



LMH Beacon

Autumn 2025 Edition

Notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature.

Friedrich Nietzsche

As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to change, we welcome the beauty and warmth of the autumn season here at Leamington Mennonite Home. This time of year reminds us to slow down, give thanks, and enjoy the simple pleasures—cozy blankets, crisp morning air, and the joyful crunch of leaves underfoot.

Autumn is also a time of reflection and connection. In this edition of *The Beacon*, you'll find updates from around the Home, highlights from our recent events, and a look ahead at the exciting activities and celebrations planned for the coming months. From Thanksgiving preparations to harvest-themed crafts and musical entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We are continually grateful for the opportunity to care for and serve each resident who calls LMH home. As always, we thank our staff, volunteers, and families for their support, kindness, and dedication.

Wishing you a season filled with warmth, community, and the comforts of fall.



What Did We Do This Summer?

This past summer was filled with sunshine, laughter, and special moments at the Home. Residents enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including gardening, courtyard socials, and of course, lots of ice cream! We celebrated Canada Day with festive decorations and a BBQ lunch for staff and residents. It was a season full of connection, community, and cherished memories.



JUNE



Walmart Shopping Trip
Flower Planting
LTC Mini Golf
Courtyard and Patio Ice Cream
Strawberry Social



JULY



Canada Day BBQ
RR Horse Racing
LTC Summer Fun Day
LTC Christmas in July Picnic
Trip to Thrift on Mill



AUGUST



Walks in the Park
LTC Bowling
Summer Crafts
Watermelon & Rollkuchen
Leamington Marina Outing
Shopping Trips



New Faces

RR

Theresa Tetzlaff
Alvena Sawatzky

LTC Floor 1

Simon Vreman
Kim Ducharme
Kathleen Tuffin

LTC Floor 2

Neil Fotheringham
Max Kaspar
Robert Bishop
Garry Lambier

LTC Floor 3

Margaret Fraser
Sandra Augustine
Jean Worobetz
Anna Dyck
Bob Stephens

Departed Friends

Johan Penner
June 3rd

Elizabeth DenBoer
June 5th

Sylvia Jette
June 5th

Anita Thiessen
June 12th

Valerie Rinehart
June 22nd

Vincent Bondy
June 26th

Regis Masse
June 27th

Susie Quadri
June 27th

Larry Derbyshire
July 4th

Jeanie Andrew
July 22nd

Simon Vreman
August 13th

Jeannine Bernard
August 16th

Ann Bishop
August 18th

John Willms
August 21st

Our current Activity Calendar is available on our website:
www.mennonitehome.ca/activity-calendars

Church Family News



LUMC

June 4th - *Friendship Circle*, enjoying coffee and tea, stories, discussion, and news with friends

June 8th - *Sunday School Picnic & Blessing of the Bikes*, volunteer appreciation service and a light lunch

June 22nd - *Watermelon & Rollkuchen*, fundraising lunch for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank at Tiessen Acres

June 29th - *Traveller's Circle Campfire*, neighborhood walk and bonfire on Sundays until Labour Day

July-August - *Musical Mondays*, live music in the Peace Garden

July 2nd-5th - *MC Canada Gathering*

July 17th - *Noodle Night*, a relaxed evening of pasta and conversation every Thursday night

NLUMC

June 1st - *No Other Land*, screening of the Oscar award-winning documentary

June 8th - *Baptism, Membership, and Volunteer Appreciation*, service to be followed by a potluck lunch in the basement

June 13th - *Pizza Night*, at the Roma Club, all ages welcome

June 29th - *Membership Meeting*, regarding by-laws

July 11th - *Pizza Night*, at the Roma Club, all ages welcome

August 8th - *Pizza Night*, at the Roma Club, all ages welcome

August 20th - *Prayer & Worship Night*, all ages welcome for a time of worship and prayer, ice cream to follow

Faith Mennonite Church

June 8th - *Baptism and Membership Service*

June 22nd - *Church Picnic*, with Iglesia Rey de Las Naciones

June 22nd - *Wild Church*, at Kennedy Woods in Kingsville



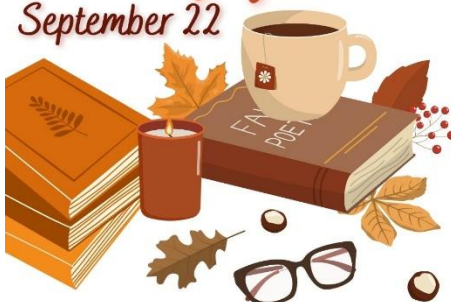
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SEPTEMBER 1
LABOUR DAY

