



## Sunday, October 10, 2021 Thanksgiving Sunday 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. You can now see past worship services on YouTube by going to [nlumc.com](http://nlumc.com) and clicking on the links provided. If you would like to be a part of the live Zoom worship service, please contact the church office at 519-326-7928.

*Growing relationships, in Christ.*

NLUMC Vision Statement

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### Order of Worship Being God's People — Second Chances

Announcements  
Land Acknowledgement  
Welcome and call to worship  
VT #747, *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*  
Children's time  
VT #144, *God, Give Me Time*  
Blessing of the offering  
VT #745, *God, Whose Giving*  
Scripture reading — Acts 7:55—8:8  
Message  
VT #597 *My Lighthouse*  
Communion  
VT #34, *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*  
Benediction  
Congregational sharing and prayer  
Sending



**Today** — At NLUMC, we are a community of gratitude and giving. We have a tradition on Thanksgiving Sunday of bringing gifts of baked goods, jam, crafts, flowers to the foyer, and the children bringing them to the front. At the end of the service, people normally go to the table, choose an item and make a donation. Although our Thanksgiving table is going to look a bit different this year, we still have the opportunity to spread God's love in our community. Worship Team welcomes you to donate items, but we encourage **non-perishable food items**, which will be used to fill our table on Thanksgiving Sunday. Those in attendance on Thanksgiving Sunday may take items as normal, and the rest will be **donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank**. *Donations can be brought to church on Sunday morning or brought to Chani and Alex's home in Kingsville (26 Mulberry Crescent) or Kendall and Charleen's home in Leamington (8 Margaret Street).* Thank you for sharing your bounty!

Thank you to our participants today including:  
Curtis Driedger, Greg Driedger, Pastor Alicia Good, John Harder,  
Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder, Barbara Fischer, Megan Neufeld, Ken Srigley, Sandra Warkentin.

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## Church Life . . .

**We are returning to in-person singing!!!** Our understanding of the current science around singing safely indicates that singing is safe with appropriate mitigation measures in place, including masking, distancing, hygiene, ventilation, and limited time. We will be providing masks for everyone entering the sanctuary to ensure uniform quality and will continue with distancing and sanitation while working at good ventilation. Because most of our worship time is not singing, we are well within the time frames advised. If you are interested in further information about the science of singing at this time, See these links:

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/4716954/international-coalition-performing-arts-aerosol-study-july-2021-update-final.pdf>

[https://www.choralcanada.org/uploads/3/8/9/2/38921071/let%E2%80%99s\\_all\\_sing%E2%80%A6and\\_sing\\_safely\\_updated\\_august\\_10\\_2021.pdf](https://www.choralcanada.org/uploads/3/8/9/2/38921071/let%E2%80%99s_all_sing%E2%80%A6and_sing_safely_updated_august_10_2021.pdf)

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

The first video here is very helpful.

◆ **Church Website** — for the time being, please go to **northleamington.com** to access the NLUMC website.

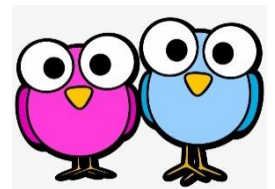
◆ **Prayer Time** — each Wednesday evening 6:30 – 7 pm on Zoom.

◆ **Wednesday, October 13** — **Church Council meeting** in the church basement, 7 pm.

◆ **Our Church is Open for In-Person Worship.** We listen to music rather than sing, health screening is in place, and we refrain from lingering inside the building after worship. Our capacity is limited to 40 people so you are asked to pre-register with the church office, office@nlumc.com, if you wish to attend *by Thursday of the week prior* to the worship service. We offer hybrid services that connect with people on Zoom as well as in the sanctuary. We are glad to be together!

### ◆ **Connect Group: Birds and the Bible**

This group will meet weekly until the end of October. Weather permitting, we will explore the natural areas of Essex County (ie. Point Pelee, Kennedy Woods, Hillman Marsh) and meditate on what the Bible teaches about God's creation, especially birds.



