Christian High School is looking for a university student to coordinate the school's summer day camps; specifically Camp Explore U for grades 3-6 students as well as Rockets and Robotics for grades 4-8 students. The successful candidate will be proactive in planning and developing the three week-long camp programs. The position runs from May 25 – July 31 and offers 30 hours/week. For more details contact Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca.

See bulletin board for the following . . .

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, December 4 update

See brochure rack for the following . . .

- **Bluffton**, Fall 2019
- **Wood Box**, Silver Lake Mennonite Camp
- **Grebel Now**, Fall 2019

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Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for the **Wheatley Evangel Tabernacle** and their pastor Dorman Pollet.

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

Prayers are invited for College and University students as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee can offer our support. We are glad to be able to help!

We also 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 Charleen at 519-329-3829,

Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514 or Pastor Ken at 519-819-3772.

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