Front Office Closed



First Day of Autumn
September 22



NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 30



**NATIONAL
SENIORS DAY**

October 1



**THANKSGIVING
DAY**

October 13

FRONT OFFICE
CLOSED



HALLOWEEN

October 31



REFORMATION DAY
OCTOBER 31



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME ENDS**

November 2



Remembrance Day
November 11



**Memorial
Sunday**

NOVEMBER 23



Our next newsletter will be available at
the beginning of December



LEAMINGTON

Mennonite Home

JOIN US FOR
A Diamond Evening
CELEBRATING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

MASTRONARDI ESTATE WINERY

1193 ROAD 3 EAST, KINGSVILLE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM

★
★ *FAMILY-STYLE MEAL SERVED AT 6:00PM | CASH BAR*
LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

EVENT ATTIRE: CASUAL WITH A TOUCH OF SPARKLE

\$200 PER TICKET - TABLES OF 10

\$115 DONATION RECEIPT

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY OCTOBER 31ST

IN PERSON - LMH OFFICE
35 PICKWICK DRIVE

BY PHONE
519.326.6109 EXT.235

BY EMAIL
INFO@MENNONITEHOME.CA



*I stood and watched an eagle fly
Spread his wings and soar across the sky
So gracefully he flew
Rising effortlessly
I wanted to know just how to be free**

Have you ever watched a bird soar into the sky? At first glance, it looks like the bird is fighting against the wind, trying to avoid crashing to the ground. Its wings tilt and turn as it struggles to find that one current that will lift it skyward. After negotiating the rough currents, the bird finally stretches out its wings, stops struggling, and allows itself to be carried by the current. Higher and higher it flies, effortlessly rising above the ground. Rather than fighting or resisting the wind currents, the bird surrenders to the current, which enables it to soar without expending limited resources. The bird doesn't fight the wind. It trusts the wind currents to lift it. In the same way, that's what placing our hope in God does for us.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed:

*His (God's) understanding is beyond human reach,
Giving power to the tired
And reviving the exhausted.
Youths will become tired and weary,
Young men will certainly stumble;
But those who hope in the Lord
Will renew their strength;
They will fly up on wings like eagles;
They will run and not be tired;
They will walk and not be weary.
Isaiah 40:28-31*

For God's people, resilience is not just about enduring hardship with gritted teeth. It is about learning to lean on the strength of the Lord and to surrender to His Spirit, believing He will carry us above the weight of our struggles. Our hope is not in our own stamina. Our hope is in the Lord, who renews us when we are weary.

For many in a senior's home, life can feel like a series of challenges: health struggles, the loss of loved ones, or the deep ache of change. Energy is not what it once was, and sometimes even ordinary tasks feel heavy. The eagle teaches us a vital lesson: true soaring is not about frantic striving. It's about trust. Just as the eagle spreads its wings and rests on the unseen currents of air, so we rest on the faithfulness of God. Isaiah's words remind us that resilience comes not from fighting harder but from surrendering more deeply to the God who sustains us and yielding to the One who carries us through the complexities of life.

