



Sunday, December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday of Advent

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

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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.

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### Church Life . . .

#### ◆ Drive-by Saturday, December 19

The North Church Star of Wonder will lead a drive-by past the Leamington Mennonite Home on Saturday, December 19 at 5:30pm. All our North Church friends are invited to join together in helping to spread some "Christmas Joy" to the staff and residents! Car decorations are encouraged! Santa's helpers will be providing some special treats for the kids. The car line-up will begin at 5pm on Pickwick Ave. Ushers will be on-site to direct traffic. Everyone must remain in their vehicles for the duration of the drive-by. The Community Building Team will be judging best decorated car!

#### ◆ Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020.

#### ◆ Junior Youth Virtual Christmas Party! on Tuesday December 22, 4:00 p.m. via ZOOM

- Decorating cookies, making an ornament
- Listening to Carols, having fun with friends
- Remembering what the Christmas season is all about.

Please RSVP to pastor Charleen before Saturday December 19 so we can distribute party packs to the participating youth. Friends welcome. Text/phone: 519-329-3829, email [charleen@nlumc.com](mailto:charleen@nlumc.com)

#### ◆ Prayer Time, Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.

### ◆ Voices Together Hymnal

– Menno Media’s Online Launch takes place today - Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00pm (Pre-Registration is required.)

We are blessed to have received the first part of our Voices Together order. Song books and worship leader handbooks have arrived and we anticipate that the remainder of our order will arrive in the next few months. We are both excited to begin using new and familiar songs from this book in our worship services and a bit saddened that we will be unable to place them in our church pews for the time being.

If you placed an order for a songbook or worship leader handbook last November, we are working on getting your order to you in the near future.

If you are interested in purchasing a personal copy of the new Voices Together song book, please contact Sandra Warkentin to place your order. Song books are available to purchase at a cost of \$37.00 CAD a book (\$32.99 + tax and shipping?). Delivery would be in time for Christmas. Payment can be made in the following ways:

- e-transfer to [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) (include “Voices Together order” in the message)
- mail your payment to the church office (cheques payable to “NLUMC”) att: Worship Team-Voices Together

### ◆ Donations to NLUMC

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact church office
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto: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 [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Louise Neufeld [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) with any questions.

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

The Leamington Mennonite Home would like to extend a heartfelt THANK-YOU to the many donors that continued to support our Home during this difficult year of COVID-19. LMH is extremely grateful for the \$185,000.00 in donations received. This has been a tough year for the Residents and Staff and we’re very happy to know that we have our congregations, community and beyond that are willing to continue to support our Home. Thank-you!

### ◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners

The Gleaners Christmas Campaign continues. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in November and December to offset the losses from not having our regular fundraisers throughout the year. To make a donation online visit our website; [www.swogleaners.ca](http://www.swogleaners.ca), or mail cheques to 40 Industrial Rd. Leamington, ON N8H 4W4.

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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](mailto:info@ekmha.ca). Thank you.

#### ◆ MCC GIFT IDEAS – Christmas Giving

Go to MCC's website: [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca) to share gifts of comfort and joy with your family and friends that help change lives across the globe. When you choose a gift, you can personalize an e-card to send to the recipient.

- Spread Joy this Christmas. Options include: Water for Life, Gifts of Learning, Food & Nutrition, etc. All price denominations available.

#### ◆ MCC Online Workshop

- Practical Peacebuilding – a 5 month program Jan. to May 2021. Learning the skills of “peace” is a lifelong journey. This skill-building program seeks to teach and develop peacemaking skills, and apply these skills within today's context of home, work, and community. Together we will be engaging in skill-building sessions and ongoing reflective practices to connect what we are learning to our faith, to scripture, and to Jesus as our foundation for peace.

◆ 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](http://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.

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## Youth . . .

Attention Youth! Virtual coffee time!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about school stuff, and life! on Tuesday, December 15 at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

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## Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda and their pastor Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel.

Each week Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Windsor Mennonite Fellowship and their pastor Rielly McLaren. As well, MCEC welcomes a new congregation Soul House, Scarborough, ON.

Thank you all for your amazing support, love and prayers. They sustain us daily. We ask for continued prayers as Harold's health continues to decline. . . Harold & Susan Klassen

Notice of Death – Our prayers go out to the family of Genevieve Parent – loving mother of Nadine (& Jerry) Driedger and grandmother of Joline & Curtis – who passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Memorial donations can be made to Erie Shores Hospice by contacting Reid Funeral Home, Leamington.

Congratulations to Alexaundria DeVries and Neil Noble on the birth of their son David Martin Lee Noble, born Wednesday December 9 at 6:43 p.m., weighing in at 10 lb. 1 oz. Big brother Kolin DeVries and big sister Arianna Noble are very proud.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee can offer support. We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation by phoning or emailing:

519-326-7928 [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com)

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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