



Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Communion

Worship Service — 10 am

Connect with NLUMC

- RSVP to attend Sunday worship in person by calling 519-326-7928.
 - Join our live Zoom worship services online.
 - Check out our church website at nlumc.com, including YouTube videos of our past services.
 - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
 - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
- Contact the church office or any of our pastors for more information.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

Order of Worship

Land acknowledgement

Welcome

VT #218, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call to worship

Candle lighting

VT #211, *Hope Is a Candle*, vs. 1 & 5

Prayer

Confession and assurance

Advent theme song — VT #276, *Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*

Scripture reading — Jeremiah 33:14-16

Children's time

Offering

VT #210, *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Message

VT #259, *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

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VT #216, *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Benediction

Sharing time and prayer

Sending



Tonight, 7 pm — Membership meeting in the church sanctuary. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Attendees must wear a face mask. No Zoom will be available for this meeting. Please see email from Wednesday, November 17 for more details.

*Thank you to our participants today including:
Linda Driedger, Pastor Alicia Good, Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder,
Tobias Jongejan Harder, Ben Konrad, Jordan Neufeld, Megan Neufeld,
Linda Regehr, Bob Tiessen, Maida Tiessen.*

Church Life . . .

◆ The Seniors Christmas Social is Back!

Seniors are invited to gather in the sanctuary of NLUMC for a Christmas celebration hosted by the NLUMC Caregiving Team on **Tuesday, November 30** from 2 – 3 pm. We will enjoy a time of singing favourite Christmas Carols and enjoying one another's company. Since this event is open to all regardless of vaccination status, no refreshments will be served.

Residents of the Leamington Mennonite Home Retirement Residence are invited to a Christmas celebration hosted by the NLUMC Caregiving Team in the JC Neufeld Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 6 from 2 - 3 pm.

◆ Our Church is Open for In-Person Worship. We now sing with masks on, contact tracing is in place and we refrain from lingering inside the building after worship. Our capacity is limited 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!

◆ Storytime with Omas!

Sunday school age children are invited to attend in the church basement for Christmas carol singing, Christmas nativity stories, and structured playtime on **Sunday, December 5, 12, & 19**. (All COVID protocols will be followed. Children must wear masks.)

We encourage young families to register to attend church during Advent. Children will sit with their family in the sanctuary until after the children's feature and then they will go downstairs with volunteer Oma supervision on the first three Sundays in December. (This is not a full Sunday School program.) This is a gift from Omas to our precious young children! Any Omas who want to help out can contact Judy Cornies, Judy Koop or Brenda Fischer this week for further details.

◆ Missions Team Update

► **SECC Fundraiser.** This is the final day for collecting grocery gift cards (\$25 or \$50 preferred) for SECC needs, wants and book fundraiser for families in our community in need. These can be brought to the church and put in the donation plate or can be purchased as an e-gift card by going to the SECC website <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/65971>. This organization is very grateful for NLUMC's support of this event.

► **Community Meals.** Once a month our church provides a meal for those in need in our community through the St. John's Anglican Church. We are coming to the end of our 2021 Community Meals commitment. Due to COVID restrictions, we have been unable to participate on site. Our current commitment has been the transfer of \$300 per month. Unfortunately, our budget will be depleted following our November transfer and we will need to fundraise in order to keep our ongoing commitment. Due to the rising cost of groceries, as well as increasing need, we are suggesting that we fundraise with a goal of \$5000 for 2022. If you can donate to this need, you can bring your donation to church on Sunday or send an e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com. Please mark community meals with your donation. Thank you.

◆ **Community Christmas Under The Stars Walking Tour, Saturday, December 18, 6:30-8 pm** at Faith Mennonite Church. Take a walk through the nativity around the Faith Mennonite Church yard at 269 Sherk Street, Leamington. Brought to you by your friends at Faith Mennonite, St. John's Anglican, North Leamington, St. Paul's Lutheran churches and UMEI. The first group will begin their walk at 6:30 pm. Please park at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 311 Sherk Street. There are a limited number of time slots so book your group's walk today. Reserve your time slot by clicking here — <https://forms.gle/kfSCZqwXJgC4jDH2A>

◆ **T-Shirts and Coffee Mugs Make Great Christmas Gifts!**

► The church will again be selling logo merchandise from Brian at Speedprint. #WETHENORTHCHURCH black T-shirts with yellow lettering - see pre-worship slides for new logo design and placement.

- Adults 100% cotton, preshrunk. \$18 each
- Youth 65% polyester/ 35% cotton. \$18 each

► **NEW!!** Travel Mug - vacuum insulated (provides 8x heat retention) with lead-free vacuum seal with unique spill-proof AS plastic flip top with Tristan snap locking closure lid. Sweat free design. Powder coated finish. Black or Royal. #WETHENORTHCHURCH laser engraved logo. See pre-worship slides for picture. \$30 each.

Please place your Christmas orders this week, by Thursday, December 2 for Christmas delivery. Email to Brenda Fischer: brefisch11@gmail.com

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

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in 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 Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com.

◆ **Budget Update. December 1, 2020 – November 26, 2021** (98.9% of year) \$256,522 (84.9%) of our \$302,141.31 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners'** Christmas Fundraising Campaign is underway. Last year over \$58,000 was donated during the Christmas Season. This year our goal is to match or surpass that total. This campaign directly funds the operations of the organization and is important because over the past two years, no other fundraising events have taken place. For every \$10, 120 servings of dehydrated vegetable soup mix and apple snacks are distributed to local food banks, soup kitchens and international aid agencies. Please consider the SWO Gleaners in your Christmas giving this year! Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who make it possible to continue this important work in our community. Visit www.swogleaners.ca.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for **Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda** and their pastor Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel.

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

Please hold in prayer the community of Wheatley. Pray that God provides for the needs of the many residents and businesses who have been impacted by the gas explosion and pray that God gives wisdom and safety to those attempting to address the cause of the explosion.

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

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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