



Sunday, November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent & Communion

Please look to the Website, the Facebook group and your email inbox for any updates as well as the weekly online bulletin.

If you know of someone from our congregation who does not have access to the internet and is socially isolated, please let the pastors know so that contact can be established.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Join our church service by Zoom. Please check the email this week for the Zoom link. You will click on the relevant link at that time, and zoom will automatically open on your computer or phone. You can also access the gathering by phone by calling the relevant number. Our hope is that this will enable good interaction during worship as we see each other's faces and hear each other's voices.

Order of Worship

Words of welcome
Call to worship
Song — Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Lighting of Advent Candles
Children's time
Confession and Words of Assurance
Offering and prayer
Song — Hope is a Candle
Scripture reading — Isaiah 64:1-9
Message — Pastor Alicia
Song — O Come, O Come Immanuel
Communion
Prayer
Benediction



Church Life . . .

Dear North Church friends,

It is with both sadness and gratitude that I write to share with you that our church building will be closed to congregational worship until the pandemic is more under control. This decision has been made with careful consideration by our Pastors, Pandemic Team, and Church Council. For the next while we will move to an online only format. The Pastors and a small team of leaders will continue to broadcast the service from the church Sanctuary while following careful covid precautions. We will notify you as soon as it is possible to reopen the building.

I know this is not the Christmas we had hoped for.. but I also trust that God will continue to be present with us. From Romans 5: *"we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope."* . . . Pastor Alicia

◆ **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6.**

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Budget Update.** The Finance Committee have re-worked the budget for 2020 to \$303,000. Ultimately, due to the covid virus, many of our committees did not spend what was initially planned. We are almost there!!! Please give as you are able as our church year end is tomorrow, November 30. Thank-you, everyone, for donating generously to the work of our church.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include donation # in the message
- 3) leave donation in the nightly drop box at Kindred Credit Union – labelled NLUMC - include donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **26th Annual Lights of Life** at Erie Shores HealthCare, **Sunday, December 6** at 7 pm. Dedicate a bulb and let the Christmas spirit shine on your hospital and your community. Funds raised will be used for spiritual care for families and friends in their time of need. Please contact Kerstin Kay at 519-322-2501 x 4445 for more information.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

Please pray for our Home. Please pray for staff, residents and resident families as we continue to manage the current COVID-19 outbreak at our Home. Please pray for continued guidance, strength and leadership for all those who are currently managing this situation. These continue to be unprecedented times and our Leamington Mennonite Home relies on the prayerful support of our supporting congregations.

◆ **EKMHA News!** A lot of us read the Historian. EKMHA (Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association) will now provide a link so you can read it online. The link is <http://www.ekmha.ca/category/historian-newsletter> If you still wish to receive a printed (hard copy), please call the office, 519-322-0456, between 9 am and 12 noon Monday, Wednesday or Friday or email info@ekmha.ca. Thank you.

◆ **Theatre of the Beat** is proud to present *Unmute: The Impact of a Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence*. UNMUTE is a forum theatre piece that addresses the rise of domestic violence and gender-based assault during COVID-19. Immerse yourself in this important and timely piece that gives audience members the chance to rehearse scenarios for real life.

This interactive, forum theatre piece allows you to stop the action of the play and suggest different approaches to navigating these difficult situations around gender-based violence.

Register for your free ticket here >> <http://theatreofthebeat.ca/unmute>

December 3 at 7:30 pm

December 5 at 7:30 pm

◆ **The South Essex Community Council** offers both hot and frozen meal delivery options for anyone interested. All meals are \$8 apiece and include a range of dishes such as shepherd's pie, roast beef, lasagna, honey garlic chicken and chicken and dumplings. Meal delivery is available five days per week, Monday through Friday, during the lunch hour. Online ordering for hot and frozen meals will be available soon at

www.secc.on.ca. For now, anyone interested in this service is encouraged to call the office at 519-326-8629 for more information or to register.

This year, The South Essex Community Council is proudly offering completely subsidized hot meals and grocery cards to people in Leamington, Kingsville and Wheatley who are experiencing food insecurity directly as a result of COVID-19. This has been possible through generous community donations. Anyone in need can call 519-326-8629 to speak with a member of the Community Services department.

Youth . . .

Attention Youth! Virtual coffee time is back!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about how back to school stuff is going next **Tuesday, December 1** at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Mount Zion Full Gospel Church**.

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

*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 Alicia at 519-819-3772,
or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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