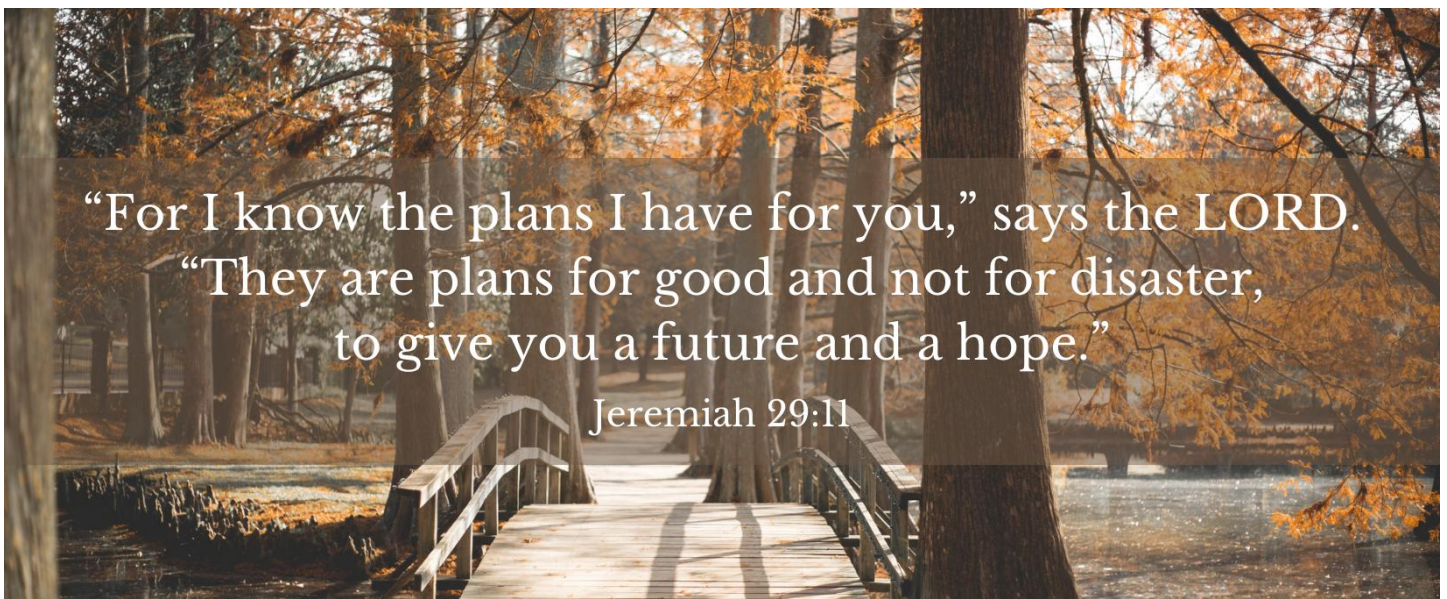
God invites us to lean on Him when our own strength runs thin. Hope in the Lord is like a steady current under our wings—it carries us when we cannot carry ourselves. Resilience in later years doesn't mean struggling to do everything we used to do. It means honing our spiritual muscles by continuing to trust, to love, to pray, and to keep faith, even when the body slows down. It means being lifted daily by God's promises, and letting His Spirit carry us higher than the weight of our worries.

So when the day feels long or strength is in limited supply, remember the eagle. Hope in the Lord doesn't just help us survive the storm—it gives us wings to rise above it.

*I reach for the eternal one
Creation he was waiting to renew
His purpose in me
He said this is where life begins
I made your spirit to glide on the wind
Come let's fly on the wind*
(Eagle Song Russ Taff, Victoria Taff)

In Christ's peace,

Anna-Lisa Salo
Chaplain





Meet your Neighbors

Elfreda Krueger



Long Term Care & Retirement Residence

Elfreda was born on July 26, 1935 on Pelee Island and lived there until she was seven years old when her family moved to the mainland. Her father was a farmer, and she had nine siblings. **David** was born on December 25, 1930 and spent his early years in Olinda before moving to Albuna.

David and Elfreda met at North Leamington United Mennonite Church, where they were both in the choir. They were married on April 23, 1955 and have four children - a son and three daughters. They bought a farm on Deer Run Road and eventually built a house there. As their son took over the family farm, David and Elfreda moved to the Gardens Apartments on Pickwick Drive. Elfreda moved into the Long Term Care Home in August 2019, and David moved into the Retirement Residence in December 2020. David and Elfreda enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. They spent many years traveling to places like Hawaii, California, and Cheseley Lake for family camping trips. Elfreda made her children's clothes and enjoyed knitting, cross stitching, quilting, and baking. David enjoyed farming, golfing, and singing.

David Krueger



Jane Simpson



Long Term Care

Jane was born on July 6, 1940 on Pelee Island and her family moved to Blytheswood when she was eight years old. She met her husband, Eugene, while in high school, and they were married on March 19, 1962. Jane and Eugene's first child passed away shortly after birth, and they went on to have three more children - one son and two daughters. They built a house on the family farm in Blytheswood in 1969, and Jane lived there until Eugene passed away in 2019. She then moved to Seacliff Manor before coming to our Long Term Care Home in January 2020. Jane loves babies and dogs and enjoys listening to hymns.

Meet our Staff

Sherri Augustine



Sherri has been a part of the Dietary department at the Home for 28 years – she has always liked to cook, so working in the dietary department is a natural fit for her. She enjoys creating delicious meals and takes pride in the care and effort she puts into her work. At home, Sherri's world revolves around her family—her husband Dave, their two children Jonathan and Shayna, three beautiful granddaughters Ray-Lynn, Scarlett, and Teagan, and their two cats, Muff and Koda, who are

always part of the action. Born and raised on a farm in Leamington, Sherri learned the value of hard work early on, which carried into her past experiences working in both retail and on a horse farm. In her free time, she loves nothing more than being in her own kitchen, cooking and baking for family and friends, often turning everyday moments into warm and memorable gatherings.

Carol has been a PSW at our home for nearly 28 years. She enjoys getting to know the residents and their families, finding joy in helping make a positive difference in their daily lives. She appreciates the friendly, lighthearted atmosphere at work – sharing jokes with coworkers and residents – while still showing respect and dedication to doing the job well. Carol comes from a family of three, with an older brother who lives in Florida and a younger sister in London, Ontario. She is the proud mom of a 26-year-old son and has two nephews. Her "spoiled boy," Bourbon, a miniature dachshund who will be three years old on September 8th, keeps her company and makes her smile every day. Originally from Scotland, Carol immigrated with her family to Kingsville when she was just two years old, living there until about ten years ago when she moved to Leamington to be closer to friends and work. Before joining the Home, she worked as a cashier at Zellers. In the past, Carol was an avid baseball player until COVID-19 brought her team to an end. These days, her main hobby is taking Bourbon for walks as long as the weather isn't too hot or too cold.

Carol Rutt



Resident & Family Councils

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly **Resident Council** Meetings. Meetings, led by the Resident Chair, focus on resident preferences for activities, events, and programming. Resident services such as meals, personal care, housekeeping, and laundry are discussed and evaluated.

A **Family Council** consisting of resident family members, meets every three months to review resident services, care, and activities. The Family Council assists in the identification of needs, preferences, and projects for the Long Term Care Home.

The Leamington Mennonite Home has a Family Council consisting of resident family members who work to improve the lives of residents. The Council:

- Allows families to give each other ongoing mutual support and encouragement
- Handles group concerns
- Provides the opportunity to become knowledgeable about the Home's operations
- Advises or recommends what residents would like to see done to improve care or quality of life in the Home



Jeff Blake
LTC Resident Council Chair



Anita Janzen
RR Resident Council Chair



Brenda Fischer
Family Council Chair

Family Council Members

Sandy Brown	Ruth Driedger	Brenda Fischer
Jennifer Fittler	Delores Klassen	Debbie Simpson
Louise Tiessen	Ruth Warkentin	Louise Wiens



**A REMINDER FOR
RESIDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES:**

**IF YOU ARE BRINGING A BIRTHDAY CAKE TO
BE SERVED ON YOUR/YOUR LOVED ONE'S
BIRTHDAY,**

**PLEASE NOTIFY OUR RECEPTIONIST
(MELISSAGEBRAEL@MENNONITEHOME.CA)**

**OR OUR DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL &
RECREATION SERVICES
(JUDY@MENNONITEHOME.CA)**

BY 2PM THE DAY PRIOR

**THIS GIVES OUR DIETARY STAFF ENOUGH TIME TO
PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND ENSURES THAT THE
CAKE WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR DESIRED TIME**

**CAKES MUST BE DELIVERED BY
9AM TO BE SERVED WITH LUNCH AND
11AM TO BE SERVED WITH SUPPER**





BRINGING A PET INTO OUR HOME?

The Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care requires all pets coming into our Home to be registered with our Front Office.

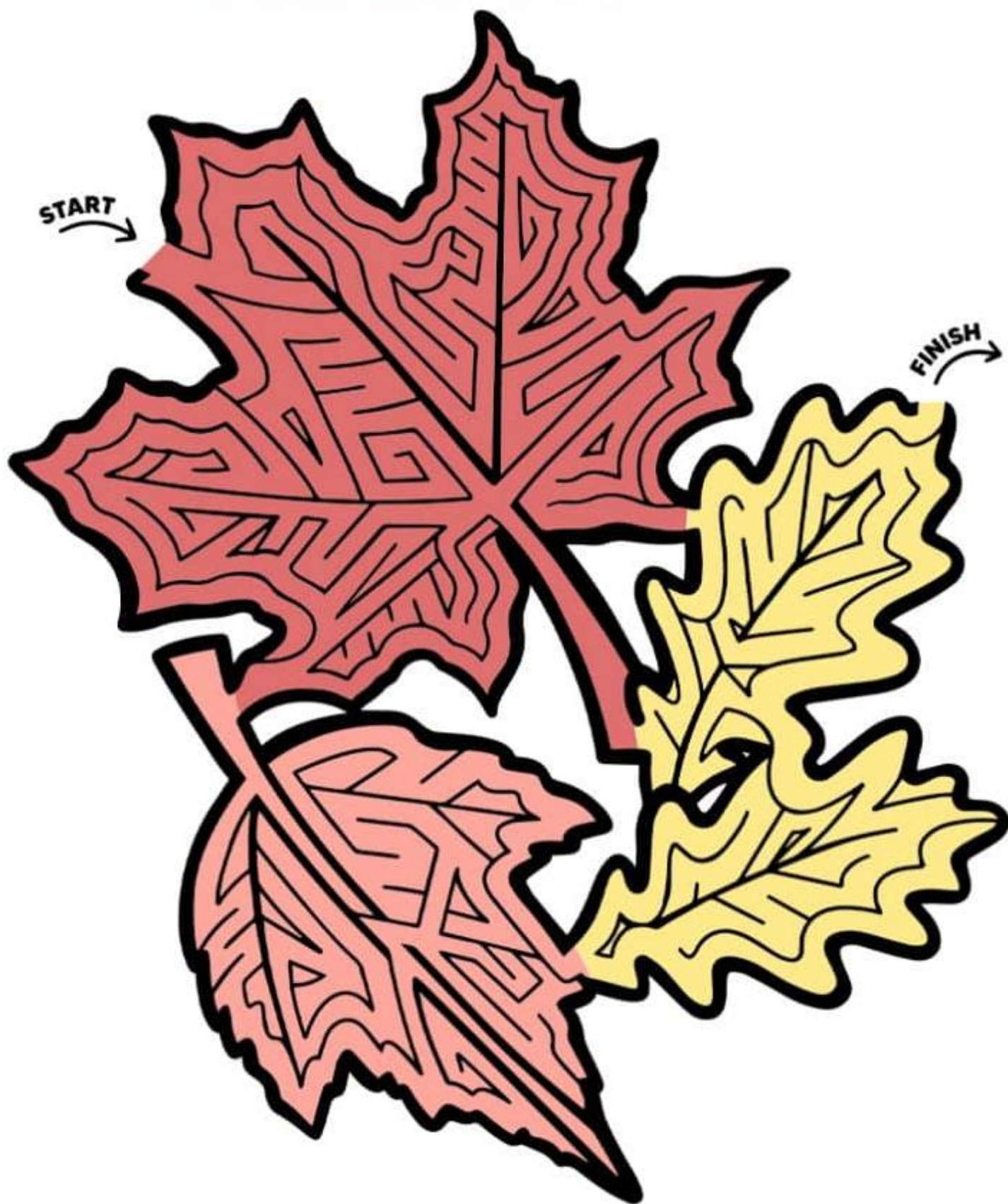
Pet owners must provide proof of the pet's vaccination on an annual basis for Infection Prevention & Control purposes.

Unregistered and/or unvaccinated pets will not be permitted in our building.

Pet owners will be provided with our Pet Visitation Policy upon registration.



FALL LEAVES MAZE



Harvest Fruit & Vegetables Search

SEARCH THE PUZZLE TO FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE WORD LIST. WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE ARE HIDDEN ACROSS AND DOWN.



APPLE
BEANS
BEETS
BROCCOLI
CABBAGE
CARROTS
CAULIFLOWER

CELERY
CORN
EGGPLANT
FIGS
GRAPES
ONIONS
PARSNIPS

PEARS
PEPPERS
POTATO
PUMPKIN
SQUASH
TURNIP
YAMS

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