- What you will need to participate: a Point Pelee Park Pass or willingness to pay for entry at the gate, weather appropriate clothing, your favorite small Bible or phone app, binoculars and bird identification guides optional, a mask for when social distancing is not possible.
- All ages and genders are invited to participate.
- **Proposed time: Wednesday mornings from 9 am to 10:30 am** (If this time doesn't work for you but you want to join this group, please contact Pastor Alicia).
- You can come for just one week, or all of them!

Contact Pastor Alicia to find out where to meet as we will explore different places, but you do not have to make a regular commitment. Check the NLUMC Facebook group or contact Pastor Alicia for weather cancellations.

### ◆ **Socketober**

Missions Team will again be collecting new socks and underwear for the month of October. Drop offs can be made at the church during open office hours (9 am – 3 pm, Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm on Friday) or on Sunday morning (a laundry bin will be in the lobby) or they can be dropped off at the Gualtieri's home –

78 Hodgins St. Leamington. There will be a laundry bin on the front porch. All socks and underwear will be donated to The Bridge in Leamington in the beginning of November.

◆ **Budget Update. December 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021** (83.33% of year) \$173,106.99 (57.3%) of our \$302,141.31 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC are accepted by —**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 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 Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) with any questions.

**The church office is closed Tuesday, October 12  
for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.  
The office will reopen Wednesday, October 13 at 9 am.**

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **MEDA Leamington and The Leamington Mennonite Home**

Running Golf Tournament, September 15 — October 15. Register today at [www.MEDALEamington.org](http://www.MEDALEamington.org)

◆ **Coats for Kids**

SECC will again be collecting new and gently used winter coats and winter accessories (hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, etc.) Drop offs can be made directly to SECC Leamington office (215 Talbot St E) weekdays between 8:30 — 4:30 and Saturdays 8:30 — 12:30 and to SECC Kingsville office (313 Main St E Unit 21) weekdays 8:30 — 4:30 from October 12 — 29. If you or someone you know is in need of a coat, distribution of the coats will be done on November 13, 15 and 16. You will need to call SECC main office (519-326-8629) to register and book an appointment to receive a coat. Coats are kept on hand year-round. Clients can call in to book appointment.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

**Drive Thru Fish Fry** — UMEI is hosting a drive-thru fish fry on **Saturday, October 23**. Pick-up times will be scheduled between 5 and 6:30 pm. Orders will be taken from Sunday, October 17 to Wednesday, October 20. To order, please email [UMEImeals@gmail.com](mailto:UMEImeals@gmail.com) or call/text Shelley at 519-796-0252! There will be Halloween goodie bags for kids, and we promise much shorter wait times for this event!

◆ **South Essex Community Council (SECC)** is looking for a new Meals on Wheels provider. Please go to our website, [secc.on.ca/rfp](http://secc.on.ca/rfp) to access the Request for Proposal.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home Greetings**

At this time of Thanksgiving, our Home continues to be grateful for the many blessings bestowed upon us. We remain grateful that we have been mostly spared from COVID-19 and that our staff and residents remain healthy. We are grateful for the continued prayers support of our Churches and Constituency. Happy Thanksgiving from the Leamington Mennonite Home!

## ◆ Employment Opportunity

**UMEI is Hiring!** We are looking for someone with a background in bookkeeping/accounting for the position of **Finance Manager** starting in January 2022. This position requires 20-30 hours per week. Please contact the office by emailing [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca) to apply!

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## Youth

**Junior Youth – Friday, October 22 (note change of date)**

**Senior Youth – Friday, October 22**

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for the **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastors; Chris Walker, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of Lawrence McElroy, father of *Janet & Al Lehn*, who passed away on October 5, 2021. Funeral service will take place in Waterloo, Quebec. Date as yet undetermined.

Please pray for the Salvation Army in Windsor as they minister to people experiencing homelessness. They are undergoing a significant staff COVID outbreak and one staff member has died.

Please continue to hold the community of Wheatley in prayer as they search for the source of the gas leak. Particularly pray for those who are displaced. Please also pray for *Daniel Amlin and Brittany Dundas* who have been displaced from their home and have been told they may have to wait for six months before they can return.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Team can offer support.

We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation by phoning 519-326-7928 or emailing [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com)

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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