



**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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](http://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.

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## Order of Worship

### Dare to Imagine God's Embrace!

Land acknowledgement

Welcome

Opening VT #223, *Bless'd be the God of Israel*

Call to worship

Candle lighting VT #211, *Hope Is a Candle*, vs. 2 & 5

Brian & Sonya Cornies and family

Prayer

Confession and assurance

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

Scripture reading — Luke 1:67-80

Children's time

Offering VT #275, *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Reflective slideshow

Message — Zechariah's Song

VT #248, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Benediction

Sharing time and prayer

Sending



*Thank you to our participants today including:  
Ryan DiLaudo, Linda Driedger, Lindsey Ecker,  
Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder, Tobias Jongejan Harder,  
Ben Konrad, Judy Koop, Mary Krueger.*

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## Church Life . . .

◆ **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](mailto: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** with Oma Judy Koop & helpers, on **Sunday, December 12** with Grandma Brenda Fischer & helpers and on **Sunday, December 19** with Oma Judy Cornies & helpers. (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, then they will go downstairs with volunteer Oma supervision. They will return to the sanctuary to sit with their parents when the sharing time begins.

### ◆ **NLUMC for the Future — We Want to Hear from You!**

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Sunday, November 28 membership meeting. We invite everyone to show your love and commitment to NLUMC by completing this survey and help to cover our Christmas tree in red hearts (details in the survey). Here is the link to the online survey — [NLUMC for the Future](#) or check December 3 email. If you are not online and need a paper copy, please call Susan at the church office, 519-326-7928.

### ◆ **Missions Team Update**

**Community Meals.** Once a month our church provides a meal for those in need in our community through the St. John's Anglican Church. 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](mailto: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. Place orders ASAP for Christmas delivery!

Email to Brenda Fischer: [brefisch11@gmail.com](mailto:brefisch11@gmail.com)

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

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com).

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## **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](http://www.swogleaners.ca).

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## **Youth and Junior Youth**

Whether you are a hockey player or figure skater or just like to skate recreationally, plan to come out for some skating fun on **Thursday, December 23** at Unico rink, Nature Fresh Recreation Centre, 249 Sherk Street, Leamington.

Hockey players should bring their helmets, stick and gloves as half the ice will be set up with nets. Figure skaters and recreational skaters will have half the ice for recreational skating.

Pizza and drinks will be available to skaters and their families.

**Junior Youth will have the ice from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.**

**Senior youth will have the ice from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.**

All public health guidelines will be followed. Adults and children, over the age of 12, will be required to provide proof of vaccination.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for **Leamington Evangelical Mennonite Church** and their pastors; Jacob Enns and Lowell Froese.

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

Thank you for the lovely Seniors' Christmas Celebration of Hope on Tuesday. We appreciate all efforts on our behalf and the joy we experienced.

*. . . Louise & Bob Cornies*

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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### Pastors

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Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm; Friday, 9 am – 1 